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9th March 2018

Next Week Assembly Theme: Change for life - Healthy eating and exercise / Commonwealth Day

Reminder: For the safety of the children the school car park is for staff only during school hours. What's on Next Week				
IEP Meetings 3.00 - 4.00 KS1 Multi Skills 3.00 - 4.00 KS2 Football	3.00 - 4.00 KS2 Multi Sports	Parents Evening 5.30pm - 8.00pm	Parents Evening 3.30pm - 6.00pm	Y6 to St Leonard's Church Celebration Assembly 2.40pm 3.00 - 4.00pm Y2-6 Embody Dance Club

Power of Reading

Last week saw the introduction of a new approach to the teaching of English across our schools. As part of a Warwickshire project, we now have access to a resource known as 'The Power of Reading'. The aim of this scheme is to provide a holistic approach to the teaching of all facets of English; reading, guided reading, writing, grammar and spelling. This change has meant staff have to alter the way they plan and deliver lessons but there is a real buzz of excitement both in the staffroom and also in the classrooms. Children are eager to tell me about their class text.

How will this look to parents?

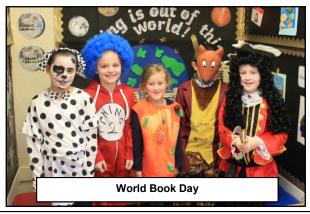
There will be a change in the way we record English work from this point on. All English work linked to the Power of Reading text will be presented in English skills books rather than in theme journals. It has been a hard decision to move away from journals as they have played such a fundamental part in life at our schools in recent years. However, what will be apparent is a clear journey through the text of language rich opportunities and a depth of understanding of structure of what is written. We see it as a positive move towards securing a love of reading.

In class, staff have been working hard to ensure there are displays that reflect their Power of Reading texts. Our Eschools pages will tell you which texts have been selected for this half term. Staff are also celebrating reading by sharing with the children which books we are reading, We are aiming to promote the idea of reading for pleasure- not just because you have to!

When you come into school for Parents Evening in the coming weeks, take time to look at the work completed in English books so far but also spot who is reading what around school. You never know you may see a book title you would like to read too!

We look forward to sharing updates with you over the coming terms and posting examples of fabulous work from The Power of Reading on our website and Twitter feed.

Mrs Cross **Executive Headteacher**



All photographs can be purchased via ParentPay for £3 per A4 colour copy.

Spot Light on Excellence...



As always, our children did not let the side down. We had Captain Underpants, Harry Potter, Cinders, Matilda, Captain Hook and many more walk through Dordon's doors. Every year, we look forward to World Book Day and enjoy celebrating authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) just taking time out to celebrate reading! Our staff always try to encourage children to explore the pleasures of books and reading and last Thursday was no different. Our focus was poetry! Each class had a great time reading a variety of poems together and then we shared our learning in assembly. We had songs, performance poetry and even our own interpretations of well-known poems.

Thank you to all parents who supported us last week, whether it was organising a costume, donating books or those of you who came into read, we appreciate your efforts.

Miss McGroarty

By the way, I was Lucy from the Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe, in case you were wondering.



IPad App of the week Pixlr-o-matic by Autodesk Inc.

(FREE)

PixIr-o-matic is a fun and simple photography/ darkroom app that makes it easy to quickly add style to your photos using effects, overlays, and borders. With lots of editing combinations to choose from, you can make your photos spectacular.



Charity Update Charity Update Money raised so far for

> buddy bag foundation

£240.01

Please note that although we check the suitability of applications, they can be changed without notice



Calling all parents & carers... what would you do in an emergency?

Could you save a life?

If you want to know how to deal with burns, shock, choking, unconsciousness, external bleeding, head injuries and more then book yourself a free place on our Paediatric First Aid Course.

At Dordon Village Hall, Browns Lane on Tuesday March 13th from 9:30-1pm Includes refreshments. Spaces limited - booking essential. Certificate of achievement upon completion. Call Sally on 024 7632 2048 to secure your place.

Swimming Gala

Congratulations to all the children in Years 3,4, 5 and 6 who took part in the Swimming Gala at Kingsbury this week. You were amazing ambassadors for the school, showed excellent team work, supported the other teams and also won three medals! A big thank you also goes to Mrs Dean who organised the children into their teams and supervised them at the Gala.

Seschools Parent's Evening - 14th and 15th March

The booking window for Parents Evening appointments is open. If you are unsure about how to book your time slot there is an eschools guide in the Parents section of the school website. The new improved eschools app now has the facility for parent's to book appointments via their phones. If you do not know your parent login please contact the school office who will be happy to help you.

Start and End of the Day Procedures

We welcome children into the school playground from 8.30am. Children enter school at 8.40am, then the doors are closed. Parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 MUST stay with their child until they enter the school building. Any children arriving at school late must report to the school office first so that we know they have arrived safely.

At 3.00pm for 'Infant' children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 we 'hand over' children to parents at the end of the day. For 'Junior' children in Years 3,4,5 and 6 we let them go from the door and do NOT pass them to an adult. It is important that parents of Junior children are either available to meet children at the end of the day or for them to walk home unaccompanied. Infant children should always be met from the playground.

Dates for your Diary

12/03/18 - IEP Meetings

14/03/18 - Parents Evening

5.30pm - 8.00pm

15/03/18 - Parents Evening

3.30pm - 6.00pm

16/03/18 - Y6 to St Leonard's

Church

22/03/18 - Y4 to St Leonard's

Church

29/03/18 - End of term

16/04/18 - Summer Term Starts

07/05/18 - Bank Holiday

14/05/18 - SATS week

28/05/18-01/06/18 Half term

08-06/18-11/06/18 Manor

Adventure

22/06/18 - Staff Inset Day

20/07/18 - End of term

These dates may be subject to change if necessary. Details and times to be confirmed nearer each event.



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Dordon Primary School Website

Want to know what's happening in school? Go to www.dordonprimaryschool.co.uk there is so much information for you from; school policies, newsletters, copies of letters sent home, curriculum pages,

events calendar, class pages,

lunch menu, sporting events and

much more.

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World Book Day

Last Thursday the whole school enjoyed celebrating World Book Day, with the children dressing as their favourite book characters:



"We dressed up in our costumes to celebrate World Book Day." Sebastian Peacock

"I liked assembly because we got to stand as a class and perform our poem." Mollie Kingfisher





"I liked dressing up and seeing all the other children's ideas for costumes." Jack Swan

"I like World Book Day because we got to dress up. I liked reading 'Revolting Rhymes the Three Little Pigs' by Roald Dahl" Bailey



"What I liked about World Book Day was that we got to make our own poem." Jade Swift

"I liked creating my own mythical creature and writing a nonsense poem about it." Harvey Hawk

"World Book Day was really exciting because I could see what everyone's favourite book was (there were a lot of Harry Potters!)." Josh W Falcon



<u>Last weeks</u> Postcards Home

Peacock = Jackson

Kingfisher = Faith

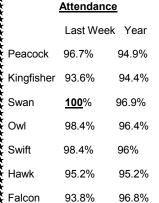
Swan = Iacob

Owl = Minnie

Swift = Josiah

Hawk = Harry

Falcon = Keelan





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Jack & Jill Preschool Before and After School Club Breakfast Club 7.30-8.35am. After School Club 3.00-5.30pm. Monday - Friday, term time only. For more information please contact Jack & Jill Preschool on 01827 899551 (Please note that once a

session has been booked you will be charged even if your child does not arrive.)