

ORDON DELIVERS

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Next Week Assembly Theme: Trying our best / Perseverance / World Water Day

Reminder: Can you please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name
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What's on Next Week						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
3.00 - 4.00 KS1 Multi Skills 3.00 - 4.00 KS2 Football	3.00 - 4.00 KS2 Multi Sports		Y4 to St Leonard's Church	Celebration Assembly 2.40pm 3.00 - 4.00pm Y2-6 Embody Dance Club		

The start of the school day

An ordered and prompt start to the school day is vitally important for primary aged pupils. In our schools we encourage children to enter school grounds 10 minutes before the official start of the school day to socialise with friends and be ready to go into school as soon as the bell goes.

The start of our school day is a very calm and orderly affair but a great deal goes on and every single minute is optimised. As soon as the bell goes children enter school, hang up their coats and bags and before entering the classroom, place lunch boxes into trolleys.

Children then enter the classroom and will often have a quick warm up activity on the desk waiting for them which they start without further instruction from their teachers. These activities range from a mental maths puzzle, or a short piece of writing. Sometimes these activities consist of children improving a piece of work from the previous day or even answer a direct question from the teacher's feedback. Whilst the children do this, we take a register and find out their lunch choice for the day. In Reception, they complete Early Morning Writing which is a very important part of their daily development of skills.

Before 9.00am office staff will have followed up most unexplained absences, hence the great importance of parents informing the school of any absence by 8.30am using the answer phone and in the classroom the teacher will have explained the structure of the day, discussed groups and allocated children to teaching assistants.

Children's lateness is extremely rare, but when it occurs makes life extremely difficult for the school and for the child. Apart from the difficulty caused by needing to open up registers, re-explain the tasks for the day (all of which stops staff from working with other children), the 'late child' also starts the day feeling 'left out', confused and 'out of sorts'. Being late for school means children are disadvantaged for the remainder of the day and valuable learning time is lost that cannot be made up.

Our school day starts at 8:40am. Children may enter the school site from 8:30am. Please ensure your child is on time every day for school.

Mrs Cross

Executive Headteacher

Please note:

The car park is for staff parking only. If you have a genuine reason for needing to use the car park then please apply to the school office for a permit. Currently only 2 people have done this. Please park responsibly in the local area avoiding the yellow zig-zags outside school and blocking the driveways of our neighbours. Using the car park by the doctors and walking round to school would ease congestion.



Swift class and their Super Science Experiments

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

Spot Light on Excellence...

Science Day

Wow, what a day! I was so impressed with the effort each year group went to yesterday. In a week where the death of Stephen Hawking has led to worldwide messages of condolence yet utter appreciation for the exceptional contributions he made to science, it was only apt to celebrate his life through a day of scientific investigation.

We had so many different experiments going on across school:

Peacocks - Watched coke explode when mentos were added

Kingfishers - Made colourful milk

Swans - Made mud

Owls - Tracked how food colouring moves through the veins of a plant

Swift - Identified what was in Crazy cans

Hawks - Investigated air resistance and made parachutes

Falcon - Found the best insulator for mammals who live in cold climates

Each class also went up to the hall to look at the science homework set last week. We all had great fun trying out the experiments in our year groups, although the hall got a little messy!

Science day was a huge success and the excitement and love of learning resonated across school. Thank you to all parents who also supported their children in trialling experiments at home too.

Miss McGroarty



IPad App of the week-Living Earth – Clock & Weather by Radiantlabs, LLC

(£1.99 / £0.99 VPP)

See live weather and time information for any location around the world. Works almost like Google Earth showing live cloud cover temperature etc for any world location.

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

Message from Warwickshire Police

Residents in North Warwickshire, especially in Polesworth and the surrounding villages are being asked to be extra vigilant following burglaries in the area. The incidents have happened in the day time and Police are asking everyone to review their security and report anyone or any vehicle seen acting suspiciously to 101.

Officers would like to speak to anyone who has seen a Blue BMW 3 series, registration LT03 NG in the area and asks that if anyone sees it, not to approach the vehicle, but to contact the police straight away.

Permanent Vacancy

New Vacancies

2 Midday Supervisor positions, Scale band B, 6.25 hours per week - 11.50am to 1.05pm, Monday to Friday, term time only.

Dordon is a very popular successful school recognised as 'a good school with outstanding features' (OFSTED 2014). We are looking for two permanent members of staff to join our friendly, enthusiastic and committed team working with our well behaved and happy pupils.

Full training will be given, as well as all the support you need. This is a great opportunity to do something really rewarding, working with wonderful children and gain some valuable extra experience for that CV! Further details and application forms are available from the school website. Completed applications should be returned to admin2018@welearn365.com no later than 9.00am on Friday 23rd March 2018.



Dates for your Diary

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

24/03/18 - Buddy Bags packed by School Council and House Captains

27/03/18 - Y1 + Y5 Fire Safety talk

28/03/18 - Y3 Zoolab Experience

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.

Buddy Bag Foundation

We are so pleased with the knitted bears we have already received for the Buddy Bag Foundation so far this year! However there are more items that can go in the bags if any of our parents know any local companies who can help please ask them to contact Karen Williams on 07976962986 or email at karen@buddybagfoundation.co.uk



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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.



breaks and lunches.

This half term Swan class are enjoying their theme 'Muck, Mess and Mixture' and reading the book Traction Man is here!'

"I liked doing the role play about Traction Man." Ryan

"I liked being an actor in our Traction Man play." Lottie

"I have enjoyed using number lines in maths." Joe



We know that parents are keen for children to eat healthy foods, we also know it sometimes is a real battle to get them to 'eat their greens'! Dordon has been assessed and graded as a 'Healthy School'. Part of our agreement to be classified as a Healthy School, is that children are taught about healthy eating. We are also expected not to allow unhealthy foods into school for

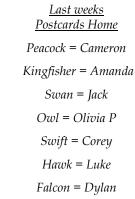
May we remind parents that sweets and chocolate are NOT allowed into school. A small chocolate covered biscuit, small piece of cake, 'healthy crisps' etc are however perfectly acceptable as part of a packed lunch.

Start of the Day

Parents of KS1 children MUST supervise their children on the playground until the bell goes at 8:40am.

ParentPay

Could we ask all parents to make sure that there are no outstanding debts on their children's ParentPay accounts. All meals taken, swimming lessons, activities and trips need to be paid for before the end of term. If you need a Paypoint card to pay for school dinners or a barcoded letter for other activities please contact the school office who will be pleased to help.



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* Peacock	96.3%	94.9%				
Kingfisher	99.6%	94.6%				
** Swift	98.7%	97%				
Â Owl	94.8%	96.3%				
Swift	99.1%	96.1%				
∯ ★ Hawk	99.4%	95.4%				
Ž Falcon	97.8%	96.9%				



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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.)

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