



# DORDON DELIVERS

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**Next Week's Assembly Theme:** Working at Home and in School

**Reminder:** Children in Key Stage 1 are provided with a piece of fruit at break time as part of the School Fruit & Vegetable scheme.

## What's on Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
IEP Meetings	IEP Meetings	Swan class Street Detectives Hawk class Roman Banquet Easter Egg Bingo 5.15 - 7.15pm	Deadline for Manor Adventure trip payments KS2 Multi Sports Club 3-4pm	Hawk class trip to Wroxeter Roman City Easter Egg Hunt 12.30pm Celebration Assembly 2.40

## A Testing Time

*Making sure we encourage our children to shine*

We approach a very important time in school, as our children prepare for national statutory tests (SATS).

Each year children in Year 2 and Year 6 complete formal assessments to measure their progress and overall attainment. The national tests and/or teacher assessments we complete are designed to give parents and the school important information about how well each child is doing, what their next steps are, and allow us to judge how the school is doing overall. Children in Year 1 also complete a phonics test to allow us to accurately assess their understanding.

We also undertake 'non-statutory' tests/assessments in most other year groups to indicate if a child is working at, above, or below their intended target level. This also allows teachers to plan essential 'next steps' and ensure children are supported in precisely the correct way and identify any additional support that may be required.

We have completed national statutory tests for many years and are well aware of the problems caused by placing too much pressure on our children. We ALWAYS make sure that testing and assessment is never a frightening or unpleasant experience for the children. Years of experience have shown us that excellent preparation and relaxed and happy children, do far better in tests.

We do our very best to make sure that children achieve what they deserve by teaching them to the best of our ability. We support them in class, with early morning booster sessions, specialist tutors, revision packs and individualised support. Surprisingly many of our children actually look forward to completing tests, seeing them as an opportunity to show what they are capable of and as another chance to make their parents proud of them.

Mrs Cross  
Headteacher



**Kingfisher class and their magnificent models**

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

## Spot Light on Excellence...

### Presentation and Handwriting

There has been a drive in school to improve presentation and handwriting. Books in school are the window to the achievements of the children. Just as a messy house may prompt us to make assumptions about the residents; children's books are the same. Often fabulous content can be overlooked by people who just see tatty corners and scrawled handwriting.

In school, we are actively encouraging pupils to take pride and care over their work – rewarding them with stars and stickers when they do so. There have been many occasions in recent weeks where children are eager to share their work because of the improvements they have made.

Over the remainder of this academic year, we will continue to have high expectations of presentation.

Watch this space! We will share excellent examples in weeks to come.

Mrs Cross

## What does your child most enjoy about school?

*A selection of comments from our most recent parental questionnaire which we are extremely proud of... (names removed for anonymity!)*



***"Extremely sad that this will be my son's last year at Dordon, he has loved every day at school, Amazing staff."***

## From Me To You

Could you please remember to check your child's 'Me To You' form at the end of the school day and to ensure that it is brought into school every morning.



## iPad App of the week



**Decide Now by Catforce Studio**  
(£0.69 / £0.34 VPP)

Sometimes in our life there seems to be no choice or ... just so many of them, that it's hard to decide. Decide Now! will help you to quickly choose your next step in different situations and give you entertaining ideas on different occasions.

## Charity Update

Money raised so far for



**£403.90**

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

# Who's Who at Dordon Primary

My name is Mrs Ellis and I am a teacher in Year 2. I have been at Dordon for one year and I absolutely love it!

I have taught in Year 3 and 4 in schools in Nuneaton and Tamworth but Dordon is my favourite!

Each day is different and I really enjoy seeing the children grow in confidence and develop their understanding of the world.

When I am not at school I love to read!



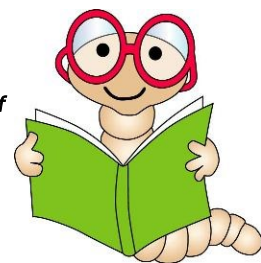
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Swan class are enjoying this term's theme of "Take one Author";

"I loved predicting what would happen next in the story 'The Giraffe, the Pelly and Me.' May

"I liked using amazing vocabulary to describe Mrs Twit!" Freya

"We have found out lots of information about worms and I'm excited to go and collect some real worms!" Harvey



## Family Easter Egg Bingo

Wednesday 5th April 5.15 - 7.15pm in the school hall.

All are welcome to try their luck to win some yummy Easter eggs. It is £1 per book. There will be two books played and there will be a half time tea break.

Please come and join us.

## Online Safety

The use of online communication within school is monitored extensively, both internally and externally, to help safeguard pupils from potential dangers or unsuitable content. Online safety incidents which are reported by staff or children are recorded and managed in accordance with the Online Safety Policy. All children are taught about how to be responsible, safe internet users and are taught the skills which are needed in order for them to protect themselves against online dangers both inside and outside of school. We would ask that parents continue these messages at home by monitoring children's posts on social media and reminding them of the SMART rules;

**S - safe.** Keep safe by not sharing personal information about yourself with people online. This includes your name, school, age, address, etc.

**M - meet.** Do not arrange to meet people you have talked to online.

**A - accept.** Do not accept files, texts, emails from unknown sources.

**R - rely.** Not everything you read online is true! Check with other information sources.

**T - tell.** Make sure you tell an adult if you get your early warning signs and feel unsafe.

## Dates for your Diary

### Academic Year 2016-2017

- 05/04/17 - Easter Egg Bingo 5.15 - 7.15pm
- 06/04/17 - Deadline for Manor Adventure trip payments
- 07/04/17 - Hawk class trip to Wroxeter Roman City
- 07/04/17 - Easter Egg Hunt 12.30pm
- 07/04/17 - Spring Term ends
- 24/04/17 - Staff Development Day
- 25/04/17 - Summer Term starts
- 08/05/17 - SAT's Week
- 29/05/17 - 02/06/17 - Half Term
- 09/06/17 - 12/06/17 - Manor Adventure
- 21/07/17 - Term ends school finishes at 1pm

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

*Our vision is to provide children with Rich Opportunities, Memorable Experiences'*



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We are now collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers.



**CAMEO DANCE** Est. 2003  
Fun Children's Dance Classes  
Held in Polesworth Classes For Children From Age 2 ½ BALLET \*  
TAP \* ACROBATICS \* MODERN  
Tuesdays (from Feb '17) & Fridays From 4:30pm Juniors (6-11yrs) Fridays from 5:30pm Memorial Hall Visit  
www.cameodance.co.uk Facebook  
Charlotte Kate Cameo Call into the Tithe Barn from 4:30pm on Fridays or Call Liz on 07443421867 to arrange your child's  
**FREE TRIAL**

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The online supermarket  
www.ocado.com/careers

**Making business flow**  
CEVA Logistics, Volkswagen Distribution Centre  
Birch Coppice Business Park, Dordon, Tamworth, B78 1SZ  
Tel: 01827 891100  
www.cevalogistics.com

## Attendance

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	96%	96.8%
Kingfisher	<b>100%</b>	96%
Swan	96.3%	95.4%
Owl	97.7%	97.5%
Swift	95.7%	96%
Hawk	96.3%	96.8%
Falcon	95.7%	96.5%

## Jack & Jill Preschool Before and After School Club

Breakfast Club 7.45-8.35am.  
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.)