



# DORDON DELIVERS

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Week beginning 30th October Assembly Theme: Looking and Understanding

**Reminder: Enjoy half term and we will see the children back in school on Monday 30th October.**

## What's on Week beginning 30th October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
IEP Meetings all day No after school clubs	3.00-4.00 KS2 Multi Sports	Y6 to Polesworth		Celebration Assembly 2.40pm 3.00 - 4.00pm Y2-6 Embody Dance Club

### Keeping Safe Online

At Dordon, we teach our pupils the importance of staying safe online. In this technological world, children are spending more and more time in virtual environments and need to learn how to keep themselves safe. For many children they see the digital world as something totally separate to the real world—when in fact the same dangers apply and rules need to be followed.

We teach the children to stay safe using 5 very simple and easy to remember rules which are also available on our website in the online safety section. They are known as our SMART rules.

**S**afe— Keep safe by not sharing personal information about yourself online. This includes name, address, photo.

**M**ee— Do not agree to meet anyone you know online.

**A**cccept— Do not accept friend requests from strangers and do not open pop ups as they may contain viruses.

**R**ely— Not everything you see or read online is true.

**T**ell— Tell an adult if something you see or experience online makes you uncomfortable.

Please go over these rules with your children whenever they step into the online world.

Mrs M Cross  
Executive Headteacher



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

## Spot Light on Excellence...

### Study Centre

Here at Dordon Primary School we believe that homework is an important aspect of a child's education. We believe it encourages children to realise that learning can take place outside the classroom as well as promoting independent learning, thus encouraging the child to take great responsibility for their personal progress. Homework allows parents, carers and the school, to work in partnership for the benefit of their child.

Earlier in the year, we decided to alternate our maths and English homework to focus on giving children the time to produce work of a higher standard. We have noticed a difference in the calibre of homework produced across school, but this is still an area we are committed to enhancing. We also opened Study Centre after school on a Monday and Thursday to support our children at Dordon who required support or a quieter setting to complete their homework.

Study Centre caters for:

- Children who are reluctant to complete homework
- Working families who might find it difficult to complete homework
- Parents who worry about their own subject knowledge and would like their children to be supported when completing the homework set

### Change to Study Centre

Now that Ten for Ten and spellings are set on a Monday and the expectation is children practise these targets throughout the week leading up to their tests, we will no longer hold study centre on a Monday.

**Study Centre will now take place on Thursday only from 3pm-4pm (this will begin after half term).**

We encourage parents to come to the office to ask for a letter if you would like your child to attend every Thursday.

Miss McGroarty

### After School Sports Clubs Monday 30th October

Unfortunately Top Score is unable to run the KS2 Football Club and the KS1 Multi Skills club on Monday 30th October. The club will continue on the 6th November and will now finish on Monday 4th December so the children will still receive their 10 sessions.

### Charity Update

The School Council have chosen Buddy Bag Foundation as this years sponsored charity.



### iPad App of the week

Storyrobe by Storyrobe Inc.  
(£0.64 / £0.34 VPP)

Storyrobe is an innovative tool for creative self expression with the digital media that matters most - your own.



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

### Healthy Lunch

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 breaks and lunches.

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.

### Changes to procedure in poor weather conditions

In poor weather, such as snow, it is almost impossible to clear all of the paved areas and playgrounds to make sure they are safe. We therefore close all the pedestrian gates and playgrounds and make sure we properly clear and salt the driveway, pedestrian path along the driveway and access to the Pre-School.

When the above occurs children in Year 2 and upwards should enter school by the front door. Year 1 and Reception children should enter school via a single path that will be cleared across the playground from the front entrance.

We are always very grateful to any parents who are able to turn out in the snow and help our Site Manager clear paths from 7.00 am in the morning. Any help is wonderful!

### SAFEGUARDING

On a daily basis our children tell us all sorts of weird and wonderful stories. We are very used to this and are skilled at distinguishing between 'fact and fiction'. Occasionally children tell us about things that are a 'child protection concern'. When this occurs we have a legal obligation to investigate the matter and occasionally need to refer issue to Social Services. On the rare occasions this occurs, not only is it difficult for parents, but also for the school who respect 'our parents' highly.

### Dates for your Diary

#### Academic Year 2017-2018

20/10/17 - Staff Inset Day  
23/10/17 - 27/10/17 - Half Term  
30/10/17 - IEP Meetings  
01/11/17 - Y6 to Polesworth for Science taster session  
07/11/17 - Cross Country at Birchwood Primary  
14/11/17 - Individual Pupil Photographs  
17/11/17 - Children in Need wear your Pyjamas for Pudsey  
21/11/17 - Crazy Mary Crafts working with KS2  
06/12/17 - Dordon Open Morning  
22/12/17 - End of term  
08/01/18 - Spring Term starts  
08/01/18 - Young Voices Concert  
19/02/18 - 23/02/18 - Half Term  
26/02/18 - Staff Inset Day  
29/03/18 - End of term  
16/04/18 - Summer Term Starts  
07/05/18 - Bank Holiday  
28/05/18-01/06/18 Half term  
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.

### UNIFORM:

Boots are NOT part of our uniform and must not be worn in school. On wet days children are very welcome to come to school in boots and change them in school for proper school shoes.



### Dordon Primary School Website

Want to know what's happening in School? Go to [www.dordonprimaryschool.co.uk](http://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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# Peacock



Peacock class have really enjoyed their first half term at Dordon Primary School:

"I love going in the house and pretending to be the big bad wolf." Tillie R

"It's so fun playing and being a builder." Sebastian

"I like using the paint and glitter to get messy!" Ryan

"The best bit is making cakes in the play dough." Tillie H

"I like seeing my friends and making new ones." Cameron

### Considerate Parking

Could parents/carers who drive to and from school please be considerate of where they park their cars. Please remember **DO NOT** drop children off at school by stopping (even briefly) on the Zig Zag yellow lines. Not only is this illegal, but it is also endangering ALL children's lives who cross at this point where other drivers need a clear view of them.

Could we also ask that all drivers are also considerate of children and parents crossing the road and on the pavements around the school.

**Embody DORDON AUTUMN DANCE CLASS 2017**

**FREE**

**October 24th 2017 5 - 7pm**

**Come and create a fantastic autumn dance with Embody!**

If you are a boy or girl aged 5-11 come along to learn exciting dances at Dordon Village Hall for free during half term.

**Places are limited so book today!**

Phone or text Embody on: 07535 916231

Office hours: 10am - 4pm Mon - Fri

**Like us on**

**Dance school starting on Tuesday 31st October at Dordon Village Hall**

[www.embodydance.co.uk](http://www.embodydance.co.uk)

### Last weeks Postcards Home

Peacock = Judd  
Kingfisher = Faith  
Swan = Jamie  
Owl = Connor  
Swift = Honey  
Hawk = Harry  
Falcon = Alex

### Attendance

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	96.3%	96.3%
Kingfisher	94.8 %	95.6%
Swan	94.3%	96.3%
Owl	97.7%	98.2%
Swift	97.4%	97.6%
Hawk	94.8%	96.1%
Falcon	94.4%	97.1%

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The online supermarket  
[www.ocado.com/careers](http://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](http://www.cevalogistics.com)



### 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.)