

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
3.00 - 4.00 KS1 Multi Skills 3.00 - 4.00 KS2 Football	3.00 - 4.00 KS2 Multi Sports		3.00-4.00 Y5/6 Rounders club	Celebration Assembly 2.40pm 3.00 - 4.00pm Y2-6 Embody Dance Club

Holidays in Term Time

Over the past few weeks, I have received an increasing number of requests for holidays in term time. **We do NOT support holidays being taken in term time.** It is disruptive for the school meaning we have to rearrange class groups, results in significant additional administration work and most importantly has a significant impact on the child's progress. It is a myth that 'my child will catch up' and/or 'it doesn't matter in primary schools. Our children experience individualised programmes of work each and every day and we can't reteach work missed.

The Headteacher may only grant leave of absence for exceptional circumstances. Examples of any exceptional circumstances where leave may be granted during term time are as follows:

- If a parent is service personnel and is returning from a tour of duty abroad where it is evidenced the individual will not be in receipt of any leave in the near future that coincides with school holidays.
- Where an absence from school is recommended by a health professional as part of a parent or child's rehabilitation from a medical or emotional issue. Evidence of this would need to be provided by the GP or consultant.
- The death or terminal illness of a close relative, only if Headteacher is satisfied that the circumstances are truly exceptional.
- Out of school programmes such as music, arts or sport operating at a high standard of achievement. Documentary evidence of this event will be required.
- Religious observance – The Education Act 1996 S444(3) (c), states "on any day exclusively set apart for religious observance by the religious body to which his/her parent belongs".
- To attend a wedding or funeral of a close relative if the Headteacher is satisfied that the circumstances are truly exceptional; Leave should only be authorised for this purpose when a Headteacher is satisfied that there is a persuasive reason for holding the wedding during term time and there WILL be an onus on parents to show clear evidence that this absence is absolutely an exceptional circumstance. In difficult family situations the Headteacher may use his/her discretion in granting leave and each case should be addressed on its individual merits, taking into account the overall welfare of the child.

Examples of circumstances NOT considered as exceptional

- Holidays abroad for the purpose of visiting a sick relative, excepting where that person is seriously ill. Medical evidence may be requested.
- Holidays taken in term time due to lower cost/parental work commitments.

Being in school every day is key to children making expected progress in school.

Mrs Cross
Executive Headteacher



Peacock class and their new pet

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

Spot Light on Excellence...

Sporting Events

We feel it is important for our children to compete in sporting competitions outside of school. We encourage the idea of personal **bests**, asking pupils to reflect on their own performance and how to build on successes. Competitive sports offer so much more than the experience of winning and losing. Instead, competing can help pupils become well-rounded individuals who can contribute to the community in a variety of ways, whether that is in leadership roles or supporting their peers. It promotes being a team-player, persevering and being resilient. These are all imperative skills we need in adult life too and therefore we continually build on them at Dordon.

This academic year, we have focused on sporting opportunities outside of school and have entered our children in more events. Over recent weeks, Dordon has competed in:

- A Year 4/5 mixed football tournament – third in their group
- A Year 3/4 girl's football tournament – through to the semi-final
- A mixed Year 3/4 tennis competition – we came joint second

We have also competed in cross-country, swimming, numerous football competitions and Kwik-cricket.

As the year has progressed, children have realised that they must be committed to their team (if they put their name forward to participate and pull out at the last minute they let their friends down too). They have also learnt it is natural to feel nervous and persevering through these feelings will result in moments of triumph (regardless of the result) and finally our pupils have been proud of themselves. I personally feel, in any competition you must strive to win! However, if you have put 100% effort into an event and you do not win, then you should never feel disappointed in your performance.

I would also like to thank our staff for attending all the sporting events and a huge thank you to Mrs Dean who organises all team/individuals who participate in competitions. A lot goes on behind the scenes to ensure our children attend these sporting events. Miss McGroarty



IPad App of the week

Blob Chorus Ear Training by Lumpty Learning (FREE)

This educational game is already used in thousands of schools to introduce children to pitch and improve their musical ear for notes. Each of the blobs in the chorus sing a note then king blob sings his note.



Charity Update

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Money raised so far for

buddy bag foundation
making a difference to children in emergency cases

£296.72

SEND Register

What is a SEND Register?

This is a list of all the pupils in the school and class who have special educational needs (SEN) and/or a disability. This makes it easier for the SENDCo and staff to monitor those pupils who need extra help.

Why is my child on the SEND Register?

Any pupil on the SEND register has been identified as having a special educational need and/or disability. Extra help will be given to these pupils to help them to make progress.

What does this mean for my child?

If your child is placed on the SEND Register, then they will start to receive extra help. This will be set out on an Individual Education Plan (IEP) so that you can see what help your child is receiving and how often.

Will my child always be on the SEND Register?

This can vary. Some pupils with significant needs will always be on the SEND Register because they will always need help. Other pupils may only need help for a short amount of time. If they no longer need any help, they will be removed from the SEND Register after a monitoring period of 2 terms and a discussion with parents/carers.



Interested in being more involved in the way children and young people's mental health services are shaped in Warwickshire?

We are looking for parents/carers who would like to participate in the commissioning of services and dialogue between children's mental health commissioners and key stakeholders, and to make recommendations to the Strategic Partnership Board on service developments.

Please contact— andrewsjurseth@warwickshire.gov.uk
01926 742336

As soon as possible



BINGO

Dordon Village Hall, every
Tuesday 2-4pm, cash prizes

All welcome for more information call 024 7632 2048 or just come along A good excuse to get out of the house, meet others over tea and biscuits!

Dates for your Diary

07/05/18 - Bank Holiday
14/05/18 - KS2 SATS week
21/05/18 - KS1 SATs week
22/05/18 - Class Photographs
28/05/18 - 01/06/18 Half term
08/06/18 - 11/06/18 Manor Adventure
11/06/18 - KS1 Phonics Week
22/06/18 - Staff Inset Day
27/06/18 - Grandparents Lunch
05/07/18 - Moving Up Day
09/07/18 - Sports Day
10/07/18 - Show and Share Evening
12/07/18 - Reserve Sports Day
18/07/18 - Y6 Leavers Disco
20/07/18 - End of term school closes at 1pm

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



@Dordon Primary



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.



Peacock class have been enjoying their learning this week and have also found a new class pet;

"We've been exploring our outside area. We found a slimy snail."
Lacey-Jane

"We love our new class pet, Daisy the snail." Tillie H

"We've been learning about what the snail needs. She like lettuce."
Emily

"We love learning to count." Judd

"We love the new Gems." Skyler

Drinks in school

WATER is the only drink children may have in classrooms. There are very good reasons for this. A profusion of sticky drinks in classrooms causes major problems with ants and attracts large numbers of wasps in summer that sting children causing much distress. Fruit juices attack teeth if consumed outside of a meal, and many drinks sold as 'healthy options' are in fact stacked with additives which cause health issues.

We provide professionally installed and maintained water fountains, which deliver cooled filtered water which is delicious. Children sometimes say 'I don't like water!' when in reality their preference is for flavoured drinks.

Please ensure your child brings a water bottle into school every day.

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

Last weeks Postcards Home

Peacock = Poppy

Kingfisher = Layla

Swan = Lottie

Owl = Ryley

Swift = Aaron

Hawk = Chelsey

Falcon = Tristan

Attendance

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	96.7%	94.9%
Kingfisher	95.4%	95%
Swan	97.7%	97.1%
Owl	96.9%	96.2%
Swift	97.4%	96.3%
Hawk	96.8%	95.6%
Falcon	96.3%	96.6%



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Making business flow

CEVA Logistics, Volkswagen Distribution Centre
Birch Coppice Business Park, Dordon, Tamworth, B78 1SZ
Tel: 01827 891100

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.)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court recently reached a decision in the case of *Platt v Isle of Wight Council* which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Attendance, Compliance and Enforcement Service of Warwickshire County Council

It is important to note, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority.