

Reminder: Enjoy the Summer Holidays and we will see you back in school on Wednesday 2nd September.

End of Academic Year 2019/20

Well, this has been quite the year! If you had asked me in September what I would be writing in this article, there would be no way to predict the course of events. It has certainly been a year that has kept me on my toes but at the heart of everything we have done, has been our fantastic school of children. Whether they have been in the building or learning at home, they have continued to make me smile and feel proud.

I normally report on our achievements in national tests at this point, but due to the cancellation of tests by the government, there is nothing to say. However what our pupils have proven is that they excel in kindness, resilience, positivity and determination. On their return to school, our children have proven themselves to be brave and flexible in adapting to the new normal and for those at home their continued engagement with learning has been impressive.

I want to thank all of our staff at this time. The teachers, teaching assistants, office staff, midday supervisors, cleaners, site management and the kitchen staff. I cannot express how grateful I am to them for their unwavering support throughout the year but in particular during the pandemic. The school has been open every day since February half term and children have been in a clean school with access to cooked dinners. Our team of superheroes definitely need praise and thanks.

Towards the end of the summer, I will publish the finalised plan for the arrangements in September on the website and via email. Please make sure you read all of the arrangements that apply to your children.

I wish you all a safe and happy summer and look forward to seeing you in September.

Mrs M Cross
Executive Head

ParentPay

Could we ask all parents to make sure that there are no outstanding debts on their children's ParentPay accounts. All meals taken, activities and trips need to be paid for before the end of term. Any accounts with dinner money in credit, where children will be leaving us in July, will receive a refund.

Dates for your Diary

Academic Year 2020/21

01/09/20 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
02/09/20 - Autumn Term begins
26/10/20 - 30/10/20 - Half Term
02/11/20 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
18/12/20 - End of Term
04/01/21 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
05/01/21 - Spring Term begins
15/02/21 - 19/02/21—Half Term
22/02/21 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
01/04/21 - End of Term
19/04/21 - Summer Term begins
03/05/21 - May Bank Holiday
31/05/21 - 04/06/21 - Half Term
07/06/21 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
18/06/21 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
21/07/21 - End of Term

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

Spot Light on Excellence...

Goodbye

As a Year 6 teacher, it is always a difficult time for me saying goodbye to both my class and the oldest children in school. This year has been even harder! I have watched Falcon class return to school after the lockdown period with such an upbeat attitude, despite their final months at primary school not being what they have truly deserved. They have missed their residential to Manor Adventure, were unable to have their prom and not able to perform in their Leavers Assembly, but this has not got the better of them. Instead, they have taken everything in their stride and cherished the time they have had left in school. I have to say, I am so utterly proud of the class of 2020 - they will forever stick in my mind as a resilient group of children who remained positive in the face of adversity. On behalf of all the staff here at Dordon, I want to say goodbye and good luck to the Year 6 pupils in school and at home, we look forward to celebrating properly with you in the future...watch this space!

I also want to take this opportunity to say farewell to Miss Williams who will be leaving Dordon this year. We will be sorry to see her go and know she will thrive in her new teaching position.

It is now time for me to wish you all an enjoyable summer holiday and I look forward to seeing Dordon return in September. This term has not felt quite right knowing all of our jigsaw pieces have not been together.
Stay safe and keep smiling.

Miss McGroarty

**Goodbye
Y6**



**and
Good Luck**

In partnership with Dordon Community Spirit and Dordon Community Cafe

Dordon Community Village Store

Are you?

- Feeling the pinch after the impact of Covid-19?
- Furloughed or made redundant?
- Struggling to get to the shops?
- Need to make the pennies stretch a bit further?

A weekly honesty shop
at:

Dordon Village Hall.
(Kitwood Ave. entrance)

Mondays 12 noon – 3pm
Fridays 3pm – 6pm

Social Distancing Applies

Food Cupboard Supplies: Pay what you can afford.

Any queries contact Julie on 07702031960.

Items available will vary and at present are non-perishable items only. This is subject to change.



Fun virtual sessions to help your family live a healthier lifestyle

The Change Makers healthy lifestyles team are now providing free online sessions, helping families learn about healthy living topics through a range of fun activities.

Get the whole family involved in preparing meals with live interactive cooking sessions, take part in family exercises, and gain practical advice for healthier living through a rolling programme of learning sessions.

There's also an educational workshop for parents/carers that provides a general overview of healthy living, including useful tips and a Q&A session.

For families with more complex needs, one-to-one support from the Change Makers team is available.

Change Makers sessions and services are available to all families with a child/young person who goes to school in Warwickshire.

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SUPPORT CAN INCLUDE:

- Individual or group support for children, young people and families
- Parent workshops to support health and positive lifestyle choices

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- Parentline text messaging service – 07520 619376
- Podcasts – Just search "Health Uncovered" in your favourite podcast app
- Website – www.compass-uk.org/services/warwickshire-school-health-wellbeing-service
- Moderated Facebook chats via Hearing the voice of families in Warwickshire and Mums know best Warwickshire facebook pages

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