



DORDON DELIVERS

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Next Weeks Assembly Theme: Our chosen charity

Reminder: Staff toilets are not for public use as part of our Safeguarding procedures.

What's on Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Selected Y6 to Polesworth Design & Technology Day Cross Country Club 12.30-1pm KS2 Football Club 3-4pm KS1 Multi-sports Club 3-4pm	Sports Day KS1 at 10.00am KS2 at 1.15pm	N.W. Area Athletics Polesworth Open Evening 6.00pm-8.00pm	Induction Day KS2 Summer Sports Club 3-4pm	Hands on Maths Celebration Assembly 2.40

Our Arrangement for Next Year

'looking ahead and preparing well'

During this week we sent out letters to parents informing them which class children will be taught in in September. Anticipating the changes ahead, even though they are months away, the children were all very excited to find out who would be teaching them in September.

Preparing children properly for a new school year starts months ahead and is always important. We take a great deal of trouble to get it right and every year our children come back in September excited about what is ahead of them, rather than being frightened by the unknown because we have planned a proper induction for them.

Apart from us ensuring children are in a class group where they will make the most progress, we also plan an exciting 'moving up day' on Thursday 7th July. On our moving up day the children are registered by their current class teacher and then move to their 'new class'. During the day we spend time agreeing a set of positive class rules based around our 'one word school rule'. We also give the children an opportunity to complete some writing about themselves and a some maths activity. When the children come back in September we make sure they are greeted by the work they completed displayed in their new classroom.

We are making very few changes to class groups next year. Our plans for the forth coming year always go very smoothly because we prepare children well and our children are used to us adapting classes and groups. Over the course of a typical week, our children currently seldom experience working solely as 'one class'. On a daily basis we 'deconstruct classes' to ensure that children get the most 'customised' support we can give them. Daily they work in 'phonics groups' made up of children from other classes or even year groups, work in small teaching assistant groups, work with other classes, or even with other schools!

Mr May – Director of Education

24/6/16 IMPORTANT: Changes to assessment – a 'ramping up' of expectations

This year there have been many changes to the expectations of our children. The national 'goal posts' have been changed and the 'average child' will now be expected to attain at a far higher 'level' than they used to and meet some very tough challenges.

Whilst we are confident that our children can meet the 'new challenges' well, the bar has been sent very high indeed. Parents should be aware that children who previously were graded as 'exceeding national expectations' may now fit closer into what is described as 'meeting national averages'. Be reassured, the children are not 'doing worse', are not failing, and teaching is still fantastic. We are simply being asked to measure them against a far more challenging standard.



Peacock class trip to Twycross Zoo

All photographs can be purchased for £3 per A4 colour copy. Please see the school office for one.

Spot Light on Excellence...

Playground

After spending time on the playground over the last few weeks, it is clear that our pupils have a fantastic time during their breaks. They play brilliantly together across school, with older pupils sorting games for younger pupils. The vast range of activities available at lunchtime means no-one could possibly get bored. It is clear from observing the children that playtimes are a happy time of the day.

Weekly Safety Question

Each week we ask the children a quick 'outside of school' safety question in assembly on Friday. We would be grateful if parents could help us at home by giving the same message. This week:



'What do you do if someone knocks on your door at home?'

Reserve Sports Day

Please note if sports day is not held on Tuesday 5th July due to bad weather the reserve date will be Monday 18th July.



IPad App of the week

Stick Pick by Buzz Garwood
(£1.99 / £0.99 VPP)



Pick a student at random just by giving your device a shake or tapping the screen -- but that's just the beginning. Stick Pick suggests question starters for learners at different levels and also records how well students respond during classroom discussions.

Charity Update

Money raised so far for



Polesworth Group
Homes Ltd.

£630.39

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

