

Reminder: Don't forget to come to the School Christmas Fayre and have lots of fun!!

What's on Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Whole School to watch performance of 'Peter Panto' KS1 Multi Skills 3 - 4pm KS2 Football 3 - 4pm	Y5/6 Dodgeball competition	Breakfast Brainiacs 8.00-8.40 Y2 to see Baby Jesus at Polesworth Abbey	Non Uniform bring Tombola prize as payment Enterprise day	Breakfast Brainiacs 8.00-8.40 Celebration Assembly 2.40pm Christmas Fayre 4.00pm - 6.00pm

Emotional Health and Wellbeing

There is much in the news currently about increasing concerns around mental health in children and young adults. As a school we believe that we have a significant role to play in supporting pupils in this area. Indeed as the issue increases, external services are becoming increasingly stretched. Therefore we are having to develop our skills in house to provide early intervention and hopefully minimise the chances of reaching crisis point.

In school, we have developed our 5 a day of emotional wellbeing:

- 1) Connect with other people
- 2) Learn something new
- 3) Be aware of your own feelings
- 4) Get active
- 5) Do something good for others

We are lucky to have staff who genuinely care about each and every one of the children in our school. They notice even the smallest changes and will open the door to a conversation. Talking about how you feel is essential as a mechanism to cope. I often use the analogy of a glass of water. When you first pick it up, it is light but the longer you hold on to it the heavier and more troublesome it becomes. The same is true of worries and concerns. If you can tell someone and put the glass down it will take some of the strain away.

Over the coming months, we will be sharing information with you about the Thrive approach which will allow us to develop emotional health and wellbeing further in our school. I am excited about this as an initiative.

Mrs M Cross
Executive Headteacher

Christmas Fayre help!

Don't forget if you: have any books you can donate to the School Council stall, can bake cakes for the refreshment stall, donate a raffle prize or help in any other way please see Mrs Genge in the school office. Thank you.



Our new library

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

Spot Light on Excellence...

This week, Dordon held its first **Parents' Evening** of the academic year and as usual we had a great turn out for this event. Parents' evening is your chance to get a detailed report on your child's progress and how they interact with their peers in school. Mrs Cross and I were overwhelmed with the amount of positive comments we received on the feedback forms and it reassured our staff how much confidence you have in them and the relationships they have built with your children.

Some of the comments included:

- My child is happy and loves school
- I am very pleased with your guidance in my child's achievements
- You are doing a fab job – thank you!
- We are so pleased with our child's progress.
- My child is always happy in school each morning and when she comes home.
- I'm over the moon with my child's progress

Our families at Dordon are very important to us and parent's evening is always a vital time for us to hear your points of view too.

As always, I encourage you to book an additional appointment if you have any further concerns regarding your child, we are always happy to see you after school. It is imperative that our home-school links are strong and our children know we are on the same team.

Miss McGroarty



iPad App of the week

PopMath Maths Plus by AppBlit LLC
(£0.69 / £0.34 VPP)



Pop the bubbles in order from the lowest value to the highest. Contains a combination of both single digits and calculations. Another app that kids love!

Charity Update

Our charity for the school year is the

NSPCC
Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.

Non Uniform Day Thursday 6th December

There will be a non uniform day on Thursday 6th December and the children will need to bring a Tombola prize as payment.

These can be Christmas items or any unwanted gifts, all we ask is that all items are good quality and unused.

School Christmas Fayre

Friday 7th December 5-7pm

There will be: Santa in his grotto, Gift Stalls, House stalls, Young Carers Stall, School Council Stall and Refreshments. You can try your luck on the Tombola and the Raffle.

Please come and join us and have some fun!!

Owl



Owl class are enjoying their learning this half term:

"I am really enjoying our topic 'Predators'. I also like the owl I made and I like music lessons." Maisy

"I enjoy our topic 'Predators' and I like our work on it." Alfie

"I love maths because my work book is fantastic." Lucy

"I really like everything." Dominic

"I really enjoy the 'Predators' topic and I enjoyed making my collage." Alexander

"I'm enjoying English because I enjoyed writing a letter to Mrs Cross." Aimee

"I am really enjoying doing maths and English and spellings and music. I also like French." Oakley

"I am really enjoying all of school because it's a lovely place to be." Holly

JOB VACANCIES

Clerk to Governors

Dordon & Wood End Primary Schools

Based on 8 meetings per academic year

Salary: Scale Point 10 - 13 £8.74 per hour

Closing Date - 9.00am on Friday 21st December 2018

Interview Date - January 2019

The Executive Headteacher and Governors are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and highly motivated administrator to the post of Clerk to Governors to join our team. The governing body meets approximately 6 times per academic year with additional meetings if necessary.

All meetings are from 6pm and liaison is required via email and school portals. Further details and Application Forms are available from the School Offices or websites. Please return completed applications either via email to :- admin2023@welearn365.com or in printed format in person to the School Offices at Wood End or Dordon Primary Schools.

Midday Supervisors

Wood End & Dordon Primary Schools -1 Temporary Fixed Term Position 3 Supply Positions available

Salary: Monday to Friday 6.25hrs per week Scale B

Closing Date - 9.00am on Friday 21st December 2018

Interview Date - January 2019

The Executive Headteacher is seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and organised Midday Supervisor to join our team. One vacancy is for a fixed term position to 31st August 2019 and three supply vacancies are available to provide cover when necessary across both primary schools. Full training will be given. This is a great opportunity to do something really rewarding, work with wonderful children and gain some valuable extra experience for that CV! Further details and Application Forms are available from the School Offices or websites. Please return completed applications either via email to :- admin2023@welearn365.com or in printed format in person to the School Office at Wood End or Dordon Primary School.

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St Leonard's Church Christmas Fair is on Saturday 1st December at 2.00pm in the Church and the Church Hall. All are welcome!

Dates for your Diary

10/12/18 - KS1 Movie Night 3.00 - 5.00pm - The Polar Express
 13/12/18 - Open Morning 9.00am - 10.00am
 13/12/18 - Kingfisher and Owl trip to West Midlands Safari Park
 17/12/18 - KS2 Movie Night 3.00 - 5.00pm - Home Alone
 18/12/18 - Show and Share 3.00pm
 19/12/18 - Christmas Performances at 9.30am, 2.00pm and 5.30pm
 20/12/18 - Carols in Church 9.00am
 20/12/18 - Embody Dance Performances 2.30pm
 21/12/18 - Christmas Jumper Day
 21/12/18 - Christmas Dinner Day
 21/12/18 - End of Term school finishes at 1.05pm
 07/01/19 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
 08/01/19 - Spring Term starts
 18/02/19 - 22/02/18 Half Term Week
 25/02/19 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
 26/02/19 - Term resumes for pupils
 12/04/19 - Deadline for payment for Manor Adventure Trip
 12/04/19 - End of Term school closes at 3.00pm
 29/04/19 - Summer Term begins
 06/05/19 - Bank Holiday
 13/05/19 - Y6 SATs Week
 27/05/19 - 31/05/19 Half Term Week
 03/06/19 - Term resumes for pupils
 07/06/19 - 10/06/19 - Manor Adventure Residential Trip
 21/06/19 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
 19/07/19 - End of Term school finishes at 1.05pm
 These dates may be subject to change if necessary. Details and times to be confirmed nearer each event.

Attendance

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	93.3%	94.1%
Kingfisher	98%	95.3%
Swan	97.9%	95.8%
Owl	100%	98.4%
Swift	98.71%	97%
Hawk	95.3%	95.6%
Falcon	96.6%	97.2%

Last weeks

Postcards Home

Peacock = Myles

Kingfisher = Cameron

Swan = Faith

Owl = Mason

Swift = Sophie

Hawk = Andrei

Falcon = Daniel

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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.)