



DORDON DELIVERS

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Next Weeks Assembly Theme: School Council

Reminder: Being LATE for school upsets children. They miss the start of the day when the timetable for the day is explained.

What's on Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				Celebration Assembly 2.40

Welcome back to the academic year 2016-17

We wish everyone a warm welcome back to school in what is sure to be an extremely exciting year for our schools. During the Summer there has been a great deal going in readiness for this year, as well as some exiting academy news.

On September 1st we were delighted that two further schools joined our academy and we offer a warm welcome to Chadsmead Academy in Lichfield and The Wilnecote School in Wilnecote, who are sure to bring valuable expertise and further opportunities for our children, staff and communities. We have also been doing a great deal of work towards opening a brand new school which will be known as 'Heathcote Primary School', which will open in Warwick next September.

Over the Summer a great deal of work has been carried out in our schools, ensuring that they are fantastic places for our children. Apart from being 'deep cleaned' throughout, across our schools we have painted and decorated toilets, corridors and classrooms, replaced carpets, replaced lighting in classrooms and corridors, purchased new tables and chairs and also bought some fantastic new resources for the children. In addition, some of our schools have benefitted from capital funds, exclusive to academies, which have allowed is to have whole new heating systems, new fire alarm systems, new roofs and toilet facilities. Many of these are beyond most schools extremely tight budgets.

Our staff have given over a great deal of time during the holiday to prepare the school. They have been in for many days preparing exciting learning environments, colourful resources, planning great lessons and making classrooms look great. Our site management staff have also spent ages 'deep cleaning' and it is fair to say that our schools look amazing.

We are aware that parents would appreciate early information about timetables and school events and so have sent out timetables in our first week back. We have also planned the main events for the year (Parent's Evenings, Professional Development days, productions etc) and will send these out shortly so that parents can add events into their own diaries.

Most importantly, it was wonderful to see the children again after such a long break and to hear how enthusiastic they were to get back to school. We genuinely miss them during the holiday period and we are ourselves always look forward to seeing all of them again and hear their exiting news. It is very evident to me that parents have made a huge effort with uniform, the children look incredibly smart. We are extremely grateful for your efforts and very much appreciate all you have done to support our schools.

Mr May
Director of Education



Two Kingfishers happy to be back at school

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

Spot Light on Excellence...

Thank you

Wow! Our pupils look amazing this week and **that is** thanks to parents following our uniform guidance. Tuesday was the first day when Dordon, as a community, adopted our new uniform. In assembly on Tuesday there was a sea of navy blue – not a green jumper in sight. It felt like Dordon was taking a step into the next chapter and we are all so positive about what that will be like. Thank you again for supporting the uniform and making our school look brilliant!

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 happens if you have started walking home on your own and you can't get in the house when you get there?'

*Our vision is to provide children with
Rich Opportunities, Memorable Experiences'*



IPad App of the week

Motion Math Zoom: Zoom Pro
by Motion Math (£3.99 / £1.99 VPP)

Motion Math Zoom's number line is missing some numbers. It's up to the player to put the numbers back where they belong.



Charity Update

Money raised so far for



£1329.29

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

Technological Change

'a leap forward in using technology for convenience and efficiency'

During the course of this academic year we will be continuing to develop our VLE (Virtual Learning Environment) This exciting resource allows us to not only develop 'on line resources' to share across the academy, but also set homework and tasks for the children in a new and exciting way without the need for books and paper resources. Our VLE has also allowed children to experience 'blogging', and communicate with other children in a super safe environment, whilst also being taught the dangers when social networking goes wrong. Our revised websites, which are now hosted by 'E-Schools', have a common theme across our academy, provide vital policy information and also offer the opportunity to read our newsletter on line.

New features have included 'Parent Pay' and we will soon be 'cashless' across our schools. This is a far more efficient, safer way of dealing with payments; popular with parents and school, whilst having the added advantage of stopping children carrying cash about. We are looking forward to further exciting developments this year which include further development of our 'on line shop', a Parents Evening booking system as well as greater use of computing to set children quizzes and whole learning activity.

Sun Awareness: The Summer continues! (according to the weather forecast!)

Whilst it is true that children spend very little time outside during the school day, it is important that they have a hat in school on sunny days. Please ensure your child brings a hat into school. We recommend the application of 'all day sun cream' before children come into school, which should give good protection up to the end of lunchtime.

For children with particularly sensitive skin or if parents wish, parents are welcome to attend school at lunchtime to apply additional sun cream.

Doctors/Dentist appointments in school time

We prefer parents to avoid booking appointments during the school day because of children missing important work in school. However, we understand that this is sometimes unavoidable. We do however require an appointment card in order to be able to authorise appointments on official school registers.

Homework

Homework across school is set on a Monday (due in Thursday) and a Thursday (due in Monday) If your child comes home without homework on these days please return to school immediately to collect it.

Dates for your Diary

Academic Year 2016-2017

21/09/16 - Reception Tea Party
21/10/16 - Staff Development Day
24/10/16 - 28/10/16 - Half Term
16/12/16 - Term ends school finishes at 1pm

03/01/17 - Staff Development Day
04/01/17 - Spring Term Starts
20/02/17 - 24/02/17 - Half Term
07/04/17 - Spring Term ends

24/04/17 - Staff Development Day
25/04/17 - Summer Term starts
29/05/17 - 02/06/17 - Half Term
21/07/17 - Term ends school finishes at 1pm

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



www.ocado.com/careers

THIS week your child should be taking home their timetable. This WILL change regularly, but we will always send a revised timetable home when a regular timetable change occurs.

Cameo Dance (Est. 2003)

Fun Children's Dance Classes

Ballet * Tap * Acrobatics * Modern
held at the Tithe Barn & Memorial Hall,
Polesworth on Fridays.

Call Liz on 01827 895899 or 07443 421867

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Falcon



"I have really enjoyed being in Falcon class, year 6, because we got to sketch some objects from a book called 'Skellig'." Nathan

"I have really enjoyed coming back to school, to see new people and to be challenged and to be a role model." Grace

"I have really enjoyed being back at school because our new teacher is amazing. Plus it's challenging doing so many things." Izzy

"I've loved coming back to school and setting an example for the younger children." Annie

"The reason I have loved coming back to school is because I got to see all my friends and look really smart in our new uniform." Ella

"Something I have enjoyed about Year 6 so far is meeting new people, as well as my friends and meeting our new teacher Miss McGroarty." Rubi

Myths and Legends

A selection of comments and misconceptions we sometimes face

'It is the school's job to teach my child and not mine!'

Surprisingly we have heard this as an argument for a child not completing homework at home! In reality parents ARE the first educators, teaching children to smile, talk, walk and eat! Education is a partnership between home and school and we really, really need parents to help their child progress rapidly by hearing them read EACH week and often as possible, helping with homework, preparing them for maths tests and all manner of other activities such as looking up areas of work being covered in school. We don't ask much. A 15 minute reading session each week, a couple of homework tasks and talk to them daily about what they did at school. It makes a huge difference.

Start and End of the Day Procedures

We welcome children into the school playground from 8.30am. Children enter school at 8.40am, then the doors are closed. Parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 MUST stay with their child until they enter the school building. Any children arriving at school late must report to the school office first so that we know they have arrived safely.

At 3.00pm for 'Infant' children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 we 'hand over' children to parents at the end of the day. For 'Junior' children in Years 3,4,5 and 6 we let them go from the door and do NOT pass them to an adult. It is important that parents of Junior children are either available to meet children at the end of the day or for them to walk home unaccompanied.

Infant children should always be met from the playground.

Thank you for all the lovely gifts that the staff received at the end of last term it was really appreciated and thank you to everyone who supported the children who took part in the Sponsored Silence and raised **£698.90** for Polesworth Group Homes!



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Potatoes from: £5.00/25kg bag or £2.75/12.5 kg bag - Also available: cheese, yogurts, creams, local milk Local Jam's and Polesworth Honey - Free range eggs £1.00 per ½ dozen
Free Local Delivery
Wholesale available

Jack & Jill Preschool Before and After School Club

Breakfast Club 7.45-8.35am.

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 2016-2017

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013, govern all requests for leave within term-time. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law.

The amended regulations removed references to 'holiday' and 'extended leave', as well as the statutory threshold of 10 school days. It is now clear that 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.

The Government has not defined 'exceptional circumstances' as referred to in the 2013 regulations. It is for the Head Teacher to decide what he/she views as '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.

Warwickshire Primary School pupils recorded 47,552 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the academic year 2014/15. This is a decrease of 13,122 on the previous year. This is a positive outcome as it means that 6,561 extra days of education were achieved when compared with the previous academic year.

We greatly appreciate parental support to reduce the total amount of days lost due to holidays. We are committed to working in partnership with you to enable your child to reach their academic targets and to support their social development. For this to happen we need to keep individual attendance as high as possible - we all need to play our part.

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