

Reminder: For the safety of the children the school car park is for staff only during school hours.

Visible Consistencies

Last week saw the launch of 3 new GEMS that can be awarded in our schools. The aim of these GEMS is to reflect our visible consistencies. The 3 things we, as staff, will always praise when we see it being done well and address if it isn't up to our standards in school.

This is about ALL staff including midday supervisors, office staff and site staff. We are all looking for our visible consistencies. I have asked staff to look at children in their own classes and children across school. It is about our expectation that 'this is what we do around here.'

The 3 visible consistencies decided by the staff are:

- **Manners** - holding doors open, waiting for adults, using please and thank you, greeting people politely
- **Looking sharp** - having the correct uniform, shirt tucked in, appropriate shoes, etc
- **Corridor champion** - moving around our school quietly, maintaining distance, walking

Since launching these, I seem to have gained a new ability. I walk past a group of children and they immediately start tucking in shirts! Its uncanny.

I hope these consistencies will reward the children and continue to build on our already super behaviour in school. The children are very clear on our expectations and how we do things in our school.

Mrs M Cross
Executive Head

Start of Year Forms

Don't forget to complete the start of year data and consent e-forms for your child. The links are:

Data Collection

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-hEVTLM6ekOhnanIPyn9sAD9VVL6YSVKji-togcvkhWdUMTk1M01XWEZNTjUwQ1FWS1hKM0FTTzFRNy4u>

Consent Form

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-hEVTLM6ekOhnanIPyn9sAD9VVL6YSVKjitogcvkhWdU-QVRaSiZUQjdQSTZWTVRVTzU0SE5UUDVSRy4u>

Thrive Consent

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-hEVTLM6ekOhnanIPyn9sP2TW5LkNetEhswooxYE-mhUNktUN0dWTTZQMDRaOEVarVFLVVAxMDFGWi4u>

Spot Light on Excellence...

Learning at Dordon

Over the months in which school has been closed, our Senior Leadership Team have continued to plan and work on a strategy to support the children on their return to school. It is vital that the children catch-up on the skills within maths, reading and writing which they have missed during their time at home - we are doing this in a variety of ways already:

- Revising skills from the spring and summer term which the children have missed
- Adding extra phonics and reading lessons
- Maths meetings - which are 10-15 minute practical maths tasks outside of the daily maths lesson
- Breakfast club (Year 4) - where children practise times tables in a practical way and have a healthy breakfast too (there are still places available)
- Year 6 will be offered a maths and English club before and after school, to support them with their SATS (emails will be sent out soon)

As important as it is to ensure our children reach their academic best, we also view a broad and balanced curriculum as a MUST in any primary school setting. Each child is unique and talented in their own way and that is why we pride ourselves on exposing the children to a variety of subjects. When I am not teaching, I love walking around school to see what the children are doing during afternoon lessons. This week I have seen:

Computing: Animation based on a class text
DT: Practising sewing skills to eventually create a class tapestry
Science: Floating and sinking boats experiment
Art: Cave paintings
R.E: Discussing the earth and creating a class collage

Each class have been enthused by their learning and that is a huge tick in the box for us. Ultimately, we want our children to be happy to walk through the doors each day and if that happens the rest will fall into place.

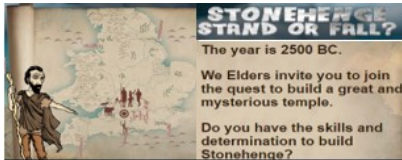
Have a lovely weekend Dordon!

Miss McGroarty

The One Way System on the Playground and Dropping Off Times

For your safety and for the safety of others can we remind parents that it is essential that you adhere to the one way system and designated route on the playground when dropping off and collecting children.

Could we also ask that you stick to your child's drop off times to ensure that we do not have too many people on the playground at any one time. If you do have to wait on the playground can you please do so at a 2m distance from other parents.



This week, Owl class have been challenged to research, plan, design and build Stonehenge (out of biscuits!). They worked superbly in their teams and enjoyed virtually visiting the Neolithic monument. Well done all! Miss Fellows



owl

"I enjoyed creating cave paintings with berries, charcoal, leaves and sticks." Kayleigh

"I enjoyed our hot-seating lesson in English where we interviewed Stone Age Boy all about his experience in the Stone Age camp." Dean

"I enjoyed writing a diary from the point of view of Stone Age boy as he fell down, down, down into a deep, dark hole." Lexi-Mai

"I enjoyed making Stonehenge out of biscuits because it helped me to improve my patience and it was really fun!" Sophie

"I enjoyed going into the cave and testing out reflective materials with a torch because it helped me work out the best material to make reflective bands for the Owl at night." Judd

"I enjoyed writing a postcard to my parents all about our virtual visit to Stonehenge!" Antonina

Dates for your Diary

Academic Year 2020/21

05/10/20 - Individual School Photographs
 06/10/20 - Nasal Flu Immunisation for R-Y6
 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.

Last weeks Postcards Home

Peacock = Tobi

Kingfisher = Jayde

Swan = Jade

Owl = Bentley

Swift = Charlie

Hawk = Tallulah-Boo

Falcon = Sophie

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.



Public Health Campaign: BNF Healthy Eating Week

Warwickshire School Health & Wellbeing Service is supporting the British Nutrition Foundation Healthy Eating Week, which takes place 28th Sept - 4th Oct. The aim of Healthy Eating Week is to bring the UK together to focus on key health messages and promote healthy habits. This year's health challenges are:

- Eat more whole grains
- Vary your veg
- Drink plenty
- Move more
- Be mind kind
- Get active together
- Eat together



More information and advice can be found on the British Nutrition Foundation website: www.nutrition.org.uk

Useful links

nhs.uk/change4life

greatgrubclub.com

nhs.uk/live-well/eat-well/the-eatwell-guide

Find out about Change Makers healthy lifestyles services for families:

cutt.ly/change-makers-leaflet

Printable activities for children & young people

Reception

Fruit and vegetables colouring in activity: cutt.ly/fruit-veg-colouring

KS1

Healthy or Treat? activity (easy): cutt.ly/healthy-or-treat

Little or Lots? lunch box activity (easy): cutt.ly/lunchbox-little-lots

Food groups lunch box activity (medium): cutt.ly/lunchbox-food-groups

KS2

Healthy lifestyles activity sheet: cutt.ly/healthy-living-worksheet



Support from Warwickshire School Health & Wellbeing Service

Our service is here to provide with a range of health and wellbeing issues. Schools can get in touch by calling 03300 245 204 or emailing schoolhealthwarks@welearn365.com.

Parents/carers and secondary school pupils can use our confidential text messaging services:

ChatHealth (for ages 11-19): 07507 331 525

Parentline text service: 07520 619 376

Find out more on our website: www.compass-uk.org/services/wshwbs