



# DORDON DELIVERS

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**Reminder: Enjoy half term, keep safe and we will see you back in school on Tuesday 3rd November.**

## End of Half Term

Normally I would be writing this detailing all of the exciting trips, visits and activities that have taken place this half term. This year it's different. The first half of this half term was spent adjusting to the new routines in school – ensuring the safety of the pupils and staff. These are now very much embedded in our everyday practice. The children have been amazing and we are all very proud of them.

Staff have worked hard to adjust and adapt their teaching too! There are many factors that currently influence the way we have to teach. Activities we would normally plan to complete in small groups, now have to be completed in pairs or independently. The curriculum has to be adapted to take into consideration limiting the use of shared resources and social distance where possible.

All that being said, the learning I have seen taking place has been excellent. The children are engaged in their themes and I have seen many children with good work who are incredibly proud of their achievements and progress.

As we move into the next half term, we will be sending out reports to parents that detail how the children have settled into this new way of working. I am confident that even more progress will be made as staff now know their children really well and will be able to cater to their needs to maximise their progress.

Thank you, as parents, for your understanding, support and patience during this time of adjustment. We are constantly reviewing what we do to make sure we are achieving our best in the circumstances we are presented with. Unfortunately there isn't a blueprint for handling school life in a pandemic – we are learning as we go and your support in this is greatly appreciated.

Enjoy half term safely – keep to the guidance that is currently in place in order to keep our community safe.

M Cross

Executive Head

## Spot Light on Excellence...

### GEMS Assembly

Our first GEMS assembly this half term saw the presentation of both certificates and trophies for the winners of the GEMS in each year group. I think we all enjoyed the anticipation of finding out who had been awarded the most GEMS in each class. There was a real enthusiasm from the children during the assembly, showing how eager they each were to win. Not only did the child with the most GEMS receive a trophy and certificate, but we also gave the children with the most GEMS for RESPECT a certificate too.

Holding the GEMS assembly virtually did not detract from the importance of us celebrating each pupil. We also sent texts home to parents to let them know that their child had won, as they were unable to attend the celebration.

The children have come back to school with a wonderful attitude and I want to take this opportunity to thank families for supporting Dordon during this time. This half term may have been different, but we have got through it together and the children have continued to shine.

Enjoy your half term.

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.

We also encourage that people collecting and dropping of children wear a face covering.

Thank you for your continued support in this challenging time.

## 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=-hEVTlm6ekOhnanIPyn9sAD9VVL6YSVKjitoqcvkhWdUMTk1M01XWEZNTjUwQ1FWS1hKM0FTTzFRNy4u>

Consent Form

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Thrive Consent

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# House Captains

Here is what our House Captains think of their new roles:



"I am pleased to be able to represent Hillary Team and I look forward to coming up with house competitions". Aryan

"I want to thank all of Team Earhart for voting for me. I look forward to leading our team to victory!" Sophie K

"Being a House Captain has been really fun so far as I get to help children in our school and do what I can to make a difference!" Sophie H

"I love being a House Captain because it's a great responsibility and I am thankful to have been chosen." Lexi

## Dates for your Diary

### Academic Year 2020/21

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.

## EU CITIZENS LIVING IN THE UK PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS BY APPLYING TO THE EU SETTLEMENT SCHEME



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To find out more about this scheme visit our website:  
[www.citizensadvicemidmercia.org.uk/euss/](http://www.citizensadvicemidmercia.org.uk/euss/)

Contact us:  
01827 909101

Irish citizens or those with valid indefinite leave don't need to apply.



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advice Mid Mercia

## Guy Fawkes Bonfire Banquet

Thursday  
5th November 2020

**Pork Bangers with  
Cheesy Mash and Bonfire Beans**

or

**(v) Catherine Wheel Pizza with  
Firecracker Potatoes and Bonfire  
Beans**

**(v) Toffee Apple Sponge  
and Custard**



## Last weeks Postcards Home

Peacock = George

Kingfisher = Bailey-James

Swan = Jude

Owl = Poppy

Swift = Daniel

Hawk = Imogen

Falcon = Jack

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