



# DORDON DELIVERS

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**Next Weeks Assembly Theme:** Holi Hindu Holiday / Commonwealth Day

**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
Y 3-5 Breakfast Club 8.00-8.35 am Y5 & 6 NSPCC Workshops KS1 Hockey Club 3-4pm Y5/6 Cricket Club 3-4pm	Parents' Evening booking opens	Y3/4 Dodgeball Club 3-4pm KS2 Musical Theatre Club 3.00 - 4.15pm	Y4 Multiplication Tables Check meeting for parents  Early Years Numeracy	Dress as your favourite athlete for Sports Relief  2.40pm Celebration Assembly

### The Crucial Link

When evaluating the most important part of how a school works, parental partnership is key. We strive to involve parents as much as we can and like to think that if there is a problem, which there will undoubtedly be from time to time, we will always look to work in partnership with parents to resolve them as quickly and as smoothly as we can.

I frequently remind parents through newsletters and communications home that we are always willing to listen and try to help with any issues that arise. Some of the issues we have dealt with include homework, getting children into school, friendship issues, improving reading targets and many more. Where this works best, parents calmly inform school of the issue, arrange meetings and we look for workable solutions for all involved. Some issues are quick fixes others take time and numerous check-ins to ensure the ongoing success of strategies put in place.

We would always ask that speaking with class teachers is your first port of call as they are on the ground dealing with your children every day. If you feel the problem remains unresolved, please seek a meeting with a senior member of staff. Problems rarely get solved quickly and effectively if the issue is raised in a more public forum first.

In line with other public services, I would also like to stress that verbal and physical abuse towards staff will not be tolerated - this includes shouting at staff either face to face or over the telephone. Ultimately we are always aiming to act in the best interests of the children.

Thank you for your continued support as our school continues to grow and develop.

Mrs M Cross  
Executive Headteacher



**The library full of 'Story Boxes'**

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

## Spot Light on Excellence...

### House Competitions

This week, the House Captains chose the winner of our Explorer competition. The children were asked to find out **about** the explorer who represented their House. Maisie in Year 6 was the winner, as she produced a creative newspaper report all about Amelia Earhart. Ruby in Hawk class, came second with a fact file about Ranulph Fiennes and George in Kingfisher came third, after producing a mind map all about David Attenborough. The three children had the opportunity to choose an educational prize with me this week. I had as much fun as they did choosing books and science experiment kits!

Our latest House Competition is 'Story in a Box', which was launched to celebrate World Book Day. The uptake on our first two House competitions has been limited and I discussed this with the children in assembly. This time however, I was extremely impressed with the amount of entries we had. The library is full of story scenes and they all look absolutely fantastic.

As Mrs Price does such a super job running the school library, I have asked her and the House Captains to judge the competition. Watch this space to find out who the winners will be!

Thank you to all families who took part; it has been a pleasure to see our children take such pride in their creations.

Miss McGroarty



### Sports Relief

**Friday 13th March**

We are asking all children to come to school dressed as their favourite athlete on Friday 13th March for Sports Relief. All children will also need to bring in £1 for the charity. Please note this payment will not be available on Parentpay, it will be cash only.



### iPad App of the week

**Daisy the Dinosaur by Hopscotch Technologies (FREE)**

Learn the basics of computer programming with Daisy the Dinosaur! This free, fun app has an easy drag and drop interface that kids of all ages can use to animate Daisy to dance across the screen. Kids will intuitively grasp the basics of objects, sequencing, loops and events by solving this app's challenges.



### Charity Update Money raised so far



**£203.12**

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

### Goodbye to Miss Garratt

This week we see Miss Beverley Garratt, a longstanding local resident, leave the area. Miss Garratt has been a member of our Local Governing Board since she returned to the area in 2014, but has been involved with school governance for over 25 Years, mainly in Medway in Kent.

Miss Garratt has been involved in many aspects of the school, she has been our SEND Link Governor, championing the school's SEND provision at meetings, as well as promoting safeguarding as our Safeguarding Link governor, in addition to this Miss Garratt has supported Year 6's in their preparation for SATs, encouraged young readers when Peacock class visit Dordon Library, and been on many school trips as an extra pair of hands.

Although we will no longer see Miss Garratt in and around our schools, we are going to experiment with ICT to enable Miss Garratt to continue joining in meetings until a new community governor can be found.

Our thanks to Miss Garratt for all she has done, she will be very much missed by the Governors and staff at both Dordon and Wood End Schools.

Neil Horbury  
Chair of Governors



Owl class are enjoying their learning this half term:

*"I have enjoyed doing a diary entry about Iron Man and reading the story 'Iron Man'". Mollie*

*"I love playing the ukulele in music with Mrs Perkins and my favourite song is 'Drunken Sailor'." Eliot L*

*"I enjoyed reading 'The Journey' because I liked the magic crayon and the purple bird." Rosie*

*"I have enjoyed writing my diary entry because I love writing and getting my brain working." Theo*

*"This week I have enjoyed World Book Day because everybody brought amazing Story Boxes and books." Holly D*

*"This week I enjoyed World Book Day because I got to look at all the decorated Story Boxes." Lillie-Mai*



### How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

#### If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser

#### You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks & sport activities



Before cooking & eating



SCHOOL ETC.  
On arrival at any childcare or educational setting



After using the toilet



Before leaving home



Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels



Don't forget if you are having any problems with activating your parent eSchools account please contact the school office, as you will need it for the online booking system for Parents Evening.

### Dates for your Diary

18/03/20 - Vision screening in Reception class  
18/03/20 - Swimming Gala  
19/03/20 - School Council Bake Sale  
20/03/20 - Reports out to Parents  
24/03/20 - Parents' Evening Late  
26/03/20 - Parents' Evening Early  
30/03/20 - NSPCC sponsor forms and money to be handed in  
03/04/20 - End of Term school finishes at 3.00pm  
10/04/20 - Deadline for Manor Adventure payments  
20/04/20 - Summer Term begins  
08/05/20 - Bank Holiday  
11/05/20 - KS2 SATs Week  
19/05/20 - Class photographs  
25/05/20 - 29/05/20 - Half Term  
01/06/20 - Term resumes  
05/06/20 - 08/06/20 - Manor Adventure  
19/06/20 - Inset Day school closed to pupils  
17/07/20 - 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	98.7%	94.7%
Kingfisher	92%	92.9%
Swan	94.6%	95.1%
Owl	97%	95.8%
Swift	99%	97.3%
Hawk	97.1%	95.1%
Falcon	96.6%	94.5%

### Last weeks

### Postcards Home

Peacock = Matilda

Kingfisher = Alice

Swan = Ruby

Owl = Noah A

Swift = Amelia

Hawk = Reese

Falcon = Amelia

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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.)