



# DORDON DELIVERS

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**Next Week's Assembly Theme:** Getting on with others in School

**Reminder: Mobile Telephone Numbers - It is ESSENTIAL that the school is informed of updates to mobile telephone numbers.**

## What's on Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		NSPCC assembly		Celebration Assembly 2.40

### Happy New Year!

Happy New Year from all at Dordon Primary School!

It was wonderful to see all the children back again, excited to tell us all about their lovely Christmas and the fantastic presents they received. The children look marvellously turned out and are a real credit to parents and their significant efforts to send children into school in our smart school uniform. We really appreciate your support. We were also delighted to discover that many of our children had continued their efforts to read over the holidays.

This year will be a very exciting one for us. We start 2017 as an academy family of 13 schools across the Midlands. We are also building a brand new school in Warwick which will open next September and we are really positive about the opportunities this gives all the children, staff and our communities to benefit from all the skills, resources and finances of larger organisation.

Working as a large family of schools offers many benefits. Apart from significant financial advantages by purchasing as a large group, which means we can stretch our finances further, we also benefit significantly from sharing expertise across our schools and have found that by sharing our colleagues amazing talents and skills, as well as our resources, ultimately the children benefit hugely.

Over the course of the holidays our teachers have been not only taken a well-deserved opportunity to relax with their families, but have also spent time planning and preparing exciting lessons for the children. They have also organised exciting visits and visitors to come into school, which will engage the children and make learning really interesting. Many of them have already delivered an exciting 'starter lesson' or a 'problem' which we use to introduce our termly themes.

We look forward to welcoming you into school again this term, to attend one of the many opportunities we arrange to encourage you to get further involved in the life of our school and your child's education. Apart from our weekly 'Achievement Assemblies', we would be delighted to see you at one of our curriculum events, parent's evenings, assessment meetings or just to help us out on trips or hear children read.

Mr May  
Director of Education

**Important: Make sure you have applied for your child's Reception place for September 2017**

**The deadline for applications for Primary School is the 15th January apply online at <http://warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions> or telephone 01926 742037.**



**Hawk class Poppy Art Installation**

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

## Spot Light on Excellence...

### Excited Learners!

This week the children have returned to school after the festive break ready to engage in their learning. And they haven't been disappointed!

In just the first few days back, when I have been walking around school, I have seen the following: Swift class taking part in an archaeological dig for ancient artefacts, Kingfisher class embracing the fun of a Brazilian carnival – complete with a samba dance competition – and Peacock class having a penguin delivered to their classroom. Hawk class have also put their art installation in the playground as a culmination of their work on World War 1. Inspired by 'The Weeping Window' in London, they chose to create a poppy memorial for Dordon. It looks amazing.

A lot to cram into just a few short days but it is a reflection of our aim to create 'Rich Opportunities and Memorable Experiences' for all pupils.

Mrs Cross

## 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:



**'Can you remember your parent's mobile telephone number?'**



### iPad App of the week

Wipeout Wall for iPad by  
Primary Games Ltd (£0.69 /  
£0.34 VPP)



Smashing App for practising Addition and Subtraction! The object is to break down the wall in the quickest time by correctly knocking out the bricks displaying the answer to the problem.

### Charity Update

Money raised so far for



**£215.75**

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

## Reminder for Parents – Leave Of Absence during Term Time

As you will all be aware, current attendance regulations stipulate a Head teacher may not grant a leave of absence during term-time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

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. If the leave is granted, the head teacher is able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

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

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is issued and 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.

Parents are asked to respect the new regulations under which the school must work and if there is a need to take a child out of school during term-time, an application or request must be made in advance and make clear how the circumstances are exceptional.

# Falcon



*"After the excitement of Christmas all of us were relieved to come back to school with an interesting new theme, all about Ernest Shackleton and his expedition. We each picked a crew member and found facts about their personality and their role on the expedition." Jessica*

*"The best thing about being back at school was seeing my friends and learning about our new theme. Yesterday Mrs Price brought in some mountain climbing gear that belongs to Mr Price. It was very exciting because there were really big boots which were cold weather boots. It was a lot of fun." Rubi*

*"Yesterday Falcon class took part in Conscience Alley. We had to decide if we wanted to reply to Ernest Shackleton's advert for crew members. Those of us who couldn't make up their minds walked down Conscience Alley while the rest of us tried to persuade them to go or not." Grace*

*"I enjoyed yesterday when we had to discuss our qualities. We had to discuss if we were brave, if we were strong, if we want to be famous and if we want to see the world. I would like to be famous because people would know me. I would also like to see the world because I could see different people and have a once in a lifetime opportunity." Nathan*

## Keeping our parents up to date with 'Social Networking'

### Protecting your child on social networking sites

It would be easy to pull the plug on the home computer after reading all of the potential threats to your children while using social networking sites over the past few weeks. But it's important to consider how online communication in one form or another is shaping our children's future. According to government statistics back in 2007, 55% of children aged 12-15 who used the Internet at home had created a page or profile on a social networking site, which equates to two in five of all this age group in the UK. Indeed 55% of this group accessed social networking sites at home at least once a week.

Furthermore remember that **most** children and young people will have a positive, enjoyable experience when they access their social networking site. But it is important to supervise your child's activity to an appropriate extent, without your child feeling you are trying to spy on them. Obviously much will depend on your child's age and it becomes trickier to supervise your child once they reach their teens. But by perhaps setting some ground rules on home internet usage and showing some interest and understanding of your child's online activities you'll be helping to ensure their online experiences are as safe and happy as possible.

## Myths and Legends

A selection of comments and misconceptions we sometimes hear

**'My child should only be telling their parents about any problems'**

On a daily basis our children tell us all sorts of weird and wonderful stories. We are very used to this and are highly skilled at distinguishing between 'fact and fiction'. Occasionally children tell us about things that are a 'child protection concern'. When this occurs we have a legal obligation to investigate the matter and occasionally need to refer issue to Social Services. On the rare occasions this occurs, not only is this a very difficult time for parents, but also for the school who respect 'our parents' highly.



## Dates for your Diary

### Academic Year 2016-2017

11/01/17 - NSPCC assembly  
19/01/17 - NSPCC Workshops  
30/01/17 - Young Voices Concert  
20/02/17 - 24/02/17 - Half Term  
15/03/17 - Parents Evening  
16/03/17 - Parents Evening  
07/04/17 - Spring Term ends

24/04/17 - Staff Development Day  
25/04/17 - Summer Term starts  
08/05/17 - SAT's Week  
29/05/17 - 02/06/17 - Half Term  
09/06/17 - 12/06/17 - Manor Adventure  
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.

## Last weeks Postcards Home

Peacock = Mollie  
Kingfisher = Lewis  
Swan = Hatti  
Owl = Josiah  
Swift = Harvey  
Hawk = Jacob  
Falcon = Grace

## Attendance

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	96%	97%
Kingfisher	95.7%	96.2%
Swan	97%	95.9%
Owl	98.7%	97.4%
Swift	96%	95.7%
Hawk	97.8%	96.7%
Falcon	<b>100%</b>	96.9%



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

## 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.)