



# DORDON DELIVERS

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**Next Weeks Assembly Theme: Anti-bullying Week**

**Reminder:** Staff toilets are not for public use as part of our Safeguarding procedures.

## What's on Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS1 Multi Skills Club 3-4pm KS2 Football Club 3-4pm		Parents Evening 5.30pm -8.00pm	Individual School Photographs  KS2 Multi Sports Club 3-4pm  Parents Evening 3.30pm - 6.00pm	Mad Hair Day for Children in Need  Y2 Infant Agility  Celebration Assembly 2.40

### Parent's Evenings

*Welcoming Visitors to our School*

We are looking once again to welcoming a large numbers of parents into school for our termly Parents Evenings. We continue to experience record numbers of visitors into school and our Parent's Evening will hopefully be attended by almost every single parent. Its value is immense. Not only do our children value it, but it is one of our opportunities to share information on children's success and next steps.

For this Parent's Evening, many of our school are introducing an electronic booking in system using our 'E-Schools Virtual Learning Environment'. This important development should allow many more parents to be able to better identify a time and date they prefer for their Parents Evening appointment. If not yet introduced at your child's school, it is coming very soon.

We remain very keen to further increase the number of visitors from our parent body and community. Our grandparents lunch, Governors visits and all manner of 'specialists' among many others, has taught us that the children can benefit from the huge range of expertise and experiences that our community has and enrich the children's learning.

During a typical week we may be visited by the following people: *Parents to hear children readers or for assemblies, the school nurse, speech therapist, teachers from one of our primary schools or The Polesworth School, prospective parents, Children Centre staff, colleagues from our Pre-School, education psychologist, the police, children's services, Education Social Workers to inspect registers, teacher advisors, moderators, Governors and so on!!!*

Despite all the logistical problems we need to address because of strict regulations over 'child protection', visitors to our school remain very important. It is of course far easier to have no visitors into school, but we wish to involve our community in the life of the school. Initiatives such as holding a 'Grandparents Lunch' and 'Parents Show Case Evenings' are very popular with the children and their families, they present a wonderful opportunity for our children to show grandparents and parents around our school and inside classes. Improved understanding results in improved progress for our children!

This year we are making further big improvements. We are increasing the number and range of amazing visitors and visits to incredible places. Each year group will make at least one visit into our community, a trip per term, have at least one visitor into school from our community and make one visit to a place of worship.

Mr May  
Director of Education



**Bonfire Fun at Birchwood**

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

## Spot Light on Excellence...

### Grandparents Lunch

On Wednesday, we invited the grandparents of some of our pupils into school for lunch. It is a popular event so if you weren't lucky enough this time, please try again for the next lunch in March.

During their visit, grandparents got to see their grandchildren in class and many of them commented on how different school is now compared to when they were at school.

Then they got to sample one of the meals prepared by Mrs Shorey and her team in the on-site kitchen at Dordon. Grandparents commented on how delicious the meals were and how they would book in for Thursday and Friday too if they could.

It is always fantastic to see different members of the Dordon community in school. I am glad you had such a lovely time. Your comments about our school made my Wednesday.

Mrs Cross



### Parents Evening

Don't forget to log into eSchools to book your appointment.



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### IPad App of the week

Photo Editor by Aviary by  
Aviary (FREE)

Aviary is a fun and simple way to make beautiful photos in seconds. Use professionally designed filters, creative stickers and frames, touch-up tools and more to create and share amazing pics!



### Charity Update

We will be selecting a single charity for the school to sponsor again this year. If you have any suggestions or thoughts please let us know.

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

## Myths and Legends

A selection of comments and misconceptions we sometimes hear

*'Dinner ladies make my child eat food they hate!'*

'Midday Supervisors', as we now know them, never force children to eat what they don't like! However, we DO encourage children to try new foods, and 'have one more mouthful' because we know that some children are notoriously 'picky' eaters. Our Midday Supervisors also do a really important job in checking that children have had a good go at eating their packed lunches. With the attraction of a chocolate covered biscuit, or cake for pudding, encouraging children to eat a ham sandwich is always a big challenge!

## 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 do you do if you go to an evening event and get separated from you parents'**

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

## Dates for your Diary

### Academic Year 2016-2017

- 16/11/16 - Parents Evening 5.30pm - 8.00pm
- 17/11/16 - Individual School Photographs
- 17/11/16 - Parents Evening 3.30pm - 6.00pm
- 18/11/16 - Mad Hair Day for Children in Need
- 18/11/16 - Y2 Infant Agility
- 23/11/16 - Christmas Family Bingo 5.15-7.15pm
- 25/11/16 - Hands on Maths
- 28/11/16 - Enterprise Week
- 28/11/16 - Whole School to see 'Wind in the Willows'
- 01/12/16 - Non Uniform Day - Bring tombola prize as payment
- 02/12/16 - Christmas Fayre 4-6pm
- 12/12/16 - School Disco  
Infants 4.00-5.00pm  
Juniors 5.15-6.15pm
- 16/12/16 - Term ends school finishes at 1pm
- 03/01/17 - Staff Development Day
- 04/01/17 - Spring Term Starts
- 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.

# Hawk



*"This term is amazing. I really enjoy our theme 'In Flanders Fields' because we are learning about World War 1."* Oliver

*"I have really enjoyed maths. We had to square some numbers and then each number had a letter for it and then we tried to make a code from it."* Matthew

*"I love our topic because Mrs Price makes the learning fun and engaging therefore I never get bored!"* Ellie

*"This term has been good so far, World War 1 is really cool as we are learning about battles and guns."* James

*"In class it's fun because we are learning about World War 1 and I liked it when we painted a poppy picture."* Millie

*"This week we have been doing square root and it was fun. In English we are writing a diary which is also amazing."* Luci

**Cut Out and Keep Safe** - Please ensure you KEEP a copy of the procedures for school closure, in case of particularly poor weather.



In the event of particularly poor weather (or other emergency situations) the Head of School makes the decision whether to close the school or not. This decision is based on a number of important factors and it is always an extremely difficult decision. You can never please everyone!

- The priority MUST be to ensure the safety of young children
- The school needs to be in full working order and in a safe condition to accept children (i.e. heating, electricity, water, the building, cooking facilities must all be operational. Health and Safety law MUST be adhered to)
- The school MUST have the correct ratio of staff on site to look after the children properly
- We need to be aware that some staff travel a very long way to get to work and may put themselves in danger doing so in poor weather conditions. The majority of children live within a short walking distance of school.

As a result of the above, each school makes its own decision as to open or close when conditions are challenging. Just because a neighbouring school is open or closed does not mean our school could do the same. We all operate under different circumstances, with different staff and with different day to day arrangements.

If the school is closed before the day starts we will post this on the school Twitter account. If you do not have a Twitter account go to the school webpage [www.dordonprimarieschool.co.uk](http://www.dordonprimarieschool.co.uk) and you will see the Twitter feed on the homepage. It is **essential** that parents/carers **DO NOT** send ANY children to school unaccompanied when weather conditions are particularly poor, without FIRST checking on the website that the school is open. Parents will be informed when the school is open again via the website and Twitter.

## Grandparents lunch

On Wednesday Dordon pupils really enjoyed bringing their Grandparents in to school for lunch.

"I liked showing my Grandma how I work and having a cup of tea."

Ryan

"I enjoyed having my Grandparents eating lunch with me and coming in to see what I do in the class."

Keira

"My favourite bit was showing my Nanna and Granddad my classroom." Noah

"I liked showing my Nans the rap we are writing." Josh

"I really enjoyed having my dinner with my Nans and I got to go in the staffroom!" Maisie

## Asthma Inhalers

Asthma is a common ailment BUT it is a killer if not handled correctly. Children with a diagnosis of Asthma from their Doctor are allowed to carry their inhaler in school and/or keep it in their school tray. Children with a diagnosis of Asthma MUST NOT be in school at ANY time without their inhaler.

## Attendance

Last Week Year

Peacock	95.8%	97.7%
Kingfisher	99.3%	98.7%
Swan	96.3%	95.8%
Owl	96.8%	98.1%
Swift	95%	95.8%
Hawk	97.8%	96.3%
Falcon	96.9%	97.1%

## Last weeks Postcards Home

Peacock = Edward

Kingfisher = Nevaeh

Swan = Luke

Owl = Aaron

Swift = Daniel

Hawk = Millie

Falcon = Rubi

**ocado.com**  
The online supermarket  
[www.ocado.com/careers](http://www.ocado.com/careers)



## Making business flow

CEVA Logistics, Volkswagen Distribution Centre  
Birch Coppice Business Park, Dordon, Tamworth, B78 1SZ  
Tel: 01827 891100

[www.cevalogistics.com](http://www.cevalogistics.com)

## 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.)