

23rd June 2017

# Reminder: The children's lunch menu is available on the school website in the parents section.

What's on Next Week								
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday				
Y5 to Polesworth for Science KS1 Multi Skill 3.00-4.00pm KS2 Football 3.00-4.00pm		Dordon's Got Talent 5.00pm - 6.30pm	KS2 Multi Sports 3.00-4.00pm	Celebration Assembly 2.40				

### Trips and visitors

At Dordon we value highly educational visits out of school and very much welcome visitors into our school. 'Trips and visits' form a vital part of our engaging curriculum and support our vision to provide all of our pupils 'Rich opportunities and memorable experiences'.

Memories of school educational trips are among the most prominent of the formative years, largely because they are a welcome break in the routine for both pupils and teachers. While their purpose is essentially to educate, they can also be a fun bonding experience for everyone involved. Our trips and visits provide many benefits:

**Reinforcement and Engagement:** Trips reinforce what a teacher has been instructing in class about a theme or topic and help students understand a subject better and spark their interest levels. Pupils have the opportunity to observe many things that are not available at school. Discussing the educational trip beforehand helps pupils know what they will experience during their time away from school.

**Socialisation and Consideration:** Taking pupils into a new environment gives them the experience of traveling in a group and teaches them to be respectful of the locations they visit. Pupils at Dordon are always on their best behaviour during educational trips. On a regular basis we receive lovely comments from settings and the general public about the behaviour and manners of Dordon pupils.

**Exposure and Curiosity:** Children get to visit a place to which they have never been before. This can be particularly advantageous to pupils who are less fortunate and don't have the opportunity to travel. They also get to find out and learn more about the subjects on which the trip focused.

**Retention and Informal learning environments:** The type of memories that educational trips create are called "episodic memories," this helps children retain information for longer periods. On educational trips our pupils learn while having fun in a more informal environment. They also may return to the classroom with a renewed focus on their schoolwork.

**Bonding:** Getting away from the everyday atmosphere of the classroom gives pupils an opportunity to spend time with each other in a new environment. They may be able to connect on more of a personal level without the structure of the normal school day. Pupils may be able to spend much of the educational trip day in small groups, observing, chatting and learning about each other.

Learning Styles: Educational trips will often cater to more than one learning style, making them excellent teaching tools for certain students. Classroom lessons apply primarily to auditory learners, who learn best by listening. Visual learners can benefit from visual aids, which exist in the classroom, but are much more frequent during an educational trip. Finally, for tactile learners, educational trips offer opportunities to perform hands-on learning. Enhanced Sense of Community: Educational trips to a local destination enable pupils to gain a better understanding about their community. This boosts pupils' interest in being an active citizen to help preserve what makes their community special. Over the coming weeks we have visits planned to Birmingham Art Gallery, Area Athletics, Twycross Zoo, Conkers and the farm. This is in addition to the residential at Manor Adventure, Year 1 visiting Tamworth Castle and the numerous transition visits Y6 are making to the Polesworth School.

Mrs Cross Headteacher



### All photographs can be purchased via ParentPay for $\pounds 3$ per A4 colour copy.

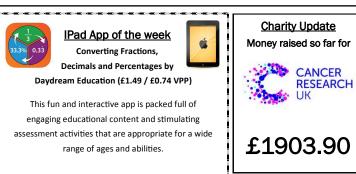
# Spot Light on Excellence... Race for Life

Last week the children of Dordon took part in our very first Race for Life at school for Cancer Research. The children warmed up in the hall using Just Dance and they were very enthusiastic participants. They then headed outside to complete laps of the school site.

The children showed determination and resilience. It was clear they understood the importance of their efforts, particularly when you read the messages displayed on their backs.

Cancer Research is a charity so many people can relate to. This event has been our most successful fundraiser since I started at Dordon 8 years ago. The total current stands at £1500 and I know some of you are still collecting in your pennies! I want to say a massive THANK YOU for all of your support in this event and I think it will become a mainstay of the Dordon calendar in future years.

### Mrs Cross



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

# Who's Who at Dordon Primary

My name is Mrs Price, I joined Dordon Primary School in September 2013 as a Teaching Assistant. It feels like I have been here for a lot longer as everyone is so friendly and welcoming, students and staff alike. I worked as a Teaching Assistant in a school in



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Tamworth for eight years before joining Dordon and this was mainly working in Year 6. At home I enjoy reading and walking my Japanese Spitz, Peaches. I am quite fortunate in that my husband likes cooking which means I rarely have to do nothing more than eat whatever he prepares (and I don't have to do the washing up either). I have enjoyed working with all the children again this year and love being amazed at all the brilliant work they produce.

#### \*\*\* ☆ $\frac{1}{2}$ Dordon's Got Talent ☆ ☆

Wednesday 28th June 5.00pm - 6.30pm

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It's that time of year again when the children of Dordon  $\Rightarrow$ Primary School get to show us all just how talented they are!!

☆  $\Delta$ On the day of the performance we ask that the children ☆ be at school for 4.30pm, to be ready to start at 5pm and ∻ ☆ will need to be collected at 6.30pm when the show ends. ☆  $\frac{1}{2}$ ☆ For those coming to watch the show it is pay on the door; ☆ £1.50 for Adults, 50p for Children and under 4's are ☆ ☆

free.

# Here's to another fantastic show!!

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Dates for your Diary	
Academic Year 2016-2017	
28/06/17 - Dordon's Got Talent	
5.00-6.30pm	H
03/07/17 - Y6 to Polesworth	11
Technology Day	11
04/07/17 - IEP Meetings 9.00-	11
11.20am	11
05/07/17 - North Warwickshire	Il
Area Athletics	I
05/07/17 - Y6 'My Mate Fancies You'	
06/07/17 - Induction Day	11
07/07/17 - IEP Meetings 9.00 -	
11.00am	
07/07/17 - Peacock trip to Farm &	ļļ
Kingsbury Water Park	П
10/07/17 - Sports Day	П
KS1 9.30-11.30am	П
KS2 1.00 –3.00pm	
12/07/17 - Showcase after school	
14/07/17 - Non Uniform Shorts	
and Shades	
19/07/17 - Y6 Leavers Disco	
21/07/17 - Leavers Assembly	
21/07/17 - Term ends school	
finishes at 1pm	
04/09/17 - Staff Inset Day	
05/09/17 - Autumn Term starts	
These dates may be subject to change if necessary. Details and times to be confirmed nearer each event.	

# **Cycles and Scooters**

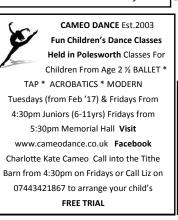
PLEASE NOTE: For obvious safety reasons we DO NOT allow bicycles or scooters to be ridden on the school site AT ANY TIME. Younger brothers and sisters are very welcome to come onto the school site to deliver and collect, but should not bring or ride on bicycles or scooters.

### Sainsburys Vouchers

Can you please bring into school any Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers that you have at home.

We are nearly at the deadline!

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Yesterday Peacock class went to Africa on an aeroplane.

"We had to take our passports and our tickets to get on the aeroplane." Amanda

"We went on an aeroplane. I sat next to Jessica." Faith

"We watched a safety video on the plane before we took off." Lexi

"On the aeroplane we ate our snacks." Amelia

"I lost my luggage when we got to Africa." Rosie

"We went on Safari to hunt for animals. I found a monkey, a giraffe and a zebra." Jack

"After we found the animals we had a rest in the tents. They were blue." Mollie

"It was a fun and exciting day." Noah

"We want to do it again." Michael

"Next time I want to go to France!" Amelia

## What does your child most enjoy about school?

A selection of comments from our most recent parental questionnaire which we are extremely proud of ... (names removed for anonymity!)



"My child is always happy to come to school."

# Marks and Spencer School wear

M&S The Marks and Spencer store at Ventura Park is currently offering an Early bird deal on school wear. There is currently 20% off school wear and this deal is on until Tuesday 4th July.

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Swan = May	*** Swar *** Owl ** Swift Hawl
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Swift = Monica	Swift
Hawk = Finley	Hawl
Falcon = Libby	Falco
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* Peacock	91.5%	96.6%					
* Peacock * Kingfisher * Swan * Owl * Swift * Swan	97.9%	96.6% 96% 95.9% 97.3% 95.9%					
★ Swan	98%	95.9%					
≩ Owl	95%	97.3%					
Š Swift	95%	95.9%					
¥ ¥ Hawk	95.6%	96.9%					
Falcon	97.9%	96.4%					
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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.) 

