

Next Week's Assembly Theme: Self confidence / Believe in yourself / Good to be me

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
3.00 - 4.00 KS1 Multi Skills 3.00 - 4.00 KS2 Football	3.00 - 4.00 KS2 Multi Sports	Indoor Tennis Tournament at Polesworth	Y3/4Football Tournament	Celebration Assembly 2.40pm 3.00 - 4.00pm Y2-6 Embody Dance Club

A Testing Time

Making sure we encourage our children to shine

Welcome back after the Easter Break. It was lovely to see all of the children in school and smiling this week. I trust you all had a lovely break and are now ready for the busiest terms of the year.

The first half of the Summer Term is a very important time in school, as our children prepare for national statutory tests (SATs).

Each year children in Year 2 and Year 6 complete formal assessments to measure their progress and overall attainment. The assessments we complete are designed to give parents and the school important information about how well each child is doing, what their next steps are, and allow us to judge how the school is doing overall. Children in Year 1 also complete the phonics screen to allow us to accurately assess their understanding of the sounds they use in reading.

We have completed national statutory tests for many years and are well aware of the problems caused by placing too much pressure on our children. We ALWAYS make sure that testing and assessment is never a frightening or unpleasant experience for the children. Years of experience have shown us that excellent preparation and relaxed and happy children, do far better in tests.

We do our very best to make sure that children achieve what they deserve by teaching them to the best of our ability. We support them in class, with early morning booster sessions, revision packs and individualised support. Surprisingly many of our children actually look forward to completing tests, seeing them as an opportunity to show what they are capable of and as another chance to make their parents proud of them.

For Year 6 the tests start the week beginning 14th May and for Y2 they are in the last week of half term (21st May). There will be parents meetings for those year groups before the tests so you know what to expect and if you have any questions do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

The best preparation you can give your child is ensuring they are in school every day in the run up to the tests so they don't miss out on valuable input from their teacher.

Mrs Cross
Executive Headteacher



Packing Buddy Bags

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

Spot Light on Excellence...

Spotlight – Sun Safety

As we are entering the summer term and we are keeping **our fingers** crossed for warmer temperatures (especially after **our snow** filled winter), I am taking this opportunity to remind parents of how we keep our children safe at school.

We promote:

- The teaching of sun safety lessons during PHSE
- Pupils wearing hats when outside
- Children regularly drinking water and staying hydrated
- Where possible, all doors and windows being opened to provide a through breeze and classroom blinds drawn
- Physical education lessons which are carefully planned to avoid sun exposure, unnecessary exertion and dehydration
- In extreme weather, outdoor PE lessons which last for no more than 30 minutes and children are then brought indoors and given time to rest and drink water.
- Children with medical conditions such as asthma being monitored and supported appropriately

How parents can help:

- Provide children with sun hats
- Apply sunscreen to your child before coming to school

Let's hope we have a glorious summer term!

Miss McGroarty



iPad App of the week

Room on the Broom:

Games by Magic Light Pictures Ltd. (£1.49)

8 fun filled games based on the best selling book by Julia Donaldson. Ideal for 3-7 year olds. The Room on the Broom Games are designed to inspire creativity and learning.



Charity Update

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Money raised so far for

**buddy bag
foundation**
making a difference to children in emergency cases

£292.72

Toys in School

Reminder: Children are not permitted to bring in toys to school. A book bag should contain: Me To You, reading pack (every day), and a water bottle. Children may also have lunch box and PE kit. Everything else is in school.

School Car Park

Reminder: To prevent serious accidents to children, please note that parents are NOT permitted to drive and park on the school site during the school day. The gates will now be closing from 8:15am in the morning for the safety of pupils and staff

In exceptional circumstances parents may use the car park but only if they have received permission from school and on the expectation that they will close the gates behind them.

Start of the Day

The school day starts at 8.40am. Pedestrian gates are open from 8.30am to allow parents and children to arrive on time. Children from Reception to Year 2 **MUST** be supervised by their parent (or assigned adult which the school has been made aware of) until collected from the playground by their teacher at 8.40am.

ParentPay

Could we ask all parents to make sure that there are no outstanding debts on their children's ParentPay accounts. All meals taken, swimming lessons, activities and trips need to be paid for before the end of term. If you need a Paypoint card to pay for school dinners or a barcoded letter for other activities please contact the school office who will be pleased to help.



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Dates for your Diary

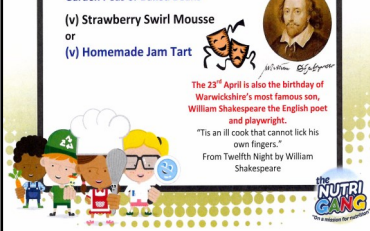
25/04/18 - Indoor Tennis at Polesworth
26/04/18 - Y3/4 girls 6-a-side football
07/05/18 - Bank Holiday
14/05/18 - SATS week
22/05/18 - Class Photographs
28/05/18-01/06/18 Half term
08-06/18-11/06/18 Manor Adventure
22/06/18 - Staff Inset Day
27/06/18 - Grandparents Lunch
09/07/18 - Sports Day
18/07/18 - Y6 Leavers Disco
20/07/18 - End of term
These dates may be subject to change if necessary. Details and times to be confirmed nearer each event.

St George's Day West of England Lunch Menu Monday 23rd April 2018

Award Winning British Pork Bangers
(Vegetarian Sausages available for vegetarians)
with Creamy Mash and Gravy
or
Harry Ramsden's Seaside Battered Fish
with Chips Mr. Ramsden opened his first fish and chip restaurant in Guleley, West Yorkshire in 1883 and went on to build a business that today, sells over 4 million portions of fish and chips every year. Considered to be such an important part of the British diet, fish and chips remained unrationed throughout WWII.

Garden Peas or Baked Beans

(v) Strawberry Swirl Mousse
or
(v) Homemade Jam Tart



Come and Celebrate!

St. Leonard's Church 150th
Anniversary Service and
Buffet Lunch



Sunday 22nd April at 11am

All are Welcome!



Dordon Primary School Website

Want to know what's happening in school? Go to www.dordonprimaryschool.co.uk there is so much information for you from; school policies, newsletters, copies of letters sent home, curriculum pages, events calendar, class pages, lunch menu, sporting events and much more.

Buddy Bag

On Saturday 24th March the School Council and House Captains, with the help of parents and staff, packed 180 bags for the Buddy Bag foundation. Each bag packed with love contains essential items for a child spending their first night away from home, including the essential Buddy Bear. We were also very proud to be able to pack the 13,000th Buddy Bag for the charity here at Dordon Primary school. Here is what our children think about all their hard work for this year's sponsored charity;



"I liked the Buddy Bag foundation bag pack because it had an amazing atmosphere and I enjoyed doing something for other children." Jacob



"I liked the Buddy Bag pack because it helps children that couldn't bring toys to their new home." Ethan

"I like the Buddy Bag foundation because we get to help people who don't have anything. Also I liked that we got to pack bags for the children." Maisie

"I like Buddy Bag because it helps people who need it and I enjoyed packing them for the cause." Ellie

Online School Uniform Shop



Our online Uniform Shop is open for business!

To purchase; jumpers, cardigans, book bags and PE bags go onto the school website and click on the link 'Parent Pay Uniform Shop'.

Last weeks Postcards Home

Peacock = Finley
Kingfisher = Jack
Swan = Holly
Owl = Ryan
Swift = Josh
Hawk = Ruby
Falcon = James

Attendance

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	92.8%	94.9%
Kingfisher	97.4%	94.9%
Swan	97.6%	97.1%
Owl	96.9%	96.2%
Swift	97.3%	96.2%
Hawk	96.2%	95.6%
Falcon	94.2%	96.6%



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Making business flow

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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.)