



# DORDON DELIVERS

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**Next Weeks Assembly Theme:** Consideration / Respect / One word school rule

**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
			1.15 - 4.00pm Y3/4 Football Tournament 2.30pm Reception Tea Party	Celebration Assembly 2.40pm

## Welcome to Dordon!

This week we focus on our younger children in school.

Our new Reception children have made a great start to their time at Dordon. They have very quickly got into excellent routines and have had a very positive impact in school. It is lovely to see all the children so happy to be in school. Our Early Years staff, Miss Rutter and Mrs Marven, have been hugely impressed with the children. They have commented on their outstanding learning behaviours, their excellent listening skills, their co-operation and sharing skills and their overall positive attitudes.

The children have all had an extremely busy couple of weeks that began with a home visit by the staff. During the first two days of school each child was visited at home. This is a really important part of the induction process into school and has many benefits. Children are more comfortable in their own environment, staff get to share key information about our school and processes and parents get an opportunity to have some quality time to discuss any queries or concerns they may have. The children have all spent 3 mornings and 3 afternoons in school learning all about our routines and how our school works. Having only half the children in at a time enables our early years team to really get to know the children well and gives them an opportunity to show them all the fantastic learning that they will be doing.

Today was the children's first full day at Dordon. The children all had a brilliant but very tiring day. It was lovely to see them join the rest of the children at Dordon during dinner time. I am sure all of our new Reception children are going to have a brilliant first year in school and make lots of progress.

Mrs M Cross  
Executive Headteacher



Happy Hawks

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

## Spot Light on Excellence...

### E-Schools at Dordon

Last year we introduced our e-school pages online for children and parents. They proved to be very popular as the year progressed. I am really excited to let everyone know that our staff here at Dordon have worked extremely hard to create new and up-to-date e-school pages, which are both fun and engaging for our children.

To help children and parents, we have also included spellings, ten for ten, homework and this week's learning, so our home/school links remain strong. We will be encouraging children to add comments to their discussion boards too and respond to staff questions.

Watch out for homework being set on e-school pages soon!

Dordon thanks parents for their continued support.

Miss McGroarty

Associate Headteacher

### Start and End of the Day Procedures

We welcome children into the school playground from 8.30am. Children enter school at 8.40am, then the doors are closed. Parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 MUST stay with their child until they enter the school building. Any children arriving at school late must report to the school office first so that we know they have arrived safely.

At 3.00pm for 'Infant' children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 we 'hand over' children to parents at the end of the day.

For 'Junior' children in Years 3,4,5 and 6 we let them go from the door and do NOT pass them to an adult. It is important that parents of Junior children are either available to meet children at the end of the day or for them to walk home unaccompanied.

Infant children should always be met from the playground.



### IPad App of the week

Maths Brain by Matt Rayner  
(£0.69)



Maths Brain! is a simple app aimed at helping the user practice and improve their mental maths abilities! The user is able to personalise the app to suit their needs by allowing them to select which types of sums they want to do (+, -, x and ÷), how difficult they want the questions to be and whether they want to practice or be tested!

### 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.

### Considerate Parking

Could parents/carers who drive to and from school please be considerate of where they park their cars. Please remember **DO NOT** drop children off at school by stopping (even briefly) on the Zig Zag yellow lines. Not only is this illegal, but it is also endangering ALL children's lives who cross at this point where other drivers need a clear view of them.

Could we also ask that all drivers are also considerate of children and parents crossing the road and on the pavements around the school.

### Increase to School Meal Price

There has been a slight increase to the cost of school meals, it is now £2.15 per day and £10.75 per week.

Just to remind you that if your child is having school dinners payment should be received in advance via ParentPay or Pay Point. Please make sure that your child's account is in credit before booking them in for a school lunch.

### Stop It Please!

Children need to be taught to deal with things they don't like happening to them properly. In school we tell them that hitting back is not acceptable. We simply ask:

*'If someone does or says something you don't like, say **'Stop It Please!'**. If this doesn't stop the problem, go to an adult who will ALWAYS deal with the problem immediately.*

### Reporting absences

PLEASE report absences from school by 8.30am on the day of absence by telephoning the school and leaving a message on the answer phone. If we do not hear from you we need to PROTECT CHILDREN by calling parents to make sure that a child has not left home and then not appeared in school. Not adhering to this policy wastes valuable office time phoning up parents to find out why a child is missing from school. Could you please also send a letter to explain the reason for your child's absence on their first day back. If we do not receive a signed letter stating the reason for your child's absence we will have no choice but to mark the absence as unauthorised.

### Dogs

Dogs are NOT permitted anywhere on the school site at any time. We would appreciate parents not bringing dogs to the school gate. Please leave your dog at home.

### Dates for your Diary

#### Academic Year 2016-2017

26/09/17 - Y5/6 Cross Country  
29/09/2017 - Y7 Tree Planting  
11/10/17 - Road Safety R, Y1 + 5  
17/10/17 - Nasal Flu  
Immunisations R-Y4  
18/10/17 - Dordon Open Morning  
20/10/17 - Staff Inset Day  
23/10/17 - 27/10/17- Half Term  
22/12/17 - End of term  
08/01/18 - Spring Term starts  
19/02/18 - 23/02/18 - Half Term  
26/02/18 - Staff Inset Day  
29/03/18 - End of term  
16/04/18 - Summer Term Starts  
07/05/17 - Bank Holiday  
28/05/18-01/06/18 Half term  
22/06/18 - Staff Inset Day  
20/07/18 - End of term

These dates may be subject to change if necessary. Details and times to be confirmed nearer each event.



### Dordon Primary School Website

Want to know what's happening in School? Go to [www.dordonprimaryschool.co.uk](http://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.



@Dordon Primary

# Hawk



*Hawk class have really enjoyed getting 'Lost' in their new theme!*

*"I have really enjoyed learning about 'Kensuke's Kingdom'. My favourite part of the book is when Michael goes overboard with Stella." Jacob*

*"I like this topic because the book is really interesting to read and we have had lots of fun whilst we are working and I am going to rate it 10 out of 10!" Emily*

*"I have really enjoyed the theme because the book has a lot of tension in it." Daniel*

*"I have enjoyed the book in our theme, called 'Lost', because it is very intriguing and it has lots of cliff hangers in it!" Ebony*

*"Even though I've only been back at school for two weeks I already love all the subjects. When I come into class I always feel safe and tremendous and exquisite. My most favourite thing about our theme is how mysterious it is!" Reuben*

*"I am really overjoyed with this theme because it's about the sea and I really like that we have a great teacher." Natalia*

### Asthma Inhalers

Please can we remind parents that children with asthma inhalers MUST have their inhaler in school at ALL times. If your child no longer has a diagnosis of asthma please send a signed letter into school stating that your GP confirmed they no longer need one.

### Last weeks Postcards Home

Peacock =  
Kingfisher = William  
Swan = Dominic  
Owl = Luis  
Swift = Charlie  
Hawk = Emily  
Falcon = Callum

### Attendance

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	96.7%	96.7%
Kingfisher	96.7%	96.7%
Swan	97.1%	97.1%
Owl	97.5%	97.5%
Swift	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
Hawk	96.6%	96.6%
Falcon	98.6%	98.6%



[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 7.30-8.35am.  
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.)

## LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

### UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court recently reached a decision in the case of *Platt v Isle of Wight Council* which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

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

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

**It is important to note**, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is 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.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

**Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority**