



DORDON DELIVERS

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Next Weeks Assembly Theme: Self confidence / Believe in Yourself / Good to be me

Reminder: Children need to bring their 'From Me To You' form and their 'Reading Pack' into school every morning.

What's on Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bank Holiday		Owl class to Black Country Museum		Celebration Assembly 2.40

A Crisis for our School?

Parents will be aware of changes to arrangements for school meals that came into place in a couple of years ago, which allows all 'infant children' to have a cooked school meal for no charge. There are many advantages of this scheme and we very much support the principle of encouraging our youngest children to all have a cooked meal. We are however extremely concerned about one aspect of the new scheme which is now presenting a problem for us and could potentially become a real crisis.

Many pupils in our school have benefitted from this initiative. The kitchen does a brilliant job of producing a delicious meal for our pupils every day. There is a wide variety of choice, with the sandwich option being reintroduced after the half term break. However, a potential significant financial issue lies ahead.....

- Previously parent on low incomes or certain benefits claimed 'a free school meal'.
- Claiming a 'free school meal' triggers £1320 for each child.
- This money goes straight into the school budget to be used to support ALL of the children.

The problem....

- If a parent no longer NEEDS to CLAIM to get a free school meal (because meals are now provided without a charge) why bother registering for 'Free School Meals'?
- If parents then DON'T claim, school budgets suffer very significantly.
- Ultimately we have a lot less to spend on ALL of our children

ALL of OUR CHILDREN benefit from parents claiming 'free school meals' if they are eligible. It is absolutely vital to all of our children that if you can claim for a 'Free School Meal' PLEASE do so!

Please check your eligibility at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Mrs Cross
Headteacher



Learning through play in Peacock class

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

Spot Light on Excellence...

Young Carers Gold Award

As you will know through our regular newsletter updates, Dordon embarked on securing recognition for our work with Young Carers we have in school. Miss Lewis started the work for this back in September and we quickly achieved bronze, followed by Silver in January. Just before the holiday we received notice that we are the first school in North Warwickshire to achieve Young Carers Gold Award! This is a huge achievement for our school.

We currently have 11 Young Carers at Dordon and there are 4 pupils on the list waiting for their 8th birthday when they are old enough to access this service. Young Carers are defined as any child whose day to day life is affected by the additional needs of adults or siblings within their home. Being recognised as a Young Carer, gives them access to a local support group where they can complete activities and talk to other youngsters in a similar position.

If you think your child meets that criteria or you would like more information then please do not hesitate to speak to Miss Lewis or access the Young Carers Warwickshire website through the link on the Parents section of our website. Mrs Cross



IPad App of the week

Motion Math: Pizza by Motion Math
(£2.49 / £1.24 VPP)

Create the pizzeria of your dreams in Motion Math: Pizza! Learn economics and mental math as you buy ingredients, design pizzas, set prices, and serve customers in this delightfully delicious simulation game. To succeed in Motion Math: Pizza!, you've got to strategize and know your math. Find the best price, evaluate your costs, and add and multiply at the cash register to satisfy your customers!



Charity Update

Money raised so far for



£403.90

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!)



"So pleased with our child's improvements since the last Parents evening, their teacher is a real credit to the school."

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

Who's Who at Dordon Primary

Hello I am Mrs Smith, I currently work in Reception where I find it extremely satisfying working with the youngest children in school. The best part of my job is watching the children grow and learn.



One of my responsibilities in school is being the PE leader. I organise sporting events, sports clubs and activities in school. The children in Dordon always make me proud at sporting events because they persevere and always try their best.

I decided to become a teacher when I was in Year 2. My teacher was such an inspiration who changed my life for the better. I hope that I might make the same difference to the children in my care.

COMING SOON

Free School Meals—school ready pack.

Just before the end of term we will be giving out packs to the children entitled to FSM ready for the new school year. This pack will include:-

- one school jumper
- Water bottle
- Pencil case, with pencil, ruler, rubber and pencil sharpener for homework

If you are entitled, make sure you register by Friday 26th May in time to claim your pack. Please see the office for details on how to claim.

MAYDAY FAMILY FUN DAY
TAMWORTH
BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND
Big Bounce
North Warwickshire
Recreation Ground
Tamworth Road (B5000), B78 1HT
nr Polesworth & Tamworth

ONLY £6
per child
Under 5's £5
Adult's FREE

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 1st MAY
Morning Session 11am - 1.30pm Afternoon Session 2pm - 4.30pm

BIGGER & BETTER with MORE RIDES & INFLATABLES FUN for All Ages
Toddlers - Children - Teens
Bouncy Castles - Huge Slides - Simulator Rides
Obstacle Courses - Football Games - Free Souvenir
Photos & Character Mascot Meet & Greet
Toddler Zone - New Chair Swings - Competitions
Kids Go-Kart Track, Total Wipeout Sweeper
All Attractions are FREE (once Admission Paid)

Children Must be Accompanied by an Adult at all times
No Reservations required - Just turn up and pay on entry
Refreshments on Site or Bring a Picnic - FREE Parking

WIN
Free Entry for 2
to the Big Bounce
on the Bank Holiday
Monday in Tamworth!

07720 312117

'Bump Notes'

Every single school day a child has a 'bump or bash'. They fall over in the playground, walk into another child, knock themselves, graze a knee etc. We DO NOT send a 'bump note' home every time this occurs, indeed there is no legal requirement for a school to do so. Instead we make an assessment of the 'accident' and inform parents if we feel it is serious enough to warrant a note.

Dates for your Diary

Academic Year 2016-2017

- 01/05/17 - Bank Holiday
- 03/05/17 - Owl class to Black Country Museum
- 08/05/17 - SAT's Week
- 18/05/17 - School Disco
KS1 4.00-5.00pm
KS2 5.15-6.15pm
- 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.



We are now collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers.



CAMEO DANCE Est. 2003
Fun Children's Dance Classes
Held in Polesworth Classes For
Children From Age 2 ½ BALLET *
TAP * ACROBATICS * MODERN
Tuesdays (from Feb '17) & Fridays From
4:30pm Juniors (6-11yrs) Fridays from
5:30pm Memorial Hall Visit
www.cameodance.co.uk Facebook
Charlotte Kate Cameo Call into the Tithe
Barn from 4:30pm on Fridays or Call Liz on
07443421867 to arrange your child's
FREE TRIAL

Peacock



Today some caterpillars arrived in Peacock class!

"The caterpillars look spikey." Amanda

"They are all black." Elliott

"The caterpillars have got some food at the bottom of the pot." Mollie-Mai

"The caterpillars are tiny but they are going to get bigger and bigger." Theo

"It looks like they are sinking into the food." Mason

"When they have eaten all the food at the bottom they will turn into a beautiful butterfly. We are all very excited and can't wait for them to change." Jessica

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.

School Meals

Just to remind you that if your child is having a school dinner £2.10 needs to be paid on the morning of that day. If your child is having dinners all week then £10.50 should be paid on a Monday morning via ParentPay or PayPoint. Dinners will **NOT** be provided if payment is not received in advance.

Last weeks Postcards Home

Peacock = Noah S
Kingfisher = Ethan
Swan = Dylan
Owl = Maisie
Swift = Elliott
Hawk = Callum
Falcon = Libby

Attendance

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	98.4%	96.9%
Kingfisher	94.4%	96%
Swan	98.7%	95.7%
Owl	97.3%	97.5%
Swift	97%	95.8%
Hawk	97.8%	96.8%
Falcon	93.3%	96.4%

ocado.com
The online supermarket
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

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.)

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 are 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