



DORDON DELIVERS

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Week beginning 5th November Assembly Theme: Bonfire Night / Diwali

Reminder: Enjoy half term and we will see you back in school on Tuesday 6th November.

What's on Week beginning the 5th November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Inset day school closed to pupils	KS2 Multi Sports 3 - 4pm	Breakfast Brainiacs 8.00-8.40 Individual pupil photographs		Breakfast Brainiacs 8.00-8.40 Deadline for Manor Adventure deposit Celebration Assembly 2.40pm Y5/6 Tag Rugby 3-4pm

Half Term Update

What a busy half term this has been across our two schools. The children and staff returned from the summer with a renewed determination to achieve their very best. The progress seen in books and lessons in our recent monitoring show that children are achieving well and teachers are tailoring lessons to meet the needs of all children.

There have been a number of projects undertaken at each school. At Wood End, the Den has been setup as a space to provide effective provision for different groups of learners in school, the playground has some new additions and we are about to have a new roof. At Dordon, the library has been installed and we are about to put the books back in, there have been additions to the playground and we are about to start renovating the old pool space.

We have been pleased by the attendance of parents at a number of events in school including MacMillan Coffee Morning, Hands On Guided Reading sessions, Phonics sessions in Reception, our Online Safety Assembly to name but a few. We feel that the use of Facebook and Twitter have contributed to improved communication with parents and are looking to continue to use this as a tool following the trial this half term.

The schools have both faced external scrutiny from both OFSTED, our own Community Academies Trust and a task group. Our schools' progress is pleasing and the hard work and dedication of our staff has been recognised. That doesn't mean it stops, we just continue on our quest to secure the best outcomes possible for our children.

The children continue to be the best asset our schools have. They report being happy and feeling safe in school which has been recognised by everyone who visits our school.

Have a safe and restful break. I look forward to seeing you in school for parents evenings and Christmas performances in the next half term.

Mrs M Cross
Executive Headteacher



Owl class enjoying their Stone Age day

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

Spot Light on Excellence...

Phonics Workshop

Mrs Beales led a phonics workshop yesterday for Peacocks and parents from nearly half the class attended, which was great. We understand that many parents have work commitments and can struggle to make it to events during the school day.

Mrs Beales shared year group expectations and how to support children at home when reading. The children even shared their learning with their loved ones. Parents at the workshop were very positive about the session and felt it helped them understand what their children are doing at school on a daily basis and how they can try and mirror this at home.

OFSTED outlined one of our next steps as:

-work with parents to overcome barriers to learning, especially in reading and mathematics.

This year, we will be continuing to offer support to our parents as I know we are teaching methods across the curriculum which are very different to what we were all used to when we were at school. More importantly, we want our parents to feel comfortable coming into school and contributing to their children's learning.

Watch this space!

Miss McGroarty

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 as soon as possible. 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.



iPad App of the week

Number Rack by the Math Learning
Center by Clarity Innovations (FREE)

The Number Rack facilitates the natural development of children's number sense. Rows of moveable beads encourage learners to explore and discover a variety of addition and subtraction strategies.



Charity Update

Our charity for the school year is the

NSPCC
Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.

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

Owl Stone Age Day at Outback2Basics

Last Friday, we went on our school trip to Outback2Basics in Telford. It was amazing and the best school trip I have ever been on!



When we arrived, we were met by two cavemen called Ollie and Dan. They told us all about life in the Stone Age. Some of us even got to dress up as cave people, which was really funny!

After that, we got taken to an outdoor classroom with a real fire and Ollie showed us how to make spear heads from slate and sandstone which we got to keep.



Finally, we met a massive woolly mammoth called Matilda! Joseph

Healthy Lunch

We know that parents are keen for children to eat healthy foods, we also know it sometimes is a real battle to get them to 'eat their greens'! Dordon has been assessed and graded as a 'Healthy School'. Part of our agreement to be classified as a Healthy School, is that children are taught about healthy eating. We are also expected not to allow unhealthy foods into school for breaks and lunches. May we remind parents that sweets and chocolate are NOT allowed into school. A small chocolate covered biscuit, small piece of cake, 'healthy crisps' etc are however perfectly acceptable as part of a packed lunch.

Dates for your Diary

26/11/18 - 29/10/18 - 02/11/18 - Half Term Week
05/11/18 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
06/11/18 - Term resumes for pupils
07/11/18 - Individual pupil photographs
09/11/18 - Deadline for Manor Adventure deposit
14/11/18 - Booking opens for Parents Evening
21/11/18 - Grandparents Lunch
23/11/18 - Reports due out
28/11/18 - Parents Evening late 5.30pm
29/11/18 - Parents Evening early 3.30pm
07/12/18 - Christmas Fayre
10/12/18 - KS1 Movie Night 3.00pm
17/12/18 - KS2 Movie Night 3.30pm
18/12/18 - Show and Share 3.00pm
19/12/18 - Christmas Performances
20/12/18 - Carols in Church 9.00am
20/12/18 - Embody Dance Performances 2.00pm
21/12/18 - Christmas Jumper Day
21/12/18 - End of Term school finishes at 1.05pm

07/01/19 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
08/01/19 - Spring Term starts
18/02/19 - 22/02/18 Half Term Week
25/02/19 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
26/02/19 - Term resumes for pupils
12/04/19 - Deadline for payment for Manor Adventure Trip
12/04/19 - End of Term school closes at 3.00pm

29/04/19 - Summer Term begins
06/05/19 - Bank Holiday
13/05/19 - Y6 SATs Week
27/05/19 - 31/05/19 Half Term Week
03/06/19 - Term resumes for pupils
07/06/19 - 10/06/19 - Manor Adventure Residential Trip
21/06/19 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
19/07/19 - End of Term school finishes at 1.05pm

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

Falcon

Year 6 have enjoyed their learning on the theme of 'Darwin's Delights':



"I enjoyed reading 'Skellig' because it had lots of mysterious events in it." Elektra

"In maths I found it tricky but when I got used to simplifying fractions I was more confident." Daniel W

"I enjoyed The Owl Experience because I found out a lot of interesting facts about them and I got to hold one of them!" Ella

"Year 6 have really enjoyed our mock SATs week and we all feel like we have gained confidence!" James

"I really loved the owls and I got to hold Gizmo." Isla

"To end our theme we watched the film 'Skellig', although it was good, the book was better." Natalia

Cross Country Race at Polesworth

My name is Alfie and I'm in Year 6. I took part in the Year 5/6 boys cross country on Wednesday at The Polesworth School. We had to run two laps around the Polesworth field. We found it exhausting, but we all persevered and finished!

I was really proud to come in second place as there were 98 other boys running alongside me. Everyone did very well and didn't give up. It was great to be part of the Dordon team because everyone supported each other and congratulated me when I came second.

Alfie - Falcon 6

A big congratulations to all the cross-country team, both boys and girls, in Years 5 and 6. Miss Thorpe and Mrs Dean commented on how hard the children worked to complete the two laps of the field, despite it being a very difficult course.

Well done!

Attendance		
	Last Week	Year
Peacock	87.6%	95.3%
Kingfisher	98.7%	95.4%
Swan	94.6%	95.5%
Owl	98%	98.7%
Swift	99.4%	97.5%
Hawk	92.5%	95.4%
Falcon	99.7%	97.6%

Last weeks Postcards Home

Peacock = Grace

Kingfisher = Kayleigh

Swan = Isabella

Owl = Ryan

Swift = Charlie

Hawk = Kai

Falcon = Zoe

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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.)