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Reminder: Mobile Telephone Numbers - It is ESSENTIAL that the school is informed of updates to mobile telephone numbers.

Return to school

As the country prepares to enter a 4 week lockdown, our schools have returned to business as usual. We are open during lockdown as it is recognised that the education provided and social benefits for children are important. The risk assessments that were written for the full return in September remain relevant and in place. The comprehensive planning that was completed and the detailed structures and systems still meet all of the recommendations outlined by the government in their most recent guidance for schools.

Ventilation has been part of our plan since September. Our classrooms have windows open for ventilation. This helps maintain an airflow and reduce the risk of infection spreading. We will open top windows to prevent draughts and only open windows enough to ensure adequate circulation. Windows will be opened more fully to clear the air when rooms stand empty. We will of course monitor the situation, and should classrooms become too cold then we will reassess. Ventilation has been added to the system of controls stipulated by the government as a 'MUST be in place at all times' measure.

Face coverings remain optional for staff when in communal areas such as corridors and staffroom. We have increased the expectation of any visitors that they must wear a face covering on site at all times. Therefore children will be seeing more adults in school wearing a face covering. This is a normal sight for children in the current climate, and based on my experiences this week they are more likely to comment on which face covering you have opted to wear rather than the fact you are wearing one in the first place - I need to up my face covering game apparently!

We are glad that our schools are remaining open - seeing the positive impact normality, familiarity and structure has on the children highlights the rationale behind this. We do however still recognise the fact we are in a global pandemic and the situation ahead isn't easy. Aspects of school life will be affected by national lockdown restrictions, and local restrictions once this has lifted, for the foreseeable future. The health and safety of our school community remains the priority for us at all times.

Thank you again for your support as we enter another different phase of this situation. We appreciate the kind words of support we have received this week as we face further change. It is important to remember that everyone is in the storm together but we don't all have the same boats. We are all trying to find the best way through this as it affects us in different ways. Please be kind to those around you and support one another as much as you can. Together we are stronger.

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Executive Head

Don't forget our new out of hours email address specifically for reporting Coronavirus is:

coronavirus2018@welearn365.com

Please use this if: your child has tested positive, your child is symptomatic and awaiting a test, or a household member is symptomatic and awaiting test results. This email will be checked in the evening and at weekends and will allow school to seek advice and take appropriate action if we need to.

Spot Light on Excellence...



Why We Are Thankful

This week sees the start of another national lockdown and I am sure many of you, like myself, are not looking forward to this prospect. However, we must follow the guidelines set, in the hopes that our loved ones will stay safe and healthy. At times like this, when it is hard to look forward to something, my own family have always taught me to look for the positives no matter how small to lift your spirits and that is what I would like to do today.

I asked a selection of children from different year groups what they were thankful for and these were some of the responses:

Olivia P (Yr 6) - I am thankful that I still get to learn even through lockdown.

Ryan (Yr 5) - I'm thankful to be back at school because lockdown was so boring last time and I'm grateful to read our new class book.

Holly (Yr 5) - I'm thankful for amazing friends, family and teachers that treat me so well.

Edward & Michael (Yr 4) - We are thankful that the Year 4 breakfast club is still on because it is fun.

Amelia W (Yr 3) - I am thankful for being able to help my mummy at home.

George (Yr 2) I am thankful for the delicious food we have for dinner. I know not all children are lucky enough to have lots of food.

Jayde (Yr 1) - I am thankful for my brother and sister and being in the same school as them. They are always nice to me.

Rory (Reception) I am thankful for my nice friends.

Children do not perceive the world as we do and that is why it is refreshing to work in a school. With one conversation, a child can change your outlook on a situation and talking to the children today gave me renewed positivity in all the things we must be grateful for - they truly brightened up my day!

Parents, I am thankful for your continued support during this time and I want to personally say we are here for you all during this lockdown period if you need anything. I view us as an extended family and in times of crisis you can lean on us.

Take care Dordon!

Miss McGroarty

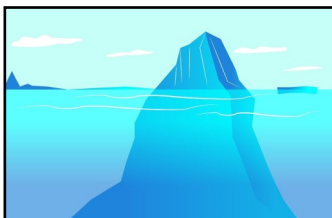


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Falcon

Here is what Falcon class have been enjoying:



"Art is my favourite! When we were learning to draw with chalk and charcoal, it was messy but fun!" Bailey

"I like how we are role models to the rest of the school as we are the oldest." May

"I enjoy learning in Maths - particularly the factor trees we completed with Mrs Price!" Megan

"I am enjoying our new theme, Frozen Kingdom. Icebergs are fascinating! We explored icebergs using ice cubes, balloons, salt and bowls of water which was really fun!" Hatti

"I enjoy being in Year 6 because of all the fun learning we get to do. Skellig was a great book to start the year off!" Luis

"I like how we have new topics and books each term. We've gone from an adventure story to a real-life expedition this term!" Harvey

Dates for your Diary

Academic Year 2020/21

17/12/20 - School Christmas Dinner
18/12/20 - End of Term
04/01/21 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
05/01/21 - Spring Term begins
15/02/21 - 19/02/21—Half Term
22/02/21 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
01/04/21 - End of Term
19/04/21 - Summer Term begins
03/05/21 - May Bank Holiday
31/05/21 - 04/06/21 - Half Term
07/06/21 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
18/06/21 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
21/07/21 - End of Term

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

Last weeks Postcards Home

Peacock = Darcy
Kingfisher = Howard
Swan = Olivia
Owl = Kayleigh
Swift = Max
Hawk = Ethan
Falcon = Harvey

Attendance

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	100%	98.1%
Kingfisher	94.1%	94.8%
Swan	97.9%	95.6%
Owl	99.7%	96.1%
Swift	95%	93.8%
Hawk	96%	97.4%
Falcon	92.3%	94.3%



Come as Yourself Day

We know this has been a tough year for everyone, particularly children, young people and teachers. So this year we're making mental wellbeing our number one priority for schools.

It's all about students embracing their identities and wearing whatever makes them feel comfortable this Appeal day (Friday 13th November) in return for a small £1-2 donation. It's an easy way to get involved, while giving your students an opportunity to express who they are - as well as raising vital funds to support young people who need it most.

You can make your donations via the schools Just Giving page at [https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cin2020-0006888?](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cin2020-0006888?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=cin2020-0006888&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=0b66d9b8683a4b13ac58b1139aa28942)

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Are you?

- Feeling the pinch after the impact of Covid-19?
- Furloughed or made redundant?
- Struggling to get to the shops?
- Need to make the pennies stretch a bit further?

A weekly honesty shop
at:

Dordon Village Hall.
(Kitwood Ave. entrance)

Mondays 12 noon – 3pm
Fridays 3pm – 6pm

Social Distancing Applies

Food Cupboard Supplies: Pay what you can afford.

Any queries contact Julie on 07702031960.

Items available will vary and at present are non-perishable items only. This is subject to change.