

Next Weeks Assembly Theme: Yom Kippur / World Mental Health Day

Reminder: Please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school every day.

What's on Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS1 Multi Skills Club 3-4pm Y5/6 Football Club 3-4pm		Swift class to Birmingham Hippodrome Y3/4 Football Club 3-4pm KS2 Musical Theatre Club 3-4.15pm	Say #Hello Yellow Yellow Lunch Menu Y3-4 Newton Shield Football Competition	2.40pm Celebration Assembly Y3-6 Hockey Club 3-4pm

Teamwork

I am in a privileged position being the head of two schools. The children are fantastic and I enjoy hearing all their stories about their adventures out of school. Walking round school I get to see the children hard at work and engaged in their learning. It is an absolute joy.

Both Dordon and Wood End are relatively small schools and working in such schools can create problems. Less staff to complete the same amount of tasks that are present in a large school. We are in a fortunate position of working closely as two schools and therefore the support network for staff is increased. In fact, there are staff in each school responsible for aspects across both schools.

Our team does not just consist of teachers, our TA team work together on projects and have attended training together, our office teams support work in both offices - including attendance and our site manager is responsible for both sites. This shared working creates a strong sense of team across both schools - where everyone is prepared to help each other out.

Everybody has an understanding of what we are trying to achieve in each school and how we are going to get there. They know how they, in whatever role they have, will make a difference to our school. The children talk with pride about how they belong to their school.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff, volunteers, parents and children for your contribution to our schools and helping them to be the fantastic places they are. I am immensely proud to be the head of Dordon and Wood End and I look forward to seeing them to continue to blossom in the coming months.

THANK YOU for all that you do for our school. No matter how small you think the contribution is - **it matters.**

Mrs M Cross
Executive Headteacher



Two hardworking Swans

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Spot Light on Excellence...

Spotlight- THRIVE

We want all our children at Dordon Primary School to flourish, so we have introduced THE THRIVE APPROACH in order to support their emotional and social development. Our aim is to help your children feel happy and secure, able to enjoy friendships, relate well to others and be ready and able to learn.

THRIVE is a specific way of working with all children that helps to develop their social and emotional well-being. It supports them in becoming more self-assured, capable and adaptable. They may signal their distress by becoming more withdrawn, or distant, or perhaps more challenging or disruptive, or even by trying too hard to please. If this happens we use THRIVE to look beyond the behaviour to give these children the support they need to get back on track.

We use a screening tool to identify gaps in children's social, emotional and mental health and create action plans which suggests specific activities to support the children.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to those of you that attended the THRIVE Introduction on Monday. It was great to share THRIVE with you and hope that you found it beneficial.

Miss Lewis
SENDco

Say #Hello Yellow!

On Thursday 10th October we will be saying #Hello Yellow to support children and young people's mental health on World Mental Health Day.

We ask all our children to come to school in their uniforms as normal and to wear one yellow item to add a splash of colour!



iPad App of the week

Hopscotch HD Visual Programming For Kids by Hopscotch Technologies (FREE)

Hopscotch allows pupils to create their own games and animations. Children unleash their creativity with this beautiful easy-to-use visual programming language. Similar to 'Scratch' on the PC.



Charity Update

Our new charity for this year is





Children who read Succeed!

Home Reading

Helping your child achieve their weekly Reading Target is absolutely vital. This task does not need to be difficult to achieve. It only needs 5 minutes to sit and listen to your child and it makes all the difference to your child's progress in school. Make sure that every time your child reads it is written down in their record and signed so that they can receive their GEMS reward once a week.

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 or by emailing admin2018@welearn365.com.

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 confirmation of the reason for your child's absence we will have no choice but to mark the absence as unauthorised.

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.

Encouraging children to drink.

We encourage the children to drink often, and provide cooled and filtered water for this purpose. Unfortunately, because of serious problems with wasps and ants, as well as other health issues, children are NOT permitted to bring any other drink into school including 'flavoured water'. The only exception to this is fruit juice in lunchboxes.

Dates for your Diary

17/10/19 - Owl class Zoolab experience
 24/10/19 - Open Morning 9.00am - 10.00am
 28/10/19 - 01/11/19 - Half Term
 04/11/19 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
 05/11/19 - Term resumes
 20/12/19 - End of Term school finishes at 1.05pm
 06/01/20 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
 07/01/20 - Spring Term begins
 17/02/20 - 21/02/20 Half Term
 24/02/20 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
 25/02/20 - Term resumes
 03/04/20 - End of Term school finishes at 3.00pm
 20/04/20 - Summer Term begins
 08/05/20 - Bank Holiday
 25/05/20 - 29/05/20 - Half Term
 01/06/20 - Term resumes
 19/06/20 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
 17/07/20 - 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.

Swan



Swan class have really enjoyed their learning this half term:

"I like it when we do maths and when we do take away." Kayleigh

"My favourite part of Year 2 is learning poems." Judd

"This year I like to do handwriting and maths because they are trickier than in Year 1." Olivia S

"Maths, English and guided reading are my favourite because I like a challenge." Antonina

"I like handwriting and working with the Hippodrome because I like learning the fairy tales." Amelia W

Hello Yellow Lunch Menu

educaterers  A FOOD STORY
Supporting young people's mental health on World Mental Health Day

#HelloYellow

Thursday
10th October 2019

Fish Fillet Fingers
Lemon Wedge

or

(v) Cheesy Macaroni

Chips or

Multi Wheat Baguette

Sweetcorn

Yellow Pepper and

Carrot Sticks

(v) Homemade Lemon

Drizzle Cake

or

(v) Vanilla Ice Cream Tub



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Attendance

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	93.8%	97.5%
Kingfisher	89.6%	96.7%
Swan	95.2%	96.7%
Owl	93.9%	95.8%
Swift	97.4%	97.8%
Hawk	95.3%	97.5%
Falcon	97.7%	96.9%

Last weeks

Postcards Home

Peacock = Logan

Kingfisher = Lewis

Swan = Hattie

Owl = Mason

Swift = Ebony

Hawk = Ryan

Falcon = Andrei

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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.)