

Next Week's Assembly Theme: Universal Children's day

Reminder: Absences should be reported by telephoning or emailing the school office by 8.30am on the first day of absence.

What's on Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS1 Multi Skills 3 - 4pm KS2 Football 3 - 4pm	KS2 Multi Sports 3 - 4pm	Breakfast Brainiacs 8.00-8.40 Grandparents Lunch		Breakfast Brainiacs 8.00-8.40 Celebration Assembly 2.40pm Reports out to parents Y5/6 Tag Rugby 3-4pm

Attendance

Attendance is an important part of our work at Dordon. When you receive your child's report next week, there will be a registration certificate and an indication of the level of your child's attendance in school.

The current average in school is 96.2% which is only just in line with the national average target of 96%. Thank you to those parents who have ensured their children's regular attendance in school – it is clearly making a difference. **There are currently 90 children in school with 100% attendance!!** There is a strong correlation between good attendance and good progress in school.

There are still too many pupils with attendance below 90% which is classed as being persistently absent. We will be working with our attendance caseworker next week to identify children whose attendance is a concern and we will formulate plans to improve the attendance of these pupils.

I will provide regular updates over the academic year. To keep up to date with your child's attendance, in addition to our termly reports, if you log in to your Eschools account attendance is displayed on the home screen.

98%+ = excellent attendance

95%- 97.9% = good attendance

Below 95% = of concern

Below 90% = persistent absence

As with all things, if you are experiencing difficulties with attendance then please have a conversation with school to keep us up to date with situations so we can work together where possible.

Mrs M Cross
Executive Headteacher



Pyjamas for Pudsey

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

Spot Light on Excellence...

Staff Training – Trilby TV

*'If we teach today as we taught yesterday,
we rob our children of tomorrow'*

Here at Dordon we pride ourselves on developing our staff and not settling for second best. We regularly have staff training during our weekly staff meetings. Already this academic year we have had training in maths, spelling, first aid and more recently we have been training our staff in preparation for an arts award which we will be applying for during the year.

This week, we have been focusing on new developments in technology. You may have noticed the TV screens around school when you have visited us this term? Now, all the teachers will be able to use their class IPADS to project class work around school. This will give the children an opportunity to see their work on the 'big screen' and feel proud of themselves. Currently we have our Twitter feed on the screens, but that is about to change.

Next time you come into school or come to see Mrs Genge at the office, be sure to check the screens and you will automatically see what is going on in school during that day. Here at Dordon we recognise that our children are using different forms of technology at home every day and we acknowledge the need to be up-to-date and relevant so we can inspire and teach our children about these developments. I cannot wait to create my first slideshow of work to share with all of Dordon on Trilby TV and I know the rest of the staff feel the same.

Here's to the future!

Miss McGroarty



iPad App of the week

WordFoto by bitCycle AB

(£1.49 / £0.74 VPP)

Combine a picture and words to make a 'Wordle' style collage. Can be saved and exported. Excellent for display purposes and for generating adjectives.



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.

