

Next Week's Assembly Theme: Black History Month

**Reminder: For the safety of the children the school car park is for staff only during school hours.**

## What's on Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS1 Multi Skills 3 - 4pm KS2 Football 3 - 4pm	KS2 Multi Sports 3 - 4pm Embody Dance Y2-6 3 - 4pm	Breakfast Brainiacs 8.00-8.40	Swift class Viking Day Y5/6 Cross Country Club 3-4pm	Breakfast Brainiacs 8.00-8.40  Celebration Assembly 2.40pm Y5/6 Tag Rugby 3-4pm

### Growth Mindset

This is a term the children will have heard in school as it is part of the acronym GEMS. But what is it?

Growth mindset is about empowering people to believe that they can achieve. At our school we don't put glass ceilings on the abilities of children. We offer them the opportunities needed to help them succeed and reach their full potential. In class it is about building resilience and perseverance - these are crucial skills in achieving a growth mindset.

It is about changing "I can't do it!" into "I can't do it yet!" I often talk to children in terms of walking as a baby or learning to count. There was a time when it was difficult and you fell over often but you didn't stay sitting there thinking 'It's too hard', you carried on and now it is automatic. The same with counting to 10.

We want to promote success but if something is always easy and you never find things hard or make mistakes then you are not learning. We want to develop learners who relish a challenge who show grit and determination to succeed even when there are barriers in front of them. It is all too easy to give up and stop trying. The best learners never stop learning and challenging themselves.

As adults, the skills of resilience and perseverance are key. Anyone who has had to build flat-pack furniture will be testimony to that. Not everything in life is easy, there are challenges but it is about how you face them and continue to move on. "The mistake isn't falling down, the mistake is choosing not to try to get up."

So there may be times this year when your child will come home from school and say their work is 'too hard'. That will be because they have been set a challenge. Talk to them about their growth mindset and help them to believe they will be able to do it one day it just might not be yet.

Mrs M Cross  
Executive Headteacher



Learning African dance with Afrik Entertainment

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### Spot Light on Excellence...

**"One day off school doesn't matter."**

Many parents may feel that one day missed off school will not make a difference but it is surprising the impact of one lost day.

#### A typical day at school

8.30 - Children arrive in the playground, they greet their friends and catch up and share things that have happened at home.

8.40 - Children come into school for registration and morning activities. This may be a short maths activity, practising handwriting or a vocabulary game.

8.55 - Guided Reading. Children listen or read a book and explore the characters, events and themes. Children also change their reading books

9.20 - English. A learning journey based around a text, building skills towards written outcomes.

10.20 - Playtime

10.40 - Phonics, Grammar and Spelling (VGPS). Children work in groups to learn new graphemes and spelling rules to support their writing.

11.00 - Maths. Teaching a mastery approach involves introducing a variety of methods then allowing children to develop skills to solve problems.

12.00/12.10 - Lunch. During lunchtime there are a variety of clubs on offer for children. We also have a sports coach on the playground to encourage children to be active.

1.00 - Registration and handwriting. Learning correct letter formation and perfecting joins to support our presentation when writing.

1.15 - Maths meeting. A maths session to reinforce mathematical facts including time tables, knowledge of shape and measures

1.30 - Learning based around our theme. This learning will involve art, technology, geography or history.

2.40 - Assembly. Time to reflect on issues that affect us and the world we live in.

3.00 - Go home.

As you can see children miss so much in just one day and it can be difficult for some children to catch up when they return to school.

Miss McGroarty

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

### Charity Update

We will be selecting a single charity for the school to sponsor again this year. If you have any suggestions or thoughts please let us know.



### iPad App of the week

**Math Splat by Matt Rayner**  
(£0.69) Simple app, but nice and colourful and child friendly. Answer questions of progressing difficulty on any of the 4 operations.



## African Dance Day

Everyone had lots of fun on Thursday learning dance moves with Afrik Entertainment:

"I liked the African Dance because it was a little bit funny when we were saying Hay! It was also fun when we were pretending to swim!" Amanda Swan class



"I enjoyed learning new moves that I did not know. I also really enjoyed the music." Finlay Swift class



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## Dates for your Diary

11/10/18 - Swift class Viking Day  
15/10/18 - Open Morning 9.00am - 10.00am  
16/10/18 - Hands on Guided Reading Y1-6, 8.50am - 9.20am  
18/10/18 - Y5/6 -a-side Girls Football Pearson Shield  
25/10/18 - Reception phonics workshop 9.00am  
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 - Embodiment 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.

# Swan

Swan class are really enjoying this half term's Power of Reading text, 'Orion and the Dark.'

"What I like about 'Orion and the Dark' is that the Dark helps Orion." Theo

"I like 'Orion and the Dark' because I like the story." Max

"I like the dark because he is soft and blue." Hollie

"I like 'Orion and the Dark' because the Dark has twinkling stars." Jessica



## P E Kits and Swimming Kits

It is essential that children bring their PE Kits and Swimming Kits into school on the morning they are needed. This will save the office time from calling home for kits to be brought in and parents time from having to return to school. If children do not have the correct clothing then they will not be able to participate as we no longer have supplies of spare kit. If you are unsure when your child has P E or swimming please check on their; class timetable, eschools pages, or ask the class teacher when collecting children at the end of the day.

## Attendance

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	98%	98.8%
Kingfisher	98.7%	96.8%
Swan	88.9%	95.2%
Owl	100%	98.6%
Swift	95.5%	97.9%
Hawk	94.5%	97%
Falcon	95.6%	97.3%

## Last weeks Postcards Home

Peacock = Jude  
Kingfisher = Skyler  
Swan = Charlie  
Owl = Lewis  
Swift = Jack  
Hawk = Iris  
Falcon = Kyle

## Family Food And Fun! at Dordon Village Hall



It's back ..... come and enjoy the fun and wonderful food

Monday 29th October  
11am - 1.00pm

All for just £1.00 per family  
We need help with volunteers supporting these sessions, if you are available please contact Jo Williams. Any help is much appreciated, thank you.

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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.)