DORDON DELIVERS

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Next Week's Assembly Theme: Anti-bullying week / All different all equal

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

What's on Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3.00-4.00 KS1 Multi Skills 3.00-4.00 KS2 Football	Individual Pupil Photographs 3.00-4.00 KS2 Multi Sports	Food for life Roast Dinner Day		Children in Need wear your Pyjamas for Pudsey Celebration Assembly 2.40pm 3.00 - 4.00pm Y2-6 Embody Dance Club

Maintaining the very best standards.

Supporting our staff to achieve the very best for our pupils

In common with many businesses and organisations we regularly appraise the performance of our staff.

We believe that 'performance management' results in achieving a shared commitment to high performance throughout the school and helps focus attention on more effective teaching. Its purpose is to raise the quality of teaching and to benefit students, teachers and the school. It also ensures we provide appropriate and effective personal training and development to ensure job satisfaction, a high level of expertise and career progression routes.

Each year we set targets for our teachers and teaching assistants, administration, site management and midday supervisors teams. All of the targets have a central focus around 'improving standards for our children'. Over the course of the year we return to the targets to review progress and support colleagues with high quality professional development.

Improving our performance is a really important aspect of the work of all leaders in school and Performance Management is just an aspect of this. On a weekly basis we have a 'monitoring focus' for the week. Successes (or otherwise!) are reported to all staff, the leadership teams and our Governors. When things go well we celebrate widely, where they don't, we return to them rapidly and improve them.

At Dordon, we are working on lots of projects to improve standards of teaching and learning but also we will be looking to improve the social and emotional health and wellbeing of our children and staff over the coming terms. As always, we will look to involve parents in any initiatives running in school and will regularly update you on the progress we are making.

Mrs M Cross
Executive Headteacher

Our first Bear for the Buddy Bag Foundation

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

Spot Light on Excellence…

Report Cards

We are pleased to send home our new 'Report Cards' this Autumn Term. Our staff have worked exceedingly hard to ensure their reports are individual to your child.

The most important information to us is your child's personal progress – reaching their own potential, achieving as well as they can to the best of their ability. For example, some children could be doing very well and achieving well but not making good progress, they could be coasting even though the data for them would look good. Alternatively, there could be a child who really struggles and is making fantastic personal leaps and bounds, but in terms of the data it would look like they were making very little progress. It is therefore important that we track each and every pupil carefully to ensure they are reaching and challenging their potential. That is why you will see both an effort and progress judgment in your child's report.

As a school we discuss each child's progress regularly with the whole teaching team. What happens in school is not however the whole picture. Along with the effort a child puts into their learning, is the support a child gets from home too. As a school we want to support parents to help with their child's progress and that is why we also hold IEP meetings and Parents' Evening on a regular basis so we can discuss your child's needs further.

As always, we thank you for your support and hope you are happy with our new and improved Report Cards!

Miss McGroarty

Parent's Evening - 22nd and 23rd November

The booking window for Parents Evening appointments is now open! If you are unsure about how to book your time slot there is an eschools guide in the Parents section of the school website. The new improved eschools app now has the facility for parent's to book appointments via their phones. If you do not know your parent login please contact the school office who will be happy to help you.

IPad App of the week

Anne Frank by Penguin Books (£6.99)

Explore the world's most famous diary in this richly immersive experience for iPad. Features Include: 21 video clips from Academy Award winning documentary-maker Jon Blair, over 40 audio clips,

Charity Update

The School Council have chosen Buddy Bag Foundation as this years sponsored charity.

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

Individual School Photographs

The children will be having their photographs taken on Tuesday 14th November by Next Gen Photography. Any parents who would like to bring in younger siblings to get a family group photograph are welcome to come into the school hall from 8.30am.

buddy bag foundation
making a difference to children in emergency care

If you would like to knit a bear for the Buddy Bag Foundation Knitting patterns are now available to collect from the school office.

Dangerous Parking

Please park with consideration when delivering and collecting children. Parking over driveways, over yellow lines and dropped kerbs not only annoys our neighbours but potentially places our children at risk because they are forced to cross between closely parked cars.

Dropping off children on yellow zig zags outside school is totally unacceptable and is also illegal.

Holidays during the term time

Holidays during term time are rarely approved unless under exceptional circumstances. Government legislation is now very strong in this area. The law expects children's holidays to be taken during 'the school holidays' and children to be in school during term time.

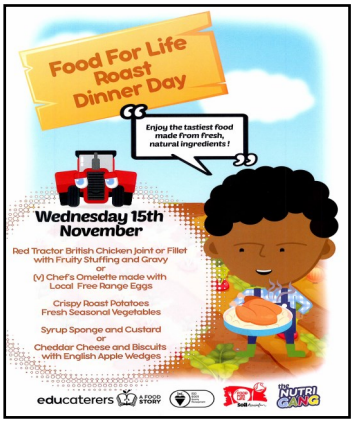
Holidays may ONLY be requested using an official local authority form (available from the school office) but it is very rare for the school to be able to authorise them. Holidays taken without permission are recorded as an 'unauthorised absence' on official school registers and are likely to be followed up by Education Social Workers who inspect registers.

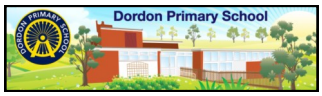
Dates for your Diary

Academic Year 2017-2018

- 14/11/17 - Individual Pupil Photographs
- 17/11/17 - Children in Need wear your Pyjamas for Pudsey
- 21/11/17 - Crazy Mary Crafts working with KS2
- 22/11/17 - Parent's Evening 5.30 - 8.00pm
- 23/11/17 - Parent's Evening 3.30 - 6.00pm
- 29/11/17 - Owl class Stone Age visitor
- 01/12/17 - Deadline for Manor Adventure Deposit
- 06/12/17 - Dordon Open Morning
- 22/12/17 - End of term - School finishes at 1pm
- 08/01/18 - Spring Term starts
- 08/01/18 - Young Voices Concert
- 19/02/18 - 23/02/18 - Half Term
- 26/02/18 - Staff Inset Day
- 29/03/18 - End of term
- 16/04/18 - Summer Term Starts
- 07/05/18 - Bank Holiday
- 28/05/18-01/06/18 Half term
- 08-06/18-11/06/18 Manor Adventure
- 22/06/18 - Staff Inset Day
- 20/07/18 - End of term

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





Dordon Primary School Website

Want to know what's happening in School? Go to www.dordonprimaryschool.co.uk there is so much information for you from; school policies, newsletters, copies of letters sent home, curriculum pages, events calendar, class pages, lunch menu, sporting events and much more.

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Hawk

Hawk class are enjoying their new theme 'In Flanders Field';

"This week I have enjoyed looking at all the different events that happened in World War 1, the most interesting event to me, was how the war was caused!" Ella

"I have enjoyed computing this week because we finished off our online safety poster and it was really fun working with Ruby." Rani

"This week, I have enjoyed, reading our new book 'Private Peaceful'. It is really interesting, it can be really sad though." Isabella

"This week I have enjoyed doing fractions as I think they are quite hard." Kacper

Children in Need

On Friday the 17th November we will be celebrating Children in Need and would like all children at Dordon to take part. In order to raise money for this fantastic cause we have decided to have a non—uniform day where all staff and children come to school in their pyjamas. As the theme this year is dots and spots all dotty PJs are welcome but not essential. All we ask is a small donation of £1 for the cause. (old pound coins are accepted). Although the children can change into sensible slippers at school they must have their normal school shoes to wear to and from school and at play time. If the children decide to come in a onesie we advise that something is worn underneath. Let's go dotty for Pudsey!

Last weeks Postcards Home

Peacock = Judd

Kingfisher = Lexi

Swan = Jacob

Owl = Ruby

Swift = Alan

Hawk = Matthew

Falcon = Ellis

Attendance

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	99%	96.6%
Kingfisher	95.9%	95.4%
Swan	99%	96.8%
Owl	98%	97.9%
Swift	99%	97.8%
Hawk	97.2%	96.4%
Falcon	**100**%	97.6%

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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.)