



DORDON DELIVERS

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Next Weeks Assembly Theme: Learning behaviours/Holocaust Memorial Day/Chinese New Year

Reminder: Being LATE for school upsets children. They miss the start of the day when the timetable for the day is explained.

What's on Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3.00 - 4.00 KS1 Multi Skills 3.00 - 4.00 KS2 Football	3.00 - 4.00 KS2 Multi Sports 3.45-5.15 Y5/6 Cross Country at Polesworth field			Celebration Assembly 2.40pm 3.00 - 4.00pm Y2-6 Embody Dance Club

A Crisis for our School?

Parents will be aware of changes to arrangements for school meals that came into place a couple of years ago, which allows all 'infant children' to have a cooked school meal for no charge. There are many advantages of this scheme and we very much support the principle of encouraging our youngest children to all have a cooked meal. We are however extremely concerned about one aspect of the new scheme which is now presenting a problem for us and could potentially become a real crisis.

Many pupils in our school have benefitted from this initiative. The kitchen does a brilliant job of producing a delicious meal for our pupils every day. There is a wide variety of choice.

However, a potential significant financial issue lies ahead.....

- Previously parents on low incomes or certain benefits claimed 'a free school meal'
- Claiming a 'free school meal' triggers £1320 for each child.
- This money goes straight into the school budget to be used to support ALL of the children

The problem....

- If a parent no longer NEEDS to CLAIM to get a free school meal (because meals are now provided without a charge) why bother registering for 'Free School Meals'?
- If parents then DON'T claim, school budgets suffer very significantly.
- Ultimately we have a lot less to spend on ALL of our children

ALL of OUR CHILDREN benefit from parents claiming 'free school meals' if they are eligible.

It is absolutely vital to all of our children that if you can claim for a

'Free School Meal' PLEASE do so!

Please check your eligibility at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

If you would like support in your application then please contact the School Office who would be more than happy to help.

Mrs Cross

Executive Headteacher



Young Carers Awareness Day

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

Spot Light on Excellence...

Here at Dordon we pride ourselves on our presentation. Last week, my Spotlight was all about our new 'Wall of Fame' which showcases our superb work, this week I would like to draw your attention to the power of school uniform and being impeccably dressed. There are many reasons why staff at Dordon are expected to monitor school uniform and ask children if they are not in the correct attire:

Why is school uniform important?

Reputation - Uniform is a vehicle for upholding the school's reputation. Locals will instantly be able to recognise what school a child is from just by looking at their clothing. Therefore, each individual is a reflection on the school. Needless to say, it will send a positive message if pupils look smart and are all dressed the same.

Life skills - It is our job to prepare pupils for adult life. There are few occupations where people won't have to obey some sort of dress code. Office workers usually dress in business attire, whereas public services - like the police, NHS and fire brigade - all wear instantly recognisable uniforms. Therefore, we are teaching our children valuable lessons and rules about life and the workplace.

Removes strain on parents - We also recognise that uniform also makes life easier for parents. When there's a firm dress code in place, mums and dads won't have to supervise their children as they get dressed in the morning. They also won't have to bulk up their children's wardrobes with outfits for each day of the week.

The reasons above outline why we have high expectations of how our children look at school. If they do not have the correct uniform we ask that parents write a letter to their child's class teacher to let them know why. Dordon has grown in popularity over the years and that is because we aim high in all that we do.

Thank you for your continued support.
Miss McGroarty



IPad App of the week

Cartoon'd by Mary Henman

(FREE) Take a picture or choose

one from your photo album then drag the cartoons with your finger onto the picture. There are loads of great cartoons to use including animals, speech bubbles and disguises. The cartoons can be resized and rotated to line up perfectly in your photo.



Charity Update

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Money raised so far for

**buddy bag
foundation**
making a difference to children in emergency care

£201.79

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

Permanent Vacancy

New Vacancies



2 Midday Supervisor positions, Scale band B, 6.25 hours per week - 11.50am to 1.05pm, Monday to Friday, term time only.

Dordon is a very popular successful school recognised as 'a good school with outstanding features' (OFSTED 2014). We are looking for two permanent members of staff to join our friendly, enthusiastic and committed team working with our well behaved and happy pupils.

Full training will be given, as well as all the support you need. This is a great opportunity to do something really rewarding, working with wonderful children and gain some valuable extra experience for that CV! Further details and application forms are available from the school website. Completed applications should be returned to admin2018@welearn365.com no later than 9.00am on Wednesday 31st January 2018.

Considerate Parking

Could parents/carers who drive to and from school please be considerate of where they park their cars. Please remember **DO NOT** drop children off at school by stopping (even briefly) on the Zig Zag yellow lines. Not only is this illegal, but it is also endangering ALL children's lives who cross at this point where other drivers need a clear view of them.

Could we also ask that all drivers are also considerate of children and parents crossing the road and on the pavements around the school.

Online School Uniform Shop



Our online Uniform Shop is open for business!

To purchase; jumpers, cardigans, book bags and PE bags go onto the school website and click on the link 'Parent Pay Uniform Shop'.

Last weeks Postcards Home

Peacock = Riley
Kingfisher = Isabella
Swan = Ryan
Owl = Harvey
Swift = Bethany
Hawk = Libby
Falcon = Nevaeh

Attendance

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	91%	94.6%
Kingfisher	91.9%	94.5%
Swan	87.7%	96.5%
Owl	92%	96.1%
Swift	90.3%	95.5%
Hawk	93.9%	95.7%
Falcon	95.9%	96.9%

Dates for your Diary

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
14/05/18 - SATS week
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.

Young Carers Awareness Day

Yesterday to raise money for the Warwickshire Young Carers Project we all came to school dressed as what we want to be when we grow up!



"We learned that some children have to look after their Mummies and Daddies when they are poorly." Judd Peacock



"I enjoyed Young Carers Day because I liked learning about what everyone wants to be." Lexi Kingfisher

"I liked dressing up and talking about what I want to do when I am older." Olivia Swan



"I like being a Young Carer because I like looking after children, like my brother." Freya Owl

"It's really helpful days like this because it's really helpful to know you're not the only one." Honey Swift

"In English we wrote a job advertisement and it was really fun as we were writing as a rich person! Not only that, I was getting someone to be my house maid." Rani Hawk



"Yesterday was Young Carers Day. I really enjoyed seeing everyone dressed up as what they want to be when they are older. In maths we had to draw a picture in the middle of a plain piece of paper. Then we had to write the maths skills we would need and why we would need them. I want to be a lighting designer in TV, Film, Concert and Theatre." Jacob Falcon

Thank you to everyone who took part and helped us raise £108.15, if you haven't paid your money yet you can still bring it in to the school office.



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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.)