

Reminder: Children in Key Stage 1 are provided with a piece of fruit at break time as part of the School Fruit & Vegetable scheme.

What's on Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS1 Multi Skills Club 3-4pm KS2 Football Club 3-4pm	10p Book Sale Swan Trip to Dudley Zoo Swift Trip to Thinktank	IEP Reviews 9-11.20am	IEP Reviews 9-11.30am and 3.30-4.30pm KS2 Multi Sports Club 3-4pm	Staff Development Day School closed to pupils

Keeping Safe On Line

Ensuring stay safe in all aspects of their lives

Our 'e-schools initiative' which we have introduced and are now developing a 'Virtual Learning Environment' (VLE) allows many opportunities for parents and the school to communicate more effectively, efficiently and in a more 'immediate way'. It also allows children to do the same, but within a far safer 'contained environment'. Two features of E-schools which we are now working on, have allowed children to learn the 'does and don'ts of 'online etiquette' through 'blogging' and 'class discussions'.

Many of our children have already completed some fantastic work on creating 'blogs' and posted all manner of exciting pieces of information. We were really pleased with the results and the children's efforts. What has been particularly impressive is children's positivity about others efforts, with them making many supportive on line posts about their friends work.

Whilst our schools 'Virtual Learning Environment' is a very safe place to work in, many of our children also go on line, text, email and communicate outside of our 'safety net'. We use our VLE to teach them the 'etiquette' of 'on line communication and what to do if it all goes wrong. We tell our children to:

- **Be careful what you share online;** When you choose a profile picture for a social networking website like Facebook or Twitter, avoid photos that could give strangers clues about where you live. Check your privacy settings regularly. Think about what should be shared in public and what shouldn't.
- **Learn about how you can take care of your digital footprints.** Don't upload or share anything you wouldn't want your parents, teachers or friends seeing. Once you press send, it is no longer private.
- **Think before you post.** Don't upload or share anything you wouldn't want your parents, teachers or friends seeing.
- **Never share or reveal your passwords.** Use strong passwords that are hard for others to guess, using a mix of letters and numbers. Keep passwords to yourself and change them regularly.
- **Be careful who you chat to.** If somebody you don't know adds you as a friend, ignore them and delete their request. Don't share personal information like your address or phone number with somebody you don't know. Learn about the signs that someone abusive is grooming you online.

Our pupils however spend far more time on line at home than they do at school, we need parents help in repeating and supporting the messages above. Spending just 15 minutes chatting over the above will make a huge difference.

Mr May

Director of Education



Learning through play in Peacock class

All photographs can be purchased for £3 per A4 colour copy. Please see the school office for one.

Spot Light on Excellence...

Library

Dordon has just purchased a computerised system for the library so children now scan books in and out. It feels like a proper library!

I want to extend sincere thanks to Mrs Wood for working tirelessly to sort it all out. She has catalogued all the books, adding barcodes and also removing books that are too old and tatty.

We will be opening the library up for after school sessions in the near future so parents can come with their children. There will also be guest story time slots where staff will read some of their favourite stories to the children. Watch this space!

Free School Meals

The majority of our trips and visits in school, the elements of the uniform we provide, clubs and activities and swimming lessons are significantly subsidised by the school or are completely free. We work hard to keep costs as low as possible for EVERYONE, however, children in receipt of free schools are usually offered trips and visits free of charge using funds we receive from the Government dedicated to supporting them.

PLEASE claim 'Free Schools Meals' if you can, claiming and not even having the meal benefits the school. The school is always very pleased to advise and help in confidence. Claiming free school meals not only benefits families and the child, but ALL of the children in school as well



IPad App of the week

**Animal Muddle by
Busythings Ltd (FREE)**

Very young children will love this app. Tap through the body parts to make your muddled-up animal, or make a recognisable animal if you prefer! Tap your animal all over to hear the different noises it makes and watch it move.



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.

Myths and Legends

A selection of comments and misconceptions we sometimes hear

*'It doesn't matter if my child arrives **early** for school'*

It certainly does! Children should not arrive on site before 8.30am, the reason being that there are no staff on duty and our handover is not until 8.40am There are excellent before and after school care facilities available on site should parents wish to make use of these.

Think you know how to help protect your kids online?

A worrying aspect of recent work we have completed with parents, is that many say they have a good understanding of on-line safety initially, but when 'tested' are very surprised to find out how much they actually don't know! Using new technology can be brilliant: a cool way to chat to your mates, shares files and listen to music. Make sure you stay safe by only sharing with someone you know and trust.

www.thinkyouknow.co.uk is a new web site which aims to get young people to share what they DO know and find out if there is stuff they don't know.

Weekly Safety Question

Each week we ask the children a quick 'outside of school' safety question in assembly on Friday. We would be grateful if parents could help us at home by giving the same message. This week:



'Why is it important to wash your hands before eating a meal, after going to the toilet and before you prepare food?'

Dates for your Diary

Academic Year 2016-2017

18/10/16 - Swan Class Trip to Dudley Zoo
18/10/16 - Swift Class Trip to Thinktank Museum
19/10/16 - IEP Reviews 9-11.20am
20/10/16 - IEP Reviews 9-11.30am and 3.30-4.30pm
21/10/16 - Staff Development Day
24/10/16 - 28/10/16 - Half Term
16/11/16 - Parents Evening
17/11/16 - Parents Evening
28/11/16 - Enterprise Week
28/11/16 - Whole School to see 'Wind in the Willows'
02/12/16 - Christmas Fayre
16/12/16 - Term ends school finishes at 1pm
03/01/17 - Staff Development Day
04/01/17 - Spring Term Starts
20/02/17 - 24/02/17 - Half Term
15/03/17 - Parents Evening
16/03/17 - Parents Evening
07/04/17 - Spring Term ends
24/04/17 - Staff Development Day
25/04/17 - Summer Term starts
08/05/17 - SAT's Week
29/05/17 - 02/06/17 - Half Term
09/06/17 - 12/06/17 - Manor Adventure
21/07/17 - Term ends school finishes at 1pm
These dates may be subject to change if necessary. Details and times to be confirmed nearer each event.

Our Newsletter

A newsletter goes out EVERY Friday. If yours does not come home, please return to school immediately to collect it. Alternatively you can read it on the school website - www.dordonprimarieschool.co.uk. ALWAYS read the newsletter.

Attendance

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	98.8%	99.2%
Kingfisher	99%	98.6%
Swan	97.3%	96.2%
Owl	99%	98.8%
Swift	97.3%	95.5%
Hawk	94.1%	96%
Falcon	99%	96.9%

Last weeks Postcards Home

Peacock = Faith
Kingfisher = Thomas
Swan = Harvey
Owl = Honey
Swift = Harvey
Hawk = Dylan
Falcon = Jessica

Kingfisher



Kingfisher class are enjoying their theme 'Moon Zoom' and learning all about Aliens!

"I really enjoyed making the alien goo sandwiches" Amelia

"I liked writing my letter to Beego" Aimme

"We made alien models out of playdough!" Joseph

"My favourite space story is 'Aliens Love Underpants' Ryan

"Aliens! There are aliens!" Ethan

"My space picture had twinkly stars on it!" Maisy

"I liked playing in the role play space rocket!" Oliver

10p Book Sale

On Tuesday 18th October we will be holding a 10p Book Sale throughout the school day. Children will have the opportunity to purchase discarded library books. Please send money in with your child on Tuesday morning.



Don't forget to log into eSchools to see what is happening on your children's class pages. The eSchools 'app' is available for you to download from the Apple or Google Play stores. The app will allow you to receive text notifications directly from the school to your mobile device.

If you are having any problems with activating your parent eSchools account please contact the school office, as this year we will be launching our online booking system for Parents Evening.

Make sure your children also know how to log into eSchools at home as homework will soon be set on the learning platform.

Applying for a Secondary School Place

Children born between **01/09/2005 and 31/08/2006** are due to start Secondary School in September 2017. **The deadline for on-line applications is 31st October 2016.**

Warwickshire residents can make an on-line application for Primary and Secondary places at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions. You can also apply by calling 01926 742037 or 01926 742047.

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Jack & Jill Preschool Before and After School Club

Breakfast Club 7.45-8.35am.
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.)