

Next Weeks Assembly Theme: Honesty / Remembrance Sunday

Reminder: Please keep the school office informed of updates to mobile telephone numbers. Thank you

What's on Next Week				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS1 Multi Skills Club 3-4pm KS2 Football Club 3-4pm			KS2 Multi Sports Club 3-4pm	Celebration Assembly 2.40

Road Safety

Teaching our children the importance of keeping our children safe

With clocks changing and darker nights, it is important to once again return to the issue of young children and roads. It is with sickening regularity that we hear of another child being injured by a car or having a close shave on the way to or from school.

We do however need 100% support from all parents and visitors to our schools. Despite our repeated requests in weekly newsletter, on a daily basis we see parking and driving which places our children in danger. We ask parents NOT to park on double yellow lines or on yellow zig zags outside the school, even if this is for a 'second' to drop off. We also ask parents not to park on pavements, which forces children to squeeze through narrow gaps, or worse still, walk into the road to get by. Unfortunately, on a regular basis, we also receive complaints from neighbours complaining about parents parking over their driveways, blaming the school and demanding we take action. The school however has absolutely no jurisdiction over the public roads and can do very little.

Our schools do their very best to ensure children remain safe. We encourage children to wear bright and reflective coats in winter, stop them running out of school, and tell them repeatedly not to cross between parked cars. We hold road safety quizzes, invite in road safety officers and in addition we run regular items in newsletters and conduct safety lessons and assemblies outlining how to keep safe.

As the nights draw in and colder and wetter weather approaches, there is an even greater tendency to get out the car and inadvertently add to the problem. Our only interest is in keeping children safe, PLEASE help us to do so by driving and parking responsibly. If driving is your only option, parking safely away from school and walking an extra 60 seconds, is worth it if it avoids a child being seriously injured. Please do your bit.

Mr May
 Director of Education



Outdoor Learning 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...

Learning at Dordon

This week it has been lovely to step into classrooms and teach again. The children are so excited and passionate about their learning. When asking a question, you are greeted with a sea of hands all prepared to share their ideas. The other pupils are respectful of the views of others even if they differ from their own.

When working on their given tasks, pupils show great resilience and self-belief. They give their best and always strive for better.

It is clear when you walk into any classroom in school that there is a buzz about learning. Pupils are eager to share what they are doing. This is down to the hard work of our fantastic teachers making learning as interesting and purposeful as possible. Well done everyone!

Mrs Cross



A Cashless School



The school office can no longer accept cash payments, all payments will need to be made via Parent Pay or Pay Point. If you need help setting up your Parent Pay account or would prefer to pay for school dinners with a Pay Point card please contact the school office who will be pleased to help.

Online School Uniform Shop



Our online Uniform Shop is now 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'.

Auditor Required

Team Birchwood Primary School require an auditor for their 2015/16 accounts. If you are qualified and are able to help in this important position please leave your details with school office who will forward them to TBPS.



IPad App of the week

Sand Drawing by Timbuktu Labs, Inc. (£1.49 / £0.74 VPP)



Nice way to get children to practice their letters etc without sand all over the classroom floor! You can add decorations (shells etc) to your drawings and then make waves to clear the page to start again.

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.

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

Myths and Legends

A selection of comments and misconceptions we sometimes hear

'We weren't late but they closed the door!!!'

We would never 'close an outside door knowing a child was coming towards it to get in!' In reality children are meant to be on the playground from 8.30am and are called in from the playground by teachers at 8.40am. Children should not be arriving at school at 8.40am, because this is the time they are going into school.

Very, very few of our children are ever late. The majority have no 'lates' at all, thanks to our brilliant parents who make sure they get their children into school on time each and every day. This results in children starting the day well settled, calm and ready for their exciting day ahead.

A small handful of children are however persistently late in school. This upsets the children and gives them a dreadful start to the day. Being present at the very start of the day is really important. Children like to say hello to their friends and socialise. We also take our formal register and talk about lunches and we also introduce the work for the day. Arriving late causes a lot of problems for the children and school.

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:

'How do you make sure you keep SUPER SAFE when taking part in 'Bonfire Night' ?

Dates for your Diary

Academic Year 2016-2017

- 09/11/16 - Grandparents Lunch
- 16/11/16 - Parents Evening 5.30pm - 8.00pm
- 17/11/16 - Individual School Photographs
- 17/11/16 - Parents Evening 3.30pm - 6.00pm
- 23/11/16 - Christmas Family Bingo 5.15-7.15pm
- 28/11/16 - Enterprise Week
- 28/11/16 - Whole School to see 'Wind in the Willows'
- 01/12/16 - Non Uniform Day - Bring tombola prize as payment
- 02/12/16 - Christmas Fayre 4-6pm
- 12/12/16 - School Disco
Infants 4.00-5.00pm
Juniors 5.15-6.15pm
- 16/12/16 - Term ends school finishes at 1pm
- 03/01/17 - Staff Development Day
- 04/01/17 - Spring Term Starts
- 30/01/17 - Young Voices Concert
- 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.



Parents Evening

Don't forget to log into eSchools to book your appointment for Parents Evening on Wednesday 16th November from 5.30 - 8.00pm or Thursday 17th November from 3.30 - 6.00pm.

Earring Reminder

We prefer that children do not wear any earrings because of the large number of nasty injuries children get each year by getting earrings caught in hair or clothing. However, children may wear plain gold or silver stud earrings in school (no other types are permitted)



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Cycles and Scooters

PLEASE NOTE: For obvious safety reasons we DO NOT allow bicycles or scooters to be ridden on the school site **AT ANY TIME**. Younger brothers and sisters are very welcome to come onto the school site to deliver and collect, but should not bring or ride on bicycles or scooters.

Falcon



Falcon class have really enjoyed their first week back at school;

"I am really happy about our new theme and I am even more happy that we are reading a book called 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. Ever since I read the blurb I have wanted to read more!" Preston

"We got a letter asking us to create an animal for the desert and the judges are Mrs Cross and Mr May! It needs to store food and water for a long time whilst keeping its temperature low!" Jay

"I am really excited about going to see the play of 'The Wind in the Willows', as the whole school is going and everyone will enjoy it. This will be the first play I have been to and I think it will be so BRILLIANT!" Kai

"There has been a tutoring club for Year 6 we do English with Miss Currall a teacher from Polesworth, it is really good fun as we play fun english games and we learn different strategies for learning. I recommend it for lots of people for when you are in Year 6." Owen

"Study Centre started this week, it is a great opportunity to get your homework done on the night you get it. It has a great working atmosphere for you to do your homework. You have no distractions there and you can get away from younger siblings" Demi

Illness

There is a common misconception that children should be kept off school for 48 hours in the event of any illness. In reality this advice was published for Noro virus 'winter vomiting bug'. 48 hours absence is not required for every type of illness. In general a child should stay away from school until they have been free from symptoms for about 24 hours.

Attendance

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	97.4%	98%
Kingfisher	99.2%	98.6%
Swan	92.5%	95.8%
Owl	97.6%	98.3%
Swift	95.8%	95.9%
Hawk	94.4%	96.1%
Falcon	97.4%	97.1%

Last weeks Postcards Home

- Peacock = Rosie
- Kingfisher = Alfie
- Swan = Charlie
- Owl = Stephanie
- Swift = Jacob
- Hawk = Ellie
- Falcon = Kai



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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.)