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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
Cross Country Club 12.30-1pm KS2 Football Club 3-4pm KS1 Multi-sports Club 3-4pm			KS2 Summer Sports Club 3-4pm	Celebration Assembly 2.40

Our Office Staff

Being a member of staff within our academy

Our office colleagues are yet another group of 'unsung heroes' who work tirelessly for our schools. Although they are not involved in teaching the children, or having a significant day to day involvement with them, without their 'backroom work' our schools would quite simply grind to a halt.

School offices are extremely busy places. Seldom does our office staff have the opportunity to complete a task uninterrupted and on a daily basis they deal with a deluge of visitors, telephone enquiries, absences, letters and the newsletter as well as handle the majority of cash transitions. Being a member of our office staff requires a very wide range of skills and talents, and we are fortunate to have extremely dedicated people working for us who always give their best and seldom go home on time.

Despite not being in the classroom, our office staff take every opportunity to get involved with the children and life of the school. Not only do many administer first aid and medicines, but they also enjoy visits by the children for registers, dinner money and all manner of notes from staff. Our office staff also take every opportunity to attend school events and are often seen at assemblies, sports days and other activities.

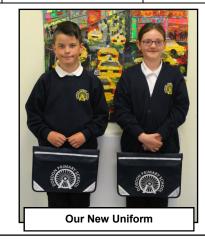
Work in our offices has changed significantly over the past few years, especially as an academy, and this trend will continue. The introduction of new finance packages, Parent Pay and an online school shop, as well as the need to keep abreast of all manner of school reporting systems, will no doubt keep our offices colleagues as busy as ever. I have every confidence that they will meet these challenges with the same professionalism and positivity in the way they always have done.

Mr May Executive Headteacher

IMPORTANT: Changes to assessment a 'ramping up' of expectations

This year there have been many changes to the expectations of our children. The national 'goal posts' have been changed and the 'average child' will now be expected to attain at a far higher 'level' than they used to and meet some very tough challenges.

Whilst we are confident that our children can meet the 'new challenges' well, the bar has been sent very high indeed. Parents should be aware that children who previously were graded as 'exceeding national expectations' may now fit closer into what is described as 'meeting national averages'. Be reassured, the children are not 'doing worse', are not failing, and teaching is still fantastic. We are simply being asked to measure them against a far more challenging standard.



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

Spot Light on Excellence...

Behaviour

This week has been another brilliant week at Dordon showcasing the fantastic behaviour of our children. The pupils have been co-operating and playing together at lunchtimes and playtimes. Manners are impeccable across school and pupils are demonstrating 'Respect' for the environment and each other making it a lovely place to learn.

What does your child most enjoy about school? A selection of comments from our most recent parental questionnaire which we are tremely proud of ... (names removed for anonymity!)

"Really pleased with how my son has progressed this term, in all areas."

Weekly Safety Question

Charity Update

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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:

> What should you do if someone knocks at your front door and you don't know who they are?'



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

