



DORDON DELIVERS

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Next Weeks Assembly Theme: Friendship and our friends

Reminder: Come to the Christmas Fayre on Friday 2nd December at 4pm and have fun!

What's on Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Enterprise Week Whole School to see 'Wind in the Willows' Book Fayre 3.00pm KS1 Multi Skills Club 3-4pm KS2 Football Club 3-4pm	Book Fayre 3.00pm	Book Fayre 3.00pm	Non Uniform Day - Bring tombola prize as payment Celebration Assembly 2.40 Book Fayre 3.00pm KS2 Multi Sports Club 3-4pm	Christmas Fayre 4.00-6.00pm

Parents Evening

We were delighted by the excellent attendance at our parents evenings last week. Whilst we are aware that with the busy lives we all experience today, it is sometimes difficult to attend school events, it was so impressive that almost every parent attended to support their child.

Parents' evenings are important occasions at which we share information on children's progress and go over essential 'next steps' in learning. We also discuss behaviour, attendance, medical/personal issues and any special education needs issues children have. Most importantly we agree ways in which we can work together and parents can support children at home. We always try to be really positive about all the fantastic progress children have made, but also not vague about areas where improvement is required.

The impact of a parents evening is very apparent. We notice many children have a renewed enthusiasm for school, particularly in areas where we have highlighted that they are brilliant! We also see children raising their game in areas where they need to do better.

The impact of 'parental interest' on children's progress is seriously underestimated. Children who make the best progress not only have great teachers, but often have parents who support homework, hear their child read and just simply show an interest in what children do at school that day. Our tip is however not to say 'what did you do at school today?', instead ask imaginative questions of children such as 'tell me 5 ways you used numbers' or 'what did the main character do in the story today', or 'what was your best/longest/most improved piece of writing today?'

If your children normally answer the question 'what did you do at school today?' with the reply 'nothing', it is like squeezing blood out of a stone finding out what they got up to. Achieving an answer which includes more detail is really worth the extra effort!

Mr May

Director of Education



Two Kingfishers enjoying the after school library session

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

Spot Light on Excellence...

Parents Evening

It was fantastic to see so many of you in school for Parents Evening last week. It was clear to see how proud you are of the children's achievements and rightly so. The children at Dordon work tirelessly to produce their best work to reflect the exciting learning that takes place. They are always eager to share their successes – so much so I need to order more stickers!

If you haven't yet spoken to your child's class teacher about their progress and taken the opportunity to see their fantastic work then please speak to their teacher or contact the office so that we can arrange a convenient time for you.

Mrs Cross

Scholastic Book Fayre

The Book Fayre is back all next week with some more fantastic bargains! From Monday to Thursday the Book Fayre will be open from 3.00pm and on Friday it will be open as part of the Christmas Fayre. Come and get some Christmas presents or treat yourself and help buy books for school too!

Keeping our parents up to date with 'Social Networking'

Age-inappropriate content

The Internet provides access to all kinds of content at the click of a mouse – but not all of that content is suitable for children and young people to see. While you may have the appropriate parental controls set up on your computer your child may still be able to access inappropriate material if someone in their social networking circle makes it available to them.



IPad App of the week

Star Chart by Feel Great
Publishing (FREE)

Using state of the art GPS technology, an accurate 3D universe, and all of the latest high tech functionality, Star Chart calculates – in real time – the current location of every star, planet and moon visible from Earth and shows you precisely where they are; even in broad daylight!



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

'Keep them off for 48 hours if they are sick'

We certainly don't want children to come in unwell, but in reality children often do not need to stay off for 48 hours if they are sick. Children can be ill for all sorts of reasons and often not because of a bug. In reality it is parents who are the best judge and for them to decide that it is OK to come back early. However, for 'winter vomiting bug' (Norovirus) we certainly recommend that children stay off for 48 hours.

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:



'If you are playing an 'online game' where people can message each other, what should you do if the other person swears?'

Dates for your Diary

Academic Year 2016-2017

- 28/11/16 - Enterprise Week
- 28/11/16 - Whole School to see 'Wind in the Willows'
- 28/11/16 - Book Fair all week
- 01/12/16 - Non Uniform Day - Bring tombola prize as payment
- 02/12/16 - Christmas Fayre 4-6pm
- 06/12/16 - Parents Online Safety Workshop 9am
- 07/12/16 - Swan class Baby Jesus
- 08/12/16 - Open Morning
- 09/12/16 - Peacock class to St Leonard's Church
- 12/12/16 - School Disco
Infants 4.00-5.00pm
Juniors 5.15-6.15pm
- 14/12/16 - Christmas Performance Day
- 15/12/16 - Whole School to Church
- 16/12/16 - Christmas Dinner
- 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.



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Non Uniform Day Thursday 1st December &

School Christmas Fayre Friday 2nd December 4.00 - 6.00pm

There will be a non uniform day on Thursday 1st December and the children will need to bring a Tombola prize as payment. These can be Christmas items or any unwanted gifts, all we ask is that all items are good quality and unused.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Fayre there will be Santa in his grotto, Face Painting, Gift Stalls, the Children's House stalls, and Refreshments. You can try your luck on the Tombola and the Raffle and even try to Guess Who's Teddy Bear!

Please come and join us and have some fun!!

If any parents would like to run a stall for their own products or know any local businesses who could donate raffle prizes or could bake cakes for our refreshment stall or can help in anyway please see

Mrs Genge in the school office.

Asthma is a potential killer **NOT a minor childhood** **condition that we can ignore.**

Children who have a prescribed inhaler MUST have it in school or they are NOT permitted to attend school.

In school (unless very young) our children will keep their inhaler on their person, or in their named tray in the classroom for speedy access if required

Children in Need

Thank you to all the children who came to school with wonderfully Mad Hair and raised **£166.76** for Children in Need

Bingo Success!

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Christmas Family Bingo, it was a great evening and we raised **£240.52** for school!

Owl!



Owl class are enjoying their new theme 'Adventures in the Big Apple'.

"I liked looking at the maps and finding out about the world." Jade

"I enjoyed writing a letter to secret agent Jack Stalwart." Tom

"I liked it when we made our own leaflets about New York City." Gemma

"I've enjoyed everything about our theme." Jared

Attendance

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	97.6%	96.9%
Kingfisher	89.7%	97.4%
Swan	91.7%	95.4%
Owl	97.4%	97.8%
Swift	97.3%	95.9%
Hawk	96.3%	96.2%
Falcon	95.7%	96.5%

Last weeks **Postcards Home**

Peacock = Amanda
Kingfisher = Ryan
Swan = Miya
Owl = Bethany
Swift = Emily
Hawk = Louis
Falcon = Isabel N

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Making business flow

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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.)