



DORDON DELIVERS

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Reminder: For the safety of the children the school car park is for staff only during school hours.

Emotional Health and Wellbeing

We are approaching the festive season and this year is certainly going to be different for so many reasons. And whilst it is said to be the season of joy and to be jolly, that may not be the case for everyone. This year has been difficult for many of us and it is important at this time of year to look out for each other and be kind.

As we are approaching the end of term in school, it is clear that the children are tired but excited at the same time. This can lead to heightened emotions and children finding it harder to regulate. As always, we are there to support them but it can be a difficult time for some of our pupils.

Staff are also tired. They have worked harder than ever this term to make sure the school feels safe, secure and happy whilst at the same time assessing and addressing gaps caused by the lockdown and missed learning. The situation is ever-changing and staff have managed the changes brilliantly.

I am including useful numbers below if anyone is finding this season particularly difficult. Talking to someone can be cathartic and help you to gain clarity and perspective over situations.

MIND infoline - 0300 123 3393

Young Minds Parent Helpline - 0808 802 5544

Warwickshire Family Information Service - 01926 742274

Samaritans - 116 123 (email service also available)

Childline - 0800 1111

Remember it is the season of goodwill and peace to all.

Mrs M Cross
Executive Head

ParentPay

Could we ask all parents to make sure that there are no outstanding debts on their children's ParentPay accounts.

Just to remind you that if your child is having a school dinner £2.25 needs to be paid on the morning of that day. If your child is having dinners all week then £11.25 should be paid on a Monday morning via ParentPay or PayPoint.

If you have any problems accessing your Parentpay account or need a PayPoint card to pay for school dinners please contact the school office.

Reporting absences

PLEASE report absences from school by 8.30am on the day of absence by telephoning the school and leaving a message on the answer phone or by emailing admin2018@welearn365.com

If we do not hear from you we need to PROTECT CHILDREN by contacting parents to make sure that a child has not left home and then not appeared in school. If we do not receive a call or email stating the reason for your child's absence we will have no choice but to mark the absence as unauthorised.

Spot Light on Excellence...

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings are an important event in the school year and provide you with an opportunity to discuss your child's current progress and achievements. Although the current pandemic prevented us from holding these evenings in our usual way, we still offered families the opportunity to discuss their child's progress with class teachers via telephone call. The telephone calls were spread out over a two-week period and each teacher held their appointments over two evenings from 3.30pm-6pm.

As a staff, we felt the meetings went well and parents were positive about children's progress under the new measures we are now adhering to. Feedback from parents suggested they were happy communicating with school via telephone call for the time being, but you missed being able to look at your children's books and as a school we missed being able to refer to children's work during the appointment too.

Overall, Parents' Evening was a success and we want to thank our families for your continued support during this time. Many parents were sympathetic to how things have changed at school and the new ways in which we are forced to work due to COVID. I feel blessed to work in a community school which supports one another the way in which Dordon supports us.

If you have not talked to your child's class teacher yet, please ring the office so an appointment can be organised.

Enjoy your weekend!

Miss McGroarty

Don't forget our new out of hours email address specifically for reporting Coronavirus is:

coronavirus2018@welearn365.com

Please use this if: your child has tested positive, your child is symptomatic and awaiting a test, or a household member is symptomatic and awaiting test results. This email will be checked in the evening and at weekends and will allow school to seek advice and take appropriate action if we need to.



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Swan



Here is what Swan class have been learning this half term:

"I have enjoyed doing PE because the obstacle course was fun." Andrew

"I am enjoying our class book. This week, we got to write a newspaper article." Apheia

"I am enjoying science because we are learning about animals and where they live." Isla

"I am enjoying maths because we are learning how to measure." Logan

"I like practising my handwriting." Alice

"We are reading The BFG in guided reading and I am really enjoying it." Jude

Dates for your Diary

Academic Year 2020/21

09/12/20 - Christmas Around the World
11/12/20 - Peacock Class Virtual Screening of 'The Gruffalo'
17/12/20 - Christmas Jumper Day
17/12/20 - School Christmas Dinner
18/12/20 - End of Term - school finishes early
04/01/21 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
05/01/21 - Spring Term begins
15/02/21 - 19/02/21—Half Term
22/02/21 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
01/04/21 - End of Term
19/04/21 - Summer Term begins
03/05/21 - May Bank Holiday
31/05/21 - 04/06/21 - Half Term
07/06/21 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
18/06/21 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
21/07/21 - End of Term

These dates may be subject to change if necessary. Details and times to be confirmed nearer each event.

Last weeks Postcards Home

Peacock = Lexi

Kingfisher = Leo W

Swan = Alfie

Owl = Amelia W

Swift = Hollie

Hawk = Tyler

Falcon = Luis

Attendance

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	93.6%	97.1%
Kingfisher	94.2%	94.8%
Swan	93.9%	95.9%
Owl	92.7%	95.9%
Swift	97.5%	94.9%
Hawk	93.2%	96.8%
Falcon	92.6%	94%

Christmas at Dordon Primary

Due to Covid restrictions Christmas will be different this year at Dordon Primary School.

We will not be accepting staff gifts this year but instead any parents that would like to can make a donation to our chosen charity of the year Zoe's Place via Parentpay. This payment item will be available from Monday 30th November.

The children will still get to enjoy a Christmas dinner on Thursday 17th December and this will also be Christmas Jumper day. We will not be having a toy day at the end of term. Children will be able to bring in Christmas Cards but only for children in their class and all cards will be isolated for 72 hours before being handed out.

We are planning a few more activities for the children so watch this space for more information!

On Friday 18th December school will be finishing early and it will still be a staggered finish:

Peacock Class: 1pm

Kingfisher Class: 1.10pm

Swan Class: 1.10pm

Owl Class: 1pm

Swift Class: 1.10pm

Hawk Class: 1pm

Falcon Class 12.50pm

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation in these difficult times.

Christmas Menu

Served with Crispy Roast Potatoes Garden Peas and Baby Carrots

(v) Ice Cream or (v) Homemade Chocolate Cracknel Bauble

Selection of Drinks

Roast Turkey Breast Fillet, Sausage & Bacon Roll, Sage & Onion Stuffing and Gravy or

(v) Roast Quorn Fillet, Sage & Onion Stuffing and Gravy

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Charity Update

Money raised so far

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