

Next Week's Assembly Theme: Christmas / Giving and receiving

Reminder: It is **ESSENTIAL** that the school is informed of updates to mobile telephone numbers.

What's on Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS2 Movie Night 3.00 - 5.00pm Home Alone	Show and Share 3.00pm	Christmas Performances at 9.30am, 2.00pm and 5.30pm	Carols in Church 9.00am Embody Dance Performances 2.30pm	Celebration Assembly 9.00am Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Dinner Day End of Term school finishes at 1.05pm

Sporting Events

Throughout the year, children from across school participate in sporting events both in school and in wider competition. As someone who is fiercely competitive, I always take a keen interest in the performance of our children. Representing our school is another way of demonstrating pride in our school.

I am always pleased to hear when our school has performed well, competing and trying their very best. We may not always win, but we will always give 100%. There have been recent successes at both of our schools and the children have been very eager to tell me how they have got on.

What makes me proudest is that if there was a competition for sportsmanship our schools would excel! Staff always report on the brilliant behaviour at sporting events which we almost take for granted. The expectations that the staff have and the children have of each other are clear. The pupils always support each other's effort and celebrate the performance of their team. It has been noticed by staff the running events and those attending with their own children.

So I wanted to take this opportunity to celebrate the successes of our sports teams and also to thank the children for being such excellent ambassadors of our schools. They are a credit to us and I am looking forward to seeing our sporting achievements continue to go from strength to strength.

A final thank you to staff and parents for their tireless support with transporting children to and from events and your vocal support from the side lines. I know you share every kick, pass and challenge with the children and are equally proud of their conduct. Without you, we would not be able to offer the breadth of experience so my sincere thanks.

Mrs M Cross
Executive Headteacher



The woolly nativity visits Peacock class on its journey around the village

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Spot Light on Excellence...

Christmas at Dordon

As always, Christmas is a busy time at a primary school. Staff are dedicated to making it special for children and their families every year. As a team we discuss the events ahead of schedule and put them in the calendar so we are all prepared for the festive season.

Christmas Events at Dordon 2018:

- Three Christmas performances
- Enterprise Day
- The Christmas Fayre
- Going to church and singing with the community
- Christmas dinner
- Christmas jumper day
- Movie night KS1/2

On a personal note, this is one of my favourite times of the year. Children's enthusiasm for Christmas is infectious. It never fails to bring a smile to my face when I hear about a Christmas list or what an elf has been up to at home. These moments are precious.

I hope you are all enjoying December and have managed to tick things off your own Christmas lists!

Miss McGroarty

Next week there will be no Study Centre after school on Thursday or Breakfast Brainiacs before school on Wednesday and Friday. Both will restart on the week beginning the 14th January 2019.



iPad App of the week

Spell Bot by Walsall Academy (FREE) /

Spell Bot Professional (£1.49 / £0.74 VPP)

Create an audio based test of up to 10 words and then use to practice weekly spellings. Child receives immediate feedback after each attempt at a spelling (audio and visual).



Charity Update

Money raised so far

£64.40

NSPCC
Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.

Christmas Jumper Day Friday 21st December

All children will need to pay £1 to come to school in their normal clothes and we are asking them to wear a Christmas Jumper. Please do not buy something new. Payments can be made on Parentpay and all money raised will go to the children's chosen charity the NSPCC.



Y5/6 Dodgeball Tournament

On Tuesday the Y5/6 Dodgeball Team came third in the final at Kingsbury after coming second in the heats the previous week:



"I was proud of our continual improvement as we played each game. I enjoyed the challenge, and I think team work helped us succeed. We never gave up. Everyone today contributed and rose to the competition. It made me proud to be at Dordon School." Daniel

Dangerous Parking

Please park with consideration when delivering and collecting children. Parking over driveways, over yellow lines, on pedestrian paths and dropped kerbs not only annoys our neighbours but potentially places our children at risk because they are forced to cross between closely parked cars.

Dropping off children on yellow zig zags outside school is totally unacceptable and is also illegal.

Governor Update

Governors in our Academy Trust schools are considered the "Guardians of Standards". Our local Governing Board is made up of 10 governors – 2 Staff Governors, 2 Parent Governors (one for each school), 5 community governors and the Executive Head.

We ensure that the school is run well and provide strategic management and ensure the leaders are held to account. We do this not only by listening to what the leadership team tell us, but also by regular visits to the schools where we are able to see what we are told in action. We meet twice a term, one meeting focuses on standards and data including quality of teaching, safeguarding and behaviour and the other meeting has a finance focus where we check that the budgets are being spent for the benefit of the children's learning.

If you would like more information on the work of our governors, please contact me via the school office.
Neil Horbury – Chair of Governors

Parent Reminder:

The end of term Celebration Assembly on Friday 21st December at 9.00am will be for GEMS certificates and Postcards Home only.

Dates for your Diary

07/01/19 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
08/01/19 - Spring Term starts
18/02/19 - 22/02/18 Half Term Week
25/02/19 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
26/02/19 - Term resumes for pupils
12/04/19 - Deadline for payment for Manor Adventure Trip
12/04/19 - End of Term school closes at 3.00pm

29/04/19 - Summer Term begins
06/05/19 - Bank Holiday
13/05/19 - Y6 SATs Week
27/05/19 - 31/05/19 Half Term Week
03/06/19 - Term resumes for pupils
07/06/19 - 10/06/19 - Manor Adventure Residential Trip
21/06/19 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
19/07/19 - End of Term school finishes at 1.05pm

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

Kingfisher

Yesterday Kingfisher class went with Owl class to the West Midlands Safari Park:



"I liked stroking the cockroach." Chyna

"I loved seeing the baby elephant and rhino when we were on the coach." Scarlett

"It was very funny when the dinosaurs were moving their heads." Lexi

"I really liked the penguins because they were cute swimming in the water." Judd

Christmas Menu

Roast Turkey Breast Fillet with Chipolata Sausage, Sage and Onion Stuffing and Gravy
or
(v) Roast Quorn Fillet, Sage and Onion Stuffing and Gravy
Crispy Roast Potatoes
Garden Peas and Carrots
(v) Ice Cream or
(v) Homemade Chocolate Cracknel
Selection of Drinks



Polesworth Community Association are holding a FREE Christmas Party for children up to the age of 10 at Polesworth Memorial Hall on Saturday 15th December 2pm to 4pm. Santa will be visiting! Please call Lyn on 07976608181 or 01827 892731 for more information.

Home Reading

Helping your child achieve their weekly Reading Target is absolutely vital. This task does not need to be difficult to achieve. It only needs 5 minutes to sit and listen to your child and it makes all the difference to your child's progress in school. Make sure that every time your child reads it is written down in their record and signed so that they can receive their GEMS reward once a week.

Attendance

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	100%	94.9%
Kingfisher	96%	95.6%
Swan	98.3%	96.2%
Owl	97.3%	97.9%
Swift	98.7%	97.3%
Hawk	96.1%	95.2%
Falcon	97.8%	97.5%

Last weeks

Postcards Home

Peacock = James

Kingfisher = Bentley

Swan = Millie-May

Owl = Lucy-Mae

Swift = Megan

Hawk = Oliver

Falcon = Alfie

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Jack & Jill Preschool Before and After School Club

Breakfast Club 7.30-8.35am.

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.)