

Reminder: Do not leave valuables on show in your car whilst dropping off and collecting children from school.

What's on Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choir to Linden Lodge School Disco Infants 4.00-5.00pm Juniors 5.15-6.15pm	1.30 Christmas Performance Dress rehearsal	Christmas Performances at 9.30am, 2.00pm and 5.30pm Choir to Ceva	Whole School to Church Celebration Assembly 2.40	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Dinner School finishes at 1pm

Stranger Danger

Ensuring that we do our very best to keep children safe

We are immensely proud of our excellent record for keeping our children safe. During our inspections OFSTED have described our work in this area in our academy schools as 'outstanding' and told us that our children feel very safe in school and well looked after. We are keen to share the best in our schools and make sure that all of our schools reach the highest standards.

We complete a great deal of this work in this area. Apart from maintaining an excellent level of physical security, we also carry our regular reviews. At each weekly staff meeting 'safeguarding' is a 'standing item' and we also regularly remind our colleagues of their responsibility through regular training sessions.

We do not however 'guarantee' absolute security. Schools are not military establishments, we don't have security guards and we need to make sure that we are accessible to literally hundreds of individuals every single day. We also need to make sure that our environment is inspiring, exciting and loved by our children. A prison we are not! In school our aim is to decrease risk to an absolute minimum by making sure we restrict entrances, ensure adults in school are 'DBS checked', children are always supervised, reminding parents not to drop children off early or collect late and all manner of other measures.

Perhaps our greatest weapon is however in teaching children how to cope with 'dangers'. If they can avoid problems or be taught how to deal with them, they will avoid getting themselves in trouble and will remain safe. Each week we provide a 'keeping safe reminder', we have many assemblies about 'safety' and teach them that when in trouble they DO NOT avoid 'strangers' but find the 'safest stranger'.

Mr May
Director of Education

Keeping our parents up to date with 'Social Networking'

Identity theft

Identity theft isn't limited to adults and now that more and more children and young people are using the Internet regularly they are becoming more vulnerable to this very serious crime. The naive posting of personal details on your child's social networking profile leaves them open to online identity theft so it's absolutely vital your child never gives out personal details in any online context, including their address, phone numbers, email, and, if they are older, any bank or credit card information.



Super Hero Day in Kingfisher Class

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

Spot Light on Excellence...

What a busy time of year!

Last Friday, the Christmas Fair was a roaring success. The hall was a hive of activity with the children selling the wares they had made on Enterprise Day. Thank you to all who came along and supported our school. We raised £848.46.

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week we welcomed Mr Bailey into school to work alongside our Y1 and Y6 pupils. They completed a range of computing activities - the results of which can be seen on our Twitter page @DordonPrimary.

I had the pleasure of accompanying Y2 to visit the Baby Jesus at Polesworth Abbey on Wednesday afternoon. Once again, I was dazzled by the outstanding behaviour our pupils demonstrated.

Next week, we have a busy week with discos, performances, choir visits and Christmas Jumper day. I am sure it will be a busy but enjoyable week.

Mrs Cross



Christmas Jumper Day Friday 16th 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.

All money raised will go to the children's chosen charity.



IPad App of the week

More Christmas by
Maverick Software LLC
(£0.69 / £0.34 VPP)



Get into the Christmas spirit with the app that lets you make your own virtual ornaments and decorate Christmas trees and wreaths! Pick from dozens of ornaments, add glitter, paint, stickers and more. After you've made ornaments you can decorate your tree, adding lights, tinsel, popcorn and more!

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.

What do our school's mean when we talk about British Values?

The definition of 'British values' is set out in the Government 'Prevent' strategy, and we reinforce these regularly and in the following ways:

- ✓ **Democracy:** Democracy is rife in our schools! Pupils have their voices heard through our School Council and Pupil questionnaires. We elect House Captains, our School Council, as well as vote on 'Charity for the Year'.

Myths and Legends

A selection of comments and misconceptions we sometimes hear

'Its not fair, I want my whole family to come and see my child in the Christmas Performance.'

Actually we agree ! We would love every member of the family to come along but would simply ending up spending a week on too many Christmas Performances and it is simply not fair on the children. Any performance exhausts the children, and although they enjoy completing them, they get very bored repeating the same thing again and again and upset if they are over tired. We unfortunately have to limit performances and be reasonable in our demands on children, some of whom are only 4 years old.



POLESWORTH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
NOVEMBER 2016

Dear Parent(s)

Following on from the very successful Children's Christmas Party which was held at Polesworth Memorial Hall last year, The Polesworth Community Association Management Committee are delighted to announce we will be doing the same this year.

The party is completely **free of charge** and is open to all local children up to the age on 10. Entertainment and a boxed lunch will be provided. Adults must stay with their child(ren).

The Children's Party is booked for **Saturday 17th December – 2.00-4.00pm**. Please register your interest by ringing Elaine on 01827 896800 and leave a message. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Dates for your Diary

Academic Year 2016-2017

- 12/12/16 - School Disco
Infants 4.00-5.00pm
Juniors 5.15-6.15pm
- 14/12/16 - Christmas Performance
Day - 9.30am, 2.00pm
and 5.30pm
- 14/12/16 - Choir to Ceva
- 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.



Reminder

Parents are always very welcome in school. Unfortunately, teachers priority must be the 30 or so children in their class, so it is often very difficult to see parents at the start and end of the school day. We much prefer parents to leave a note, asking teachers to call back when they can offer quality, rather than rushed time.

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children with
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Memorable Experiences'*

Kingfisher

This week Kingfisher class have been superheroes with the help of Mr Bailey from Animate to Educate.



"I dressed up as Thor because I like him. I liked holding my cape while taking my photo by the green screen, I had houses at night behind me." Mason

"I liked it when I went underground in a carrot car on the Ipad game." Mollyanne

"I liked playing on the Ipads and having my photograph taken as Spiderman." Jacob

"I liked having my photograph taken for the green screen, I had sparkly lights flashing on me." Lottie



School Disco Monday 12th December

Infants 4-5pm - Juniors 5.15-6.15pm

All pupils are welcome, entrance fee is £2.00, pay on the door. All children will receive a bag of sweets and a glow stick on arrival and squash will be available throughout the disco, so children will not need extra money. Infant children will enter through the main door and be collected from the main door at 5pm. Junior children will enter through the Junior doors and will be collected from the main door at 6pm.

Due to the finish time all children will need to be collected.

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:



'Shops are really busy at this time of year. If you get separated from adults, what should you do?'

Attendance

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	100%	97.1%
Kingfisher	90%	96.6%
Swan	97%	95.7%
Owl	96.8%	97.7%
Swift	93%	95.8%
Hawk	97%	96.4%
Falcon	95.7%	96.6%

Last weeks

Postcards Home

Peacock = Oliver
Kingfisher = Ebony
Swan = Minnie
Owl = Kristina
Swift = Rani
Hawk = Tristan
Falcon = Izzy



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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.)