

Next Week's Assembly Theme: Honesty is the best policy / World Animal Day

Reminder: Children need to bring their 'From Me To You' form and their 'Reading Pack' into school every morning.

What's on Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS1 Multi Skills 3 - 4pm KS2 Football 3 - 4pm	KS2 Multi Sports 3 - 4pm Embody Dance Y2-6 3 - 4pm	Breakfast Brainiacs 8.00-8.40	Y1-6 African Dance Day Italian Pizzeria Lunch Menu Y5/6 Cross Country Club 3-4pm	Breakfast Brainiacs 8.00-8.40 Celebration Assembly 2.40pm Y5/6 Tag Rugby 3-4pm

Proud Headteacher

I fully appreciate that I have a brilliant and privileged job. My job is wide and varied with no two days ever being the same. This week, with the visit from OFSTED, gave me the opportunity to reflect on just how amazing our school is and how much it has continued to grow in the last 4 years since the last inspection.

I had to remind myself that the last time we were inspected we only had 5 classes; there wasn't a single iPad in school, the playground only had the tyres; there was no carpet in the KS2 corridor; I was still teaching a class and the list went on!

Tuesday was a day where Dordon shone. I cannot share the result with you yet (it will be approximately 2 weeks wait for the report to be published) but I can share my experience. The children did what I asked of them - just do what you do every day. They were polite and well-behaved but more importantly they demonstrated what Dordon is all about - caring for each other and being part of our community.

The teaching team are young and new to the profession so they have limited experience of inspection which can be daunting. However, they took it in their stride and demonstrated their commitment to the children in achieving their best. I cannot thank them enough for their hard work.

And parents, thank you to all those who completed the survey and shared your opinions. They matter. It is important that we as a school get feedback on the service we offer.

Tuesday night I reflected on what was a very busy day and felt nothing but an overwhelming sense of pride in our school community. I am excited about sharing the outcomes with you but until then know that I am very proud and appreciative of my position in such a wonderful school.

Mrs M Cross
Executive Headteacher



Y7 Tree Planting

All photographs can be purchased via ParentPay for £3 per A4 colour copy.

Spot Light on Excellence...

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to all the parents and family members who attended our Macmillan coffee morning today. We had a superb turnout and our children enjoyed coming into the hall for squash and biscuits. Macmillan cancer support is close to my heart, as I'm sure it is for many of our families, and that is why we ensure we have a coffee morning each year.

Thank you to Mrs Turner, Amelia Genge and Mrs Genge for helping us today. We raised £156.76!!

Miss McGroarty



iPad App of the week

10 Minutes a Day Times Tables
by Dorling Kindersley (FREE)



With 10 Minutes a Day Times Tables you can practice your times tables through exciting car races, the faster you solve the questions the quicker your car will speed across the finish line.

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.



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



Permanent Vacancy

New Vacancy – School Cleaner

Birchwood Primary School is seeking to appoint a Cleaner for 12.5 hours per week term time, plus two weeks holiday cleaning (times to be discussed/40 week contract). Actual salary £4907.26.

Birchwood is a very popular successful school recognised as an 'Outstanding' school (OFSTED 2014/15). We are looking for someone to join our friendly, enthusiastic and committed cleaning team on a permanent basis, working with our well behaved and happy pupils.

Full training will be given, as well as all the support you need. Application form and a job description are available from the school office or on our website www.birchwoodprimaryschool.com. Please return completed forms to school no later than 9.00am on Monday 1st October 2018.

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. If we do not hear from you we need to PROTECT CHILDREN by calling parents to make sure that a child has not left home and then not appeared in school. Not adhering to this policy wastes valuable office time phoning up parents to find out why a child is missing from school. Could you please also send a letter to explain the reason for your child's absence on their first day back. If we do not receive a signed letter stating the reason for your child's absence we will have no choice but to mark the absence as unauthorised.

Dates for your Diary

04/10/18 - Y1-6 African Dance Day
 11/10/18 - Swift class Viking Day
 15/10/18 - Open Morning 9.00am - 10.00am
 16/10/18 - Hands on Guided Reading Y1-6, 8.50am - 9.20am
 24/10/18 - Reception phonics workshop 9.00am
 25/10/18 - Embody Dance Performances 2.00pm
 29/10/18 - 02/11/18 - Half Term Week
 05/11/18 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
 06/11/18 - Term resumes for pupils
 09/11/18 - Deadline for Manor Adventure deposit
 14/11/18 - Booking opens for Parents Evening
 21/11/18 - Grandparents Lunch
 23/11/18 - Reports due out
 28/11/18 - Parents Evening late 5.30pm
 29/11/18 - Parents Evening early 3.30pm
 07/12/18 - Christmas Fayre
 10/12/18 - KS1 Movie Night 3.00pm
 17/12/18 - KS2 Movie Night 3.30pm
 18/12/18 - Show and Share 3.00pm
 19/12/18 - Christmas Performances
 20/12/18 - Carols in Church 9.00am
 20/12/18 - Embody Dance Performances 2.00pm
 21/12/18 - Christmas Jumper Day
 21/12/18 - End of Term school finishes at 1.05pm
 07/01/19 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
 08/01/19 - Spring Term starts
 18/02/19 - 22/02/19 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.

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Year 3 are enjoying learning about their theme 'Tribal Tales':

"I'm enjoying our 'Ug' book because it's creative and funny and it's a really nice book to have and I like the School Council because they are nice." Holly

"I like my new maths text book." Ebony

"I like maths because you get harder questions." Ryan

"I like the book that we are reading." Alfie

"I like swimming because I get to go in the deep end." Millie

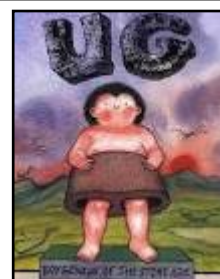
"My favourite thing in school is learning with Miss Noakes." Alex

"I love school because I learn new things every day." Katrina

"The thing I like most about school is writing because I love it." Oakley

"I enjoy Year 3 because everything is fun all the time." Olivia

"I am enjoying school because I make friends and learn new things every day." Tallulah-Boo



Attendance

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	99.0%	99.2%
Kingfisher	97.2%	96.1%
Swan	95.0%	97.5%
Owl	98.3%	98.1%
Swift	98.4%	98.7%
Hawk	96.8%	97.9%
Falcon	98.1%	97.9%

Last weeks Postcards Home

Peacock = Isla
 Kingfisher = Tillie
 Swan = Noah S
 Owl = Thomas
 Swift = Billy
 Hawk = Honey
 Falcon = Isabella

Census Day Italian Pizzeria Lunch Menu
 Thursday 4th October 2018

Pizza with various toppings or
(v) Twisty Pasta with Tomato Sauce

served with
 Potato Wedges
 Fresh Salad and Sweetcorn

(v) Gelato Ice Cream Tub
 (Vanilla or Chocolate)
 or Fresh Fruit
Buon appetito!

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Dordon Primary School Website

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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.)