

Reminder: Absences should be reported by telephoning the school office by 8.30am on the first day of absence.

What's on Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Parents Online Safety Workshop 9am	Swan class to Baby Jesus at Polesworth Abbey	Open Morning Peacock class to St Leonard's Church	Celebration Assembly 2.40

A Crisis for our School?

We need the help and support of our parents...

Parents will be aware of changes to arrangements for school meals, which allows all 'infant children' to have a school meal for **no charge**. There are many advantages of this scheme and we support the principle. We are however extremely concerned about one aspect of the new scheme which is now presenting a real problem for us and potentially could become an issue for school budgets.

There has been an increase in the number of children having a school meal and our schools have coped well with the initiative. Our excellent kitchen staff continue to produce delicious meals the children enjoy, and many more children have the opportunity to have a fantastic, nutritious hot meal amongst friends.

However, a potential significant financial issue has emerged and this WILL impact on ALL CHILDREN in school because:

- **Most of our children whose parents are on low incomes claim 'a free school meal' through 'official channels'**
- **Claiming a 'free school meal' triggers additional money for each child.**
- **This money goes straight into the school budget to be used to support ALL of our children**

The problem....

- **If a parent no longer needs to CLAIM to get a free school meal, because meals are now provided without charge, why bother registering for 'Free School Meals'?**
- **SO....**
- **If parents DON'T claim, school budgets suffer very significantly.**
- **SO....**
- **Ultimately we have a lot less to spend on ALL of our children**

In our school our school budget benefits from a significant additional funding from parents claiming 'free school meals'.

It is absolutely vital to ALL of our children that if you can claim for a 'Free School Meal' you do so!

Visit www.Warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals or alternatively complete the enclosed form with this newsletter and bring it into school or send it off.

Mr May
Director of Education



Working Hard on Enterprise Day

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

Spot Light on Excellence...

Theatre Visit

Back in September, the staff had the amazing (if slightly mad) idea of taking the whole school on a trip together – to give them a shared experience. On Monday this came to fruition with every class in school descending on the Old Rep in Birmingham to see 'The Wind in the Willows'. The children were in mixed age groups so they got to share the experience with people they don't learn alongside every day. This continued into the follow up work that was completed once we were back at school.

It felt like a military operation getting 203 children and all the staff onto the coaches but as usual the outstanding behaviour and brilliant attitudes of the pupils made it easy. The children were excellent and we are now looking to make this an annual event. Seeing their faces and reactions to the performance made it a very worthwhile experience for us all!

Mrs Cross

British Values: What does this mean for my child?

Our efforts to promote fundamental British values are designed to prepare children for life in modern Britain.

Ultimately, we aim to help pupils understand:

- The importance of combatting discrimination
- How we can influence decision-making by taking part in democratic processes like voting and petitioning
- Our freedom under British law to choose different faiths and beliefs
- That the law is there to keep us safe



iPad App of the week

Microsoft Word for iPad by Microsoft Corporation (FREE)



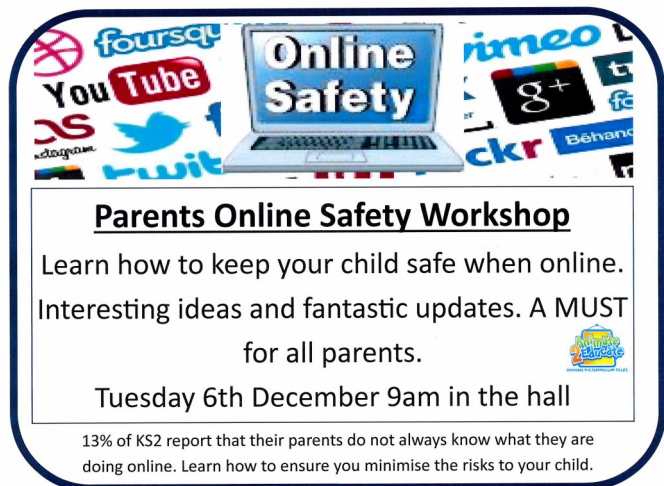
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Charity Update

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.

Our vision is to provide children with Rich Opportunities, Memorable Experiences'

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



Parents Online Safety Workshop

Learn how to keep your child safe when online. Interesting ideas and fantastic updates. A MUST for all parents.

Tuesday 6th December 9am in the hall

13% of KS2 report that their parents do not always know what they are doing online. Learn how to ensure you minimise the risks to your child.

Swan



This week the whole school went to see 'The Wind in the Willows' at the Old Rep Theatre in Birmingham and had a wonderful time.

This is what Swan class thought of the experience;

"I loved the theatre trip because I liked the characters, the songs and the story was funny, I didn't know Wind in the Willows." Ruby

"I loved the theatre. Toad was my favourite because he had to go to jail." Leon

"I enjoyed going to the theatre because there was a lot of singing and dancing and they were funny." Elzie-Mae

"I really liked the part where Toad kept saying 'Poop Poop', it made me laugh he was funny." Dylan

All parents who attend the Online Safety workshop will be entered into a prize draw to win a £20 Amazon voucher.

Keeping our parents up to date with 'Social Networking'

Online grooming

The most distressing threat to a young person's safety on social networking sites is that of online grooming. Sadly the possibilities for anonymity that the Internet offers means that paedophiles use social networking sites and chat rooms to befriend children gaining their trust online with a view to then making actual physical contact with that child. By using highly deceptive means, i.e. pretending they are the same age as the child they are communicating with, they will find out information about that child - where they hang out, which school they attend etc. Once a predator has gained the trust of a child they morph from 'buddy to bully', exposing children to inappropriate sexual imagery and content, and manipulating them into doing what they want.

Dates for your Diary

Academic Year 2016-2017

- 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 - 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.



Uniform Reminder

Boots and shoes. Children are very welcome to wear boots for travel to and from school, but are ONLY permitted to wear proper all black 'school shoes' inside school.

'Bump Notes'

Every single school day a child has a 'bump or bash'. They fall over in the playground, walk into another child, knock themselves, graze a knee etc. We DO NOT send a 'bump note' home every time this occurs, indeed there is no legal requirement for a school to do so. Instead we make an assessment of the 'accident' and inform parents if we feel it is serious enough to warrant a note.

Myths and Legends

A selection of comments and misconceptions we sometimes hear

'I am not bothering to go on the web site and claim a 'Free School Meal' they get it anyway!'

Ahhhhhhh help!!!! The school gets a large amount of additional funds for EACH and EVERY child going on line to register for a free school meal. We only get this if you register so PLEASE do so....

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 there was a fire in your house and you had to escape how should you avoid the smoke?'



@Dordon Primary

Attendance

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	95.2%	96.8%
Kingfisher	95.7%	97.3%
Swan	97.7%	95.6%
Owl	97.4%	97.8%
Swift	97.7%	96.1%
Hawk	97.8%	96.4%
Falcon	98.7%	96.7%

Last weeks Postcards Home

Peacock = Max
Kingfisher = Jack
Swan = Ruby
Owl = Max
Swift = Alfie
Hawk = Shyron
Falcon = Nathan D



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Making business flow

CEVA Logistics, Volkswagen Distribution Centre
Birch Coppice Business Park, Dordon, Tamworth, B78 1SZ
Tel: 01827 891100

www.cevalogistics.com

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.)

APPLICATION FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS

We recommend that you apply on-line at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

You can also apply by calling 01926 359189

Please be aware that the date of entitlement is the date we process a successful application for Free School Meals: we **do not** backdate claims.

Details of the Parent/Carer Claiming the Qualifying Benefit

Title _____	First Name _____	Surname _____
Date of Birth _____		
Address _____ _____		
Post code _____ Telephone No _____		
Email address _____		
National Insurance No _____ or NASS Reg. No _____		
Relationship to child(ren) _____		

Which benefit do you receive?

You must be claiming one of the following benefits to qualify for free school meals.

I **Receive:** (please tick appropriate box)

- Child Tax Credit with an annual income assessed by HMRC of less than £16,190. ☐
(If either you or your partner are entitled to Working Tax Credit you do not qualify for free school meals regardless of income).

(Where a claimant receives a 4 week 'run on' of Working Tax Credit they become eligible to claim free school meals for that 4-week period only – please tell us if this is why you are applying)

- Income-Based Job Seeker's Allowance. ☐
- Income-Related Employment Support Allowance. ☐

(Contribution-Based JSA and ESA only qualifies if receiving equal amount or lower of Income-Related JSA/ESA)

- Universal Credit. ☐
- Income Support. ☐
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit. ☐
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999. ☐

Names and Details of Children in Full -Time Education

Surname	First Name	DOB	Name Of School

Declaration:

- I will notify WCC if my benefit is stopped/changed and I understand if I do not do this or give false information I will have to repay the cost of any meals taken free to which my children were not entitled.
- I agree that you will use the information provided to process my claim and will contact other sources as allowed by law to verify my initial and ongoing entitlement.
- I understand that this information may also be used to assess entitlement to receive free travel to school for my children.
- I understand that I can contact you and withdraw my consent for you to use this information for these purposes at any time.
- I understand that each child's details will be sent electronically their current school.
- I understand that the system will continually check eligibility and notify the school of any changes.

Signature _____ Date _____

If your child will be in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and your application is unsuccessful – don't worry, they will still receive a meal.

The fact that you have submitted an application will help ensure the school receive all of the funding they are entitled to.

You will be automatically notified if the status of your application changes.

Please return to:

Warwickshire County Council,
Communities Group (Free School Meals)
Saltisford Office Park
Ansell way
Warwick
CV34 4UL