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#### **Reminder:** Dinner money is £2.10 per day and £10.50 per week and should be paid via Parent Pay.

What's on Next Week										
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday						
KS1 Multi Skill 3.00-4.00pm		9.00-9.40 My Maths Owl	9.00-9.40 My Maths Swift	Swan Pirate Day						
KS2 Football 3.00-4.00pm	9.00-9.40 My Maths Hawk	Kingfisher Class to Tamworth Castle	10.30-11.10 My Maths Swan	9.00-9.40 My Maths						
6pm New Reception		6pm Manor Adventure		Kingfisher						
Parents Meeting		Meeting at Birchwood	KS2 Multi Sports 3.00-4.00pm	Celebration Assembly 2.40						

#### Dordon's start of school day

An ordered and prompt start to the school day is surprisingly important for primary aged pupils. At Dordon we encourage children to enter school 10 minutes before the official start of the school day to socialise with friends and be ready to go into school as soon as the bell goes.

Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are asked to be accompanied on the playground by their parents until they enter their classes at 8:40am. Until the school day starts parents are responsible for their children's behaviour and well-being. We ask parents to stand with their children and if possible hold their hands.

Pupils in Years 3 to 6 are able to make their own way onto the playground. We ask that pupils do not arrive on the playground until 8:30am. Parents are welcome to accompany their children if they wish, but they do not have to. Children are asked not to play ball games in the morning or leave their school bags and coats unattended on the floor

The start of our school day is a very calm and orderly affair, but a great deal goes on and every single minute is optimised. As soon as the bell goes children enter school, hang their coats and bags up and place lunch boxes into trolleys.

Children then enter the classroom and will often have a warm up activity on the whiteboard, or at their desk, which they start without further instruction from their teachers. These activities range from a mental maths puzzle, or a short piece of writing, or some reading and responding to feedback. Sometimes these activities consist of children improving a piece of work from the previous day or even answering a direct question from the teacher's marking. Whilst the children do this, we take an attendance register and find out their lunch choice for the day.

Before 9.00am office staff will have followed up most unexplained absences, hence the great importance of parents informing the school of any absence by 8.30am using the answer phone. In the classroom the teacher will have explained the work for the day, discussed groups and allocated children to teaching assistants. Children's lateness makes life difficult for the school and for the child. Apart from the difficulty caused by needing to open up registers, re-explain the tasks for the day (all of which stops staff from working with other children), the 'late child' also starts the day feeling 'left out' and 'out of sorts'. Being late for school means children are disadvantaged for the remainder of the day.

Our school day starts at 8:40am. Children may enter the school site from 8:30am.

Mrs Cross Headteacher



A hardworking Hawk

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

# Spot Light on Excellence...

Dordon's Health and Safety Video

At Dordon the Health and Safety of all users and visitors to our site is very important to us.

As part of our recent Professional Development Day, all Teachers and Teaching Assistants received awareness training on Fire, Asbestos, Manual Handling, Working at Height, Lone Working and Stress Management. Staff will receive training on each of these areas on a cycle each year.

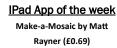
Also in that week Mr Bailey, our I.T Adviser, was in school to help our pupils create our own Dordon Health and Safety video for staff. The pupils used Green Screen technology to help create their video. Photographs were taken around our school site and were used as a backdrop to our video. Children across school shared key health and safety information.

With the help of Josh and Rosie, our Dordon Health and Safety Mascots, we have produced a very informative video which will be shown to all new staff before they start work at Dordon. At the beginning of each academic year, all staff will also be shown the video as part of their Health and Safety training.

To watch our new Health and Safety Video please visit our school website and click onto the Community section where you will find the link underneath.

Mrs M Cross Headteacher





'Make-a-Mosaic' is a simple educational app which lets children create beautiful mosaic pictures and patterns. 'Make-a-Mosaic' involves the user choosing tiles from 14 different colours and 14 different

shapes and placing them on the board to create pictures and patterns.



Charity Update

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

# Who's Who at Dordon Primary

My name is Mrs Cross and I am the Headteacher. I have worked at Dordon for 8 years and I cannot quite believe it has been that long! Time really has flown by. I have been with Dordon every step of the way on its journey to the fantastic school it is today. I am like a proud parent when I am showing visitors around. There are so many things that make me brim with



pride. Every day at Dordon is unique and interesting but every single day makes me smile and that is down to the fabulous children and the supportive families.

In my 'spare time' I like reading books, listening to music (described by many as a racket) and spending time with my family. I have two dogs, Womble and Widget, who provide me with countless stories to share with the children.

# Race for Life

As our chosen charity this year is Cancer Research UK we have decided to hold our very own Race for Life at school on Friday 16th June. All the



children will be taking part and will soon be bringing home sponsor forms and further information about our Race Day.

#### What does your child most enjoy about school?

A selection of comments from our most recent parental questionnaire which we are extremely proud of... (names removed for anonymity!)



# "It is lovely to see our daughter happy and comfortable around her teacher, AMAZING STAFF!"







This half term Swift's theme is 'Tremors'!

"I've really enjoyed learning about Tremors and finding out lots of interesting facts about volcanoes." Jacob

"It was interesting finding out, how the earth is affected when a volcano erupts" Reuben

"I now know about different types of rocks and how they are formed" Natalia

"It's an amazing topic! It has been fantastic learning about volcanoes and natural disasters" Harry

"I really enjoyed the art work we did, we created a huge mosaic volcano" Ebonv

# Change to School Menu

There will be a change to the School Lunch Menu next week. On Wednesday the Red choice of Roast Dinner will be replaced by a Sausage dinner and there will be no Sandwich option. All other meals remain the same for the rest of the week.

# **Contact Information**

Could you please ensure that you keep the school office informed of your contact details, especially mobile phone numbers as we often send out information and reminders via the text message service. Any changes of address also need to be reported to the school office as letters to parents and postcards home are sent via royal mail.

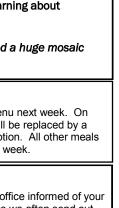
# Home Reading

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 Star reward once a week

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	Kingfisher = Lucy-Mae		Kingfisher	95%	95.8%			
	Swan = Nicola	***	Swan	95.3%	95.7%			
	<i>Owl</i> = <i>Caitlin</i>		Owl	98.8%	97.6%			
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