

Christmas

There has been an announcement made this week that schools can choose to have the last day as a training day. As advertised, our school will close at lunchtime on Friday 18th December. We will maintain our Covid measures up until that last day.

It is important that parents continue to notify school of any possible cases and the subsequent test results using the following email address: coronavirus2018@welearn365.com. This email will remain operational for the duration of the Christmas holidays but senior staff will not be monitoring it from Tuesday 22nd December onwards.

The time frames are listed below.

THURSDAY 17 th Dec	FRIDAY 18 th Dec	SATURDAY 19 th Dec	SUNDAY 20 th Dec	MONDAY 21 st Dec	TUESDAY 22 nd Dec	WEDNES- DAY 23 rd Dec	THURSDAY 24 th Dec Christmas Eve	FRIDAY 25 th Dec Christmas Day
School open as normal	School open Close at lunchtime	SCHOOL CLOSED CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS						
Continue to report Covid symptoms and testing outcomes to school using coronavirus2018@welearn365.com - positive cases in this time frame could still lead to bubbles having to isolate. School will notify families in this situation.						Report positive cases to test and trace NOT school as it will not affect our bubbles after this date. Only inform school if the isolation period affects their return to school. Notify us of this on Monday 4th January . School reopens to pupils on TUESDAY 5th JANUARY 2021		

Uniform

We have noticed an increasing number of children not wearing the correct school uniform. At Dordon we take pride in our uniform and looking smart. Please can you ensure that, after the holiday, your child is wearing the correct school uniform.

- * No trainers
- * Earrings that are studs only
- * Hairbands and bobbles that follow the policy
- * School logo uniform jumper

(policy on website http://www.dordonprimaryschool.co.uk/website/school_uniform/178626)

Mrs M Cross
Executive Head

Spot Light on Excellence...

Christmas Around the World

We had a wonderful day of Christmas fun here at Dordon on Wednesday. Each class chose a country and found out about their Christmas traditions. Mexico, Brazil, Greece, just to name a few! The children performed poetry, learnt Christmas phrases and completed lots of beautiful crafts. Then we had a virtual assembly at the end of the day to share all of our learning with one another.

I have to say, it was a joy to see Dordon getting Christmassy in light of all that is going on in the world. The best way to showcase such a fabulous day is by sharing some photographs. I hope they bring a smile to your faces and some well deserved Christmas cheer!

Miss McGroarty



Christmas at Dordon Primary

We will not be accepting staff gifts this year but instead any parents that would like to can make a donation to our chosen charity of the year Zoe's Place via Parentpay.

The children will still get to enjoy a Christmas dinner on Thursday 17th December and this will also be Christmas Jumper day. We will not be having a toy day at the end of term. Children will be able to bring in Christmas Cards but only for children in their class and all cards will be isolated for 72 hours before being handed out.

On Friday 18th December the staggered finish times are:

Peacock Class: 1pm Kingfisher Class: 1.10pm

Swan Class: 1.10pm Owl Class: 1pm

Swift Class: 1.10pm Hawk Class: 1pm

Falcon Class 12.50pm

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.



Christmas Around the World



"Trees and gingerbread men are very important at Christmas in Germany." Millie Reception

"In Poland people hide presents in shoes at Christmas and our classroom was full of hay as Polish people believe it's a sign that Jesus was born in a stable and they spend the first day of advent tidying the classroom". Jayde Y1



"I enjoyed learning how to say merry Christmas in Spanish. Feliz Navidad!" Jamie Y2



"We loved learning about the Kallikantzaroi goblins who try to destroy Christmas between the 25th December and the 6th January. We also enjoyed making and decorating model ships instead of Christmas trees!" Amelia H Y3



"In Swift Class we looked at the country Denmark and what happens during Christmas time. We made bird feeders because in Denmark it is a tradition to give animals gifts." Holly D Y4



"It was fun to make lots of crafts and work with my new friends." Tyler Y5

"I enjoyed it when we used the clay to create our own Nativity scene. In Brazil, the children regularly create Nativity scenes for their local church or community" Dylan Y6



Last weeks Postcards Home

Peacock = Jacob

Kingfisher = Hayden

Swan = Grace

Owl = Lexi-Mai

Swift = Noah A

Hawk = Lewis

Falcon = Jayden

Attendance

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	98.9%	97.3%
Kingfisher	93%	94.6%
Swan	91.7%	95.5%
Owl	96.3%	95.9%
Swift	99.3%	95.2%
Hawk	95%	96.7%
Falcon	94.2%	94.1%

Charity Update

Money raised so far



£295.94

Dates for your Diary

Academic Year 2020/21

- 17/12/20 - Christmas Jumper Day
- 17/12/20 - School Christmas Dinner
- 18/12/20 - End of Term - school finishes early
- 04/01/21 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
- 05/01/21 - Spring Term begins
- 15/02/21 - 19/02/21—Half Term
- 22/02/21 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
- 01/04/21 - End of Term
- 19/04/21 - Summer Term begins
- 03/05/21 - May Bank Holiday
- 31/05/21 - 04/06/21 - Half Term
- 07/06/21 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
- 18/06/21 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
- 21/07/21 - End of Term

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

You're invited!

Wednesday 16th December, 6pm

DOWNLOAD
Visit the website doorstepcarols.co.uk and download the words.

TUNE IN
The carols will be broadcast on your local radio station to help us all stay in time and in tune.

SING
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