

Week beginning the 6th January Assembly Theme: TBC

**Reminder:** Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we will see you back in school on 7th January.

## What's on Week beginning 6th January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Inset Day school closed to pupils	Spring Term begins		Y6 visit to Birmingham Hippodrome	Y5/6 Indoor Cricket at Polesworth 2.40pm Celebration Assembly

### End of Term

This term has been incredibly busy. August feels like a very distant memory. It has been a term made up of trips, visits, experiences and learning that have enabled our children to make good progress.

It has also been a term of change with school changing the way we review curriculum provision and the overall quality of education, echoing the changes to OFSTED. This work is still in its infancy and means tweaks to the way we do things in school. However the children will not be able to identify these changes as we were already teaching a broad, balanced and exciting curriculum.

As we look forward to 2020, there are more exciting opportunities planned. The joint trip to the Hippodrome at the end of January will prove to be a very exciting event. It will be another chance for children in our schools to mix and feel part of something bigger.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to life in school over the past term and in particular in the preparations for Christmas. This time of year is incredibly busy and to prepare Christmas fairs, performances, church visits, carol singing, movie nights and Christmas dinner with just a small staff team is a massive achievement. THANK YOU to everyone who makes it possible.

Please can I remind you that school is closed on Monday 6th January for staff training - the focus of this will be an induction for staff in a Mental Health qualification which they are undertaking on a voluntary basis and health and safety training. We make sure we make the most of our training days to develop our expertise in a wide range of areas. The training in February has an art focus.

From all of us at Dordon and Wood End, I wish both communities a Merry Christmas and Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Mrs M Cross  
Executive Headteacher



Owl class ready to perform in the Christmas Carol Concert

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

## Spot Light on Excellence...

### Christmas at Dordon

As always, Christmas is a busy time at a primary school. Staff are dedicated to making it special for the children every year. As a team, we discuss the events ahead of schedule and put them in the calendar so we are all prepared for the festive season.

This week, KS1 and KS2 performed their Christmas plays separately for the first time. With the popularity of the school increasing year after year and more children joining us at Dordon, we felt it necessary to change our Christmas performances to reflect this. Now the children have more space and parents do not have to worry about getting tickets quite in the same way as previous years. Instead, the children have more of an opportunity to shine!

Visiting St Leonards is also an annual event and is an opportunity to show the residents of Dordon just how special our school is. Yesterday, our older children accompanied the younger children to church, where we were greeted by many members of the congregation. We took part in a Christmas service and the whole school enjoyed singing carols and reading parts of the Christmas story. As ever, our children were brilliant and I was so proud to hear them sing beautifully and treat the church with such respect. Our visit to St Leonards only confirmed how much I love working at Dordon and I am certainly feeling the Christmas spirit after such a lovely morning at church.

On a personal note, this is one of my favourite times of the year. Children's enthusiasm for Christmas is infectious. It never fails to bring a smile to my face when I hear about a Christmas list or what an elf has been up to at home. These moments are precious.

I hope you are all enjoying December and have managed to tick things off your own Christmas lists! Have a wonderful Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all in January!

Miss McGroarty



### iPad App of the week

Times Table Lab by Simulant  
(£1.49 / £0.74 VPP)

In the Lab, numbered balls drop down and the player needs to move them to the right place on the times table. For example: 9 goes to 3x3, while 12 can go to 3x4, 4x3, 6x2 or 2x6. A new ball drops every few seconds.



### Charity Update

Money raised so far



£175.00

### This Term's 100% Attendance Stars

Peacock - Archie E, Logan and Archie J.

Kingfisher - Jude, William, Maison, Logan, Isabelle, Jamie and Reeve.

Swan - Dean, Kayleigh, Olivia D, Lexi-Mai, Jackson-John and Ruby.

Owl - Mollie, Edward, Michael, Rosie, Elliot L and Joshua.

Swift - Katrina, Lewis, Maisy, Ethan, Lucy-Mae, Jamie, Lola, Mason and Oliver.

Hawk - Dylan, Megan, Sophie F, Sophie H, Sophie K, Harvey, Aryan, Kenzie and Ryan.

Falcon - Andrei, Oliver, Iris, Honey, Max, Finley, Kai, Maisie and Roshan.

## Peacock

Last week Peacock class visited Wood End Primary School and took part in Falconry and Forestry School sessions:



"I had an owl on my arm!" Seth

"The big owl was trying to get the little owl." Indiana

"We went in the mud." Darci' Rose

"We went on a winter walk." Daisy-Mae

"We walked like crabs down the muddy, slippery hill." Archie E

"We walked into a forest." Tilly



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### Drop in for support and advice

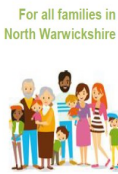
For families, children and young people 0-19 years old, or 0-25 years with additional needs

#### When:

Wednesday 8th January 2020  
Wednesday 22nd January 2020  
Wednesday 6th February 2020

From: 1.30pm - 3.30pm

At: Buds Building Birchwood Primary School, Birchwood Avenue, Dordon B78 1QU



The Early Help and Targeted Support Team



### ParentPay

Could we ask all parents to make sure that there are no outstanding debts on their children's ParentPay accounts.

All meals taken, swimming lessons, activities and trips need to be paid for as soon as possible. If you need a Paypoint card to pay for school dinners or a barcoded letter for other activities please contact the school office who will be pleased to help.

### Dates for your Diary

06/01/20 - Inset Day school closed to pupils  
07/01/20 - Spring Term begins  
09/01/20 - Y6 visit to Birmingham Hippodrome  
15/01/20 - Reception and Y6 height and weight  
15/01/20 - Y1 and Y5 Road Safety  
15/01/20 - IEP Meetings  
24/01/20 - Whole School to see Snow White at Birmingham Hippodrome  
28/01/20 - Young Voices Concert  
05/02/20 - Family Lunch  
17/02/20 - 21/02/20 Half Term  
24/02/20 - Inset Day school closed to pupils  
25/02/20 - Term resumes  
05/03/20 - World Book Day  
20/03/20 - Reports out to Parents  
24/03/20 - Parents' Evening Late  
26/03/20 - Parents' Evening Early  
03/04/20 - End of Term school finishes at 3.00pm  
20/04/20 - Summer Term begins  
08/05/20 - Bank Holiday  
25/05/20 - 29/05/20 - Half Term  
01/06/20 - Term resumes  
19/06/20 - Inset Day school closed to pupils  
17/07/20 - 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.



### Attendance

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	91%	94.9%
Kingfisher	87.2%	94.1%
Swan	81.7%	95.1%
Owl	86.8%	95.4%
Swift	95%	97.8%
Hawk	85.3%	95.7%
Falcon	89.4%	95.8%

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### Last weeks Postcards Home

Peacock = Charlie

Kingfisher = William

Swan = Sebastian

Owl = Noah A

Swift = Imogen

Hawk = Reese

Falcon = Oliver



### 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.)