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#### Reminder: Do not leave valuables on show in your car whilst dropping off and collecting children from school.

What's on Next Week				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cross Country Club 12.30-1pm KS2 Football Club 3-4pm KS1 Multi-sports Club 3-4pm			Hawk's to Polesworth Science session KS2 Summer Sports Club 3-4pm	Celebration Assembly 2.40

## **Technological Change**

' a leap forward in using technology for convenience and efficiency'

During the course of this academic year we have been making significant changes in how we use technology to teach, inform and operate. Whilst parents will have noticed some of these changes, much of them have been developed in the background.

One of our most significant developments is the introduction of a VLE (Virtual Learning Environment). This exciting resource allows us to not only develop 'on line resources' to share across the academy, but also set homework and tasks for the children in a new and exciting way without the need for books and paper resources. Our VLE has also allowed children to experience 'blogging', and communicate with other children in a super safe environment, whilst also being taught the dangers when social networking goes wrong. Our revised websites, which are now hosted by 'E-Schools', have a common theme across our academy, provide vital policy information and also offer the opportunity to read our newsletter on line.

Over the past weeks, some of our schools have introduced 'Parent Pay'. This excellent 'cashless' payment system is now used across the majority of our academy schools, allowing parents to conveniently pay for trips, lunches and even uniform. In our schools which have not used Parent Pay before, we have seen many parents sign up and it has been well received. The advantages to the school are also enormous because we reduce incidences of children carrying money, free up much needed office time and also free up teachers to teach, rather than collect in money and keep registers. From the Spring Term next year we hope to be able to be 'cashless' and therefore would like as many parents as possible to sign up for Parent Pay now.

We are looking forward to further exciting developments next academic year which include further development of our 'on line shop', a Parents Evening booking form as well as greater use of computing to set children quizzes and a whole learning activity.

Mr May - Director of Education

### **Considerate Parking**

Could parents/carers who drive to and from school please be considerate of where they park their cars. Please remember **DO NOT** drop children off at school by stopping (even briefly) on the Zig Zag yellow lines. Not only is this illegal, but it is also endangering ALL children's lives who cross at this point where other drivers need a clear view of them.

Could we also ask that all drivers are considerate of children and parents crossing the road and on the pavements around the school.



Learning through play in Peacock class

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

# Spot Light on Excellence...

### Community Links

This week has seen Dordon forging stronger links with our partners at CEVA and Polesworth Group Homes. Y6 have been to visit CEVA at their Centre of Learning Excellence at Ashby learning about the world of work. On Thursday a service user from Polesworth Group Homes accompanied Peacock class to Twycross Zoo and had a wonderful day – commenting on how lovely our pupils are.

### 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:



**Charity Update** 

Money raised so far for

Polesworth Grou

£630.39

'Is a FRIEND on line a 'real' friend?'

We are now collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers.



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Musical Instruments Collection HD by Kids Game Club by Tab Tale (FREE)

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Music Sparkles brings a world of music to your fingertips. From piano and xylophone to electric guitar - just tap and play. Enjoy spectacular sparkles created by your own music as you play.

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

