



DORDON DELIVERS

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Reminder: Being LATE for school upsets children. They miss the start of the day when the timetable for the day is explained.

Covid-19 Update

I am writing this as the country moves into the new 3 tier approach to managing the pandemic. This area remains at medium risk, for now, but the measures currently in place are still having a huge impact on the everyday running of school.

As we approach the end of the first half term under what is being termed as the 'new normal' things remain far from normal in our school. We have adapted to the changes well and the children have been brilliant but there are still challenges that lie ahead.

Parents Evening

Normally we would be preparing to set up our parents evening meetings. Obviously, things will be a little different this year. Instead of inviting parents in for an appointment, class teachers will be telephoning parents. You will be able to make an appointment through Eschools in the usual way, but different year groups will be on different days simply because of the availability of phone lines. An email will be sent out when the booking windows open and this will provide further information.

Extra-curricular activities

This is an area that remains under review. Over the course of the next half term we will be deciding if we can increase this provision. This will depend on the possible take up of a club by an individual bubble. We cannot cross bubbles as per our risk assessment.

Christmas

Covid-19 is going to have a significant impact on all the activities we normally do in school during the run up to Christmas. The Christmas Fayre would be classed as a mass gathering and would be illegal. We are currently unable to sing inside, so our traditional Christmas plays and performances cannot happen. We have booked our Christmas dinner day, but this will not be with the whole school all together as is usually the case. We will aim to make Christmas in school as special as we can, but it is highly unlikely we will be able to share this with the community as we would like to.

As always, we will aim to keep the community updated on events in school through email and the social media pages. We appreciate your understanding and hopefully next year will be much more 'business as usual' - if we adhere to the current guidance.

Thank you for your ongoing support during this difficult time.

Mrs M Cross
Executive Head

Spot Light on Excellence...



House Captains

This half term, Dordon selected their Year 6 House Captains. Due to COVID restrictions, each child had to record their House Captain speeches for us to watch (as opposed to each House being together in one class). As always, the Year 6 children went to great efforts to win this prestigious title and worked exceedingly hard on their speeches.

This week, I met with the new House Captains: Sophie H, Sophie K, Lexi and Aryan, to create competitions that we will be promoting each half term. The House Captains understand that their role is a little different this year and to lead their House they need to do more online.

I want to congratulate all the Year 6 pupils for entering and those who did not win were gracious losers - a skill which can be difficult to teach.

I look forward to working with the House Captains this year! Expect to see a competition coming your way very soon Dordon!

Miss McGroarty

Don't forget our new out of hours email address specifically for reporting Coronavirus is:

coronavirus2018@welearn365.com

Please use this if: your child has tested positive, your child is symptomatic and awaiting a test, or a household member is symptomatic and awaiting test results. This email will be checked in the evening and at weekends and will allow school to seek advice and take appropriate action if we need to.

School Car Park

Reminder: To prevent serious accidents to children, please note that parents are NOT permitted to drive and park on the school site during the school day i.e. between 8.30am and 5.00pm. In exceptional circumstances parents may use the car park but only if they have received permission from school and on the expectation that they will close the gates behind them.

Start of Year Forms

Don't forget to complete the start of year data and consent e-forms for your child. The links are:

Data Collection

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-hEVTlm6ekOhnanIPyn9sAD9VVL6YSVKjtoqcvkhWdUMTK1M01XWEZNTjUwQ1FWS1hKM0FTTzFRNy4u>

Consent Form

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-hEVTlm6ekOhnanIPyn9sAD9VVL6YSVKjtoqcvkhWdUQVRaSIzUQjdQSTZWTVRVTzU0SE5UUDVSRy4u>

Thrive Consent

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-hEVTlm6ekOhnanIPyn9sP2TW5LkNetEhswooxYE-mhUNkUn0dWTTZQMdrA0EVaRVFLVAXMDFGW4u>

Peacock

Here is what Peacock class have been enjoying this week:

"I like drawing characters from stories in the mark making area." Rory

"I like playing in the puppet theatre." Toby

"I like playing in the kitchen." Rupert

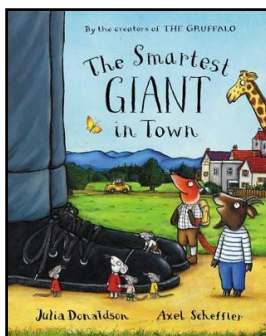
"I like playing with the Mobilo." Ella

"I like playing dogs with my friends." Eva

"I like writing and going outside." Jacob

"I liked reading 'The Smartest Giant in Town.'" Millie

"I like the playdough area. I make cookies and teddy bears." Teddy



Permanent Vacancy at Birchwood Primary



Lunchtime Supervisor, Scale band B
6.25 hours per week - 11.50am to 1.05pm
Monday to Friday - term time only (39 weeks)
Actual salary £2603.88 per annum

Birchwood is a very popular successful school recognised as 'an outstanding school' (OFSTED 2014/15). We are looking for a permanent member of staff to join our friendly, enthusiastic and committed team working with our well behaved and happy pupils.

Full training will be given, as well as all the support you need. This is a great opportunity to do something really rewarding, working with wonderful children and gain some valuable extra experience for that CV! Further details and application forms are available from the school website. Completed applications should be returned to school no later than 12.00 noon on **Friday 23rd October 2020**.

Birchwood Primary School is a proud member of The Community Academies Trust and we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is subject to enhanced DBS disclosure.



Follow our Facebook and Twitter pages for all up to date information.



Dates for your Diary

Academic Year 2020/21

26/10/20 - 30/10/20 - Half Term
 02/11/20 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
 18/12/20 - End of Term
 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.

Last weeks

Postcards Home

Peacock = Jack

Kingfisher = Louis

Swan = Isabelle

Owl = Ava-Mae

Swift = Rosie

Hawk = Katrina

Falcon = Bailey

In partnership with Dordon Community Spirit and Dordon Community Cafe

Dordon Community Village Store

Are you?

- Feeling the pinch after the impact of Covid-19?
- Furloughed or made redundant?
- Struggling to get to the shops?
- Need to make the pennies stretch a bit further?

A weekly honesty shop at:

Dordon Village Hall.
 (Kitwood Ave. entrance)

Mondays 12 noon – 3pm
 Fridays 3pm – 6pm

Social Distancing Applies

Food Cupboard Supplies: Pay what you can afford.

Any queries contact Julie on 07702031960.

Items available will vary and at present are non-perishable items only. This is subject to change.

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