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## **Reminder:** Have a lovely Summer and we will see you back in school on Tuesday 6th September

What's on Week beginning 5th September						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
Staff Development Day School closed to pupils	Autumn Term starts			Celebration Assembly 2.40		

#### Happy Summer Holidays

In our final newsletter of the school year, I wish to express my gratitude to all of the members of our school community who have made this a very successful year for our academy schools collectively.

Looking back over the past academic year we have achieved a great deal, with many of our schools achieving record results and 'firsts' in the academic and sporting arena. However, this is even more impressive in year which has seen many challenges for schools across the country who have faced budget difficulties and significant changes to schools assessment which have been widely reported in the media as 'chaotic'.

Our priority has been to focus on maintain excellent teaching at all levels, in supportive and friendly environments where all of our children are valued. This has stood us in good stead.

Whilst our schools achievements are clearly down to superb teaching and wonderfully behaved and hard-working pupils, we should also recognise the efforts of our, governors, teaching assistants and all of our administrative, catering and site management staff. All of these teams achieve the highest standards on a daily basis and are vital to the success of our organisation.

We also value the quite extraordinary support of our loyal parent body. Not only do they attend school events in large numbers, as was seen in recent Sports Days, but also get involved in all the curriculum events we put on. Our PTA groups have also excelled this year, raising significant money to provide 'instances of delight' for the children.

We look forward to September with great excitement. As colleagues retire or are promoted, we look to replace the 'irreplaceable'. Following a round of interviews during this term, we have employed a number of new and excellent staff and will be fielding our strongest teams ever when we return in September. All of us looking forward to teaching a marvellous group of children we are very proud of.

May I wish you all a relaxing and well deserved Summer break and our very best wishes to all those leaving us this term.

Mr May

Director of Education

## 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:

'How often should you be drinking in hot weather?'



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

# Spot Light on Excellence...

#### Our wonderful school

It is hard to believe it is the last week of term. This year has passed by in the blink of an eye. But what a year it has been for Dordon and that is thanks to the hard work and dedication of everyone involved: parents, staff and most importantly the pupils, who make our school as wonderful as it is! We hope everyone has a super holiday and we look forward to seeing you fresh in September, ready to continue the adventure.

### Myths and Legends

A selection of comments and misconceptions we sometimes face 'My child loses everything in school!'

We know, we have the evidence!

At the end of every term we redistribute all of the sweatshirts, coats, shoes and even socks that seem to grow in our lost property boxes. For the children whose uniform is named, we are able to return most of it.

Our vision is to provide children with<br/>Rich Opportunities, Memorable Experiences'Image: Pad App of the weekImage: Charity UpdateImage: How To Make Origami by<br/>Surgey Burlakov (FREE)Image: Charity UpdateFollow the step-by-step instructions and<br/>watch the 3D animation to make your own<br/>origami models.Image: Charity UpdateFollow the step-by-step instructions and<br/>watch the 3D animation to make your own<br/>origami models.Image: Charity UpdateFollow the step-by-step instructions and<br/>watch the 3D animation to make your own<br/>origami models.Image: Charity UpdateFollow the step-by-step instructions and<br/>watch the 3D animation to make your own<br/>origami models.Image: Charity Update

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

#### This Term 100% Attendance Stars

Peacock: Tyler, Joseph, Dominic, Lottie, Olivia, Jamie, Holly and Tyler. Kingfisher: Charlie, Dylan, May, Daniella, Kenzie and Ryan. Swan: Victoria, Finley, Caitlin, Joshua and Roshan. Owl: Daniel, Ruby, Clark, Oliver, Emily and Harry. Swift: Dylan, Tristan, Alex, Shyron, Isabel, Nevaeh, Callum and Millie-May. Hawk: Anastasia, Rubi-Rae, Jessica, Isabelle, Jay, Preston, Owen and Kai. Falcon: Harry, Daisy, Emma, Jia jia, Ewan, David, Maizy, Nathan, William, Olivia and Ashley.

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Last weeks	Attendance			
Postcards Home	* *	Last Week	Year	
Peacock = Aimee	≩ ≹ Peacock	96.3%	96.6%	
Kingfisher = Megan	Kingfisher	93.1%	96.3%	
Swan = Ben	≩ ≰ Swan	94.6%	96.8%	
Owl = Natalia	Č Owl	92.7%	95.7%	
Swift = Louis	≩ ≩ Swift	95%	97.4%	
Hawk = Anastasia Falcon = Katherine	¥ ★ Hawk	96.8%	96.9%	
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#### Summer Reading Challenge at Dordon Library

Don't forget to sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge! This year's theme is 'The Big Friendly Read' and is all about the wonderful books of Roald Dahl. All children are welcome, it is free to take part and all they have to do is read six books over the Summer Holidays. Every time they visit the library they will receive fun items and complete their collectors card. Also Mr May will award every child that completes the Reading Challenge with 30 stars when they come back to school in September!! So come along and get reading!

#### Dates for your Diary

Academic Year 2016-2017 05/09/16 - Staff Development Day 06/09/16 - Autumn Term starts 21/10/16 - Staff Development Day 24/10/16 - 28/10/16 - Half Term 16/12/16 - Term ends school finishes at 1pm 03/01/17 - Staff Development Day 04/01/17 - Spring Term Starts 20/02/17 - 24/02/17 - Half Term 07/04/17 - Spring Term ends 24/04/17 - Staff Development Day 25/04/17 - Summer Term starts 29/05/17 - 02/06/17 - Half Term 21/07/17 - Term ends school finishes at 1pm These dates may be subject to change if necessary. Details and times to be confirmed nearer each event





Polesworth on Fridays. Call Liz on 01827 895899 or 07443 421867 - Little Dancers 3-6 Years 4.30-5.30pm -Juniors 7-11 Years 5 30-7 30pm Visit www.cameodance.co.uk First trial class FRFF

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Matt Bartram



As our Year 6 children prepare to leave Dordon we asked them what they would remember most about their time here.

"The one thing I'm going to miss about Dordon is all the teachers. They always help me." Lucy

"I have been to many schools but this is the one for me, there are so many ways to make new friends." Katherine

"What I like about Dordon Primary School is that it has amazing teachers and brilliant students." Ashlev

"The years I've had at Dordon have been the best. All the teachers I've had are helpful and really funny. I will miss being at Dordon Primary and all the teachers in it!" Isobel

"Year 6 has been fun and even though I'm looking forward to moving, I will miss Dordon." Oliver

"My time at Dordon has been 7 great years! I will miss all of the members of staff (especially Mrs Cross) and all of my friends. It will be a memory that will stick with me forever!" Emma

"Year 6 has been a long year but fun, I am sad that I am leaving some of my friends." Lewis

"I am so glad I moved here and I've had such a good time. I've made a lot of new friends, everyone is so kind and the teachers are really funny. I am going to miss it a lot here." Tabitha

"I like this school and I will miss it!" Ben

"I am going to miss the faces of the respectful and joyful Dordon children. I will remember Mrs Cross and Mrs Price as they are really funny. I will miss Dordon very much!" Maizy

"I will always miss Dordon, they're like family to me." Harry

"I loved my first day and meeting all of my friends." Phoebe

"I have had a great time at Dordon Primary and I will miss everything about it!" Caitlin

"I will miss having all the nice teachers and children." Nathan

"I enjoyed playing with the little ones and I'm going to miss them and miss Year 6." Harrison

"I really enjoyed Year 6, I especially enjoyed the World War 2 topic." Luke

"I will miss the teachers and my friends." Carsen

"I have really enjoyed being in Year 6 and my best friend is Billy." William

"My time in Dordon was amazing, I would love to come here again." Taylor

"I have been at Dordon for 7 years and I will never forget this school." Daisv

"I will always remember Dordon because I have been here since reception and they have always looked after me even when I was naughty. Thank you to my house team for being great." Harvey

"I have loved all the members of staff who have taught me and helped me with my work." Ricky

"What I like about Dordon is how friendly everyone is to each other and how kind all the teachers are. I will never forget Dordon as this school has helped me so much." Jia jia

"Though I haven't been at this school for very long, I've enioved it and I'd love to stay." Reuben

"I really enjoyed being in Year 6 because of all the fun activities and topics and my favourite friend is William." Billy

"It was a big change for me to come to Dordon but I did figure out how the school worked and what to do and when." Ewan

"Year 6 has been the quickest year and I am sad to leave all of my friends and the teachers behind!" Olivia

"I liked it when we made volcanoes and then made them erupt!" David



Wholesale available

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.)

Jack & Jill Preschool Before

and After School Club

Breakfast Club 7.45-8.35am.