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Next Weeks Assembly Theme. Try something new / Hobbles and interests								
Reminder: Please ensure your child brings a bottle of water to school every day.								
What's on Next Week								
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday				
SATs Week KS1 Multi Skill 3.00-4.00pm KS2 Football 3.00-4.00pm			KS2 Multi Sports 3.00-4.00pm	Deadline for Pizza competition Celebration Assembly 2.40				

A Testing Time

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Making sure we encourage our children to shine

We approach a very important time in school, as our children prepare for national statutory tests (SATS).

Each year children in Year 2 and Year 6 complete formal assessments to measure their progress and overall attainment. The national tests and/or teacher assessments we complete are designed to give parents and the school important information about how well each child is doing, what their next steps are, and allow us to judge how the school is doing overall. Children in Year 1 also complete a phonics test to allow us to accurately assess their understanding.

We also undertake non-statutory tests/assessments in all other year groups to indicate if a child is working at, above, or below age related expectations. This also allows teachers to plan essential 'next steps' and ensure children are supported in precisely the correct way and identify any additional support that may be required.

We have completed national statutory tests for many years and are well aware of the problems caused by placing too much pressure on our children. We ALWAYS make sure that testing and assessment is never a frightening or unpleasant experience for the children. Years of experience have shown us that excellently prepared, relaxed and happy children do far better in tests.

We do our very best to make sure that children achieve what they deserve by teaching them to the best of our ability. We support them in class, with early morning booster sessions, specialist tutors, revision packs and individualised support. Surprisingly many of our children actually look forward to completing tests, seeing them as an opportunity to show what they are capable of and as another chance to make their parents proud of them.

Thank you to the staff and children in school who have worked so hard to ensure they are ready to give their best in the coming weeks.

Mrs Cross Headteacher

What does your child most enjoy about school? A selection of comments from our most recent parental questionnaire which we are extremely proud of... (names removed for anonymity!)

> "Very proud of our child's improvement and growing confidence."



Young Carers Gold Award

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

Spot Light on Excellence... Learning in different ways

We aim to make learning as exciting and interesting as we possibly can. We are always looking for new ideas and different ways in which to deliver the curriculum. This could be a new resource that we use in the classroom, a visit out of school to experience something first hand, a visitor into school to share their experience or expertise or staff attending training and coming back with inspiration from the trainer and speaking to other teachers.

We pride ourselves on the fact our curriculum evolves year on year and while themes may stay the same, the delivery and content will be different and fresh – taking into consideration the needs of the pupils in each class.

Seeing the buzz around learning these different experiences create fuels staff to continue to look for innovative and interesting ideas.

Mrs Cross



IPad App of the week IED KS2 Maths by i-education Itd (£1.49)

IED Revision is a fun way revise and study. Suitable for learners in Years 3,4,5 and 6. Covering all the major topics which are covered in schools, this app provides a fun and engaging way to reinforce and build knowledge.



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

Who's Who at Dordon Primary

Hi, I'm Mrs Stallard, the new teacher of Swift class. I recently started teaching here at Dordon after the Easter Break, having previously taught in two schools in Birmingham. It's taken no time at all for



me to settle in due to the wonderful welcome I have received from both children and staff, for which I'd like to say thank you. I am very much looking forward to continuing with the learning journey that the children here are so enthusiastic about. I hope to meet all of the parents/carers of the children in Swift Class in the coming weeks.

Outside of school I am kept busy by my one year old daughter, spending time with friends and family and going to the cinema.

<u>Lunch Menu</u>

From the 15th May the school lunch menu will be changing we will be reintroducing sandwiches and children will have four options to choose from for their lunch. The full menu is available on the school website in the Parent section.



After School clubs

If your child has a place in an After School club we will expect them to attend every session. If they cannot attend for any reason could you please inform the school office that they will be absent. This is to ensure the children's safety and so that we know how many children should be in school after 3.00pm.



Dordon Primary School Website

Want to know what's happening in School? Go to www.dordonprimaryschool.co.uk, there is so much information for you from; school policies, newsletters, curriculum pages, events calendar, class pages, lunch menu, sporting events and much more. Also check out our new Health and Safety video on the Community section which has been created by Year 5 pupils and Mr Bailey from Animate to Educate.

Reminder: Dogs should not be brought into school at any time, even if carried. We also DO NOT permit dogs to be tied to the school gates outside school. Please leave your dog at home.







FREE TRIAL



"Our new topic about Space is AMAZING it's so fascinating and fun, Mrs Price did a lesson with the



planets (fruit) and we learned about a planet each. Hawk class is the BEST!" Isabel

"Space is amazing! We have learnt so much about the Space Race and the first man on the moon! And I can't wait to learn more about space!" Matthew

"We are learning about Space and I have found out that Neil Armstrong was the first on the Moon but not to Space." Finley

"Our new topic is Space and I really like it. We have written a newspaper article about the Moon Landing and an information guide about Space." Jacob

"I love our new topic because it's Science and Space so it's different. To kick it off we used fruits as planets and made a Solar System and we're going to write a balanced argument about if the Moon Landings were real or not. Year 5 is amazing!" Nevaeh

"This term has been very fun and very, very fascinating as our new theme is about Space, the deep dark infinite area of Space!" Joshua W

"This term's theme is Space and it is awesome!!! We have learnt that the Moon Landing could have been faked. Also some Planets are gas giants, some have lots of Moons and some have none." Oliver

Start and End of the Day Procedures

We welcome children into the school playground from 8.30am. Children enter school at 8.40am, then the doors are closed. Parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 MUST stay with their child until they enter the school building. Any children arriving at school late must report to the school office first so that we know they have arrived safely. Infant children should always be met from the playground.

At 3.00pm for 'Infant' children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 we 'hand over' children to parents at the end of the day.

For 'Junior' children in Years 3,4,5 and 6 we let them go from the door and do NOT pass them to an adult. It is important that parents of Junior children are either available to meet children at the end of the day or for them to walk home unaccompanied.

Last weeks		Attendance			
Postcards Home	*****		Last Week	Year	
Peacock = Charlie Kingfisher = Tallulah-Boo		Peacock	98%	96.9%	
		Kingfisher	95.8%	95.9%	
Swan = Billy		Swan	98.3%	95.7%	
<i>Owl = Gracie</i>		Owl	96.1%	97.5%	
Swift = Natalia			98.3%	95.9%	
Hawk = Molly	¥ ★ Hawk		<u>100</u> %	96.4%	
Falcon = Ellie	ĺ ★ ★	Falcon	94.6%	96.3 %	
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The online supermarket		Breakfast Club 7.45-8.35am.			
www.ocado.com/careers		After School Club 3.00-5.30pm.			
	-	Monday - Friday, term time only.			
		For more information please			
		contact Jack & Jill Preschool on			
		01827 899551			
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		session has been booked you			

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