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19th July 2019
Week beginning 2nd September Assembly Theme: New Beginnings
Reminder: Have a great Summer and we will see you back in school on Tuesday 3rd September.

| What's on Week beginning 2nd September |  |  |  |  |  | Thursday | Friday |
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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday |  |  |  |  |  |
| Inset Day |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| School closed to pupils | Putumn Term starts | Peacock class Home Visits |  |  |  |  |  |
| Peack class Home Visits |  | Peack class start school | 2.40pm Celebration <br> Assembly |  |  |  |  |
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#### Abstract

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 contributed to everything that has happened this year for our school. Looking back over the past academic year we have achieved a great deal, with our school achieving improved results and 'firsts' in the academic and sporting arena. Our priority has been to focus on and 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.Our school is achieving great things because of the sense of togetherness and team that enables us to drive our standards. This is as a result of all of our team striving to achieve our very best at all times. From site management, administration staff, teachers, teaching assistants and senior leaders, we all have one aim - to achieve the best possible outcomes for the children. The pupils at Dordon have been paramount in its success this year. They are kind, polite and want to achieve. This makes our job so much easier.

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.
This year we bid a fond farewell to Mrs Dean who embarks upon the next chapter in her life- retirement. She has worked at Dordon for 20 years supporting children and promoting PE and sporting achievement. Many children learned to swim under Mrs Dean's guidance. She will be greatly missed by all of us at Dordon and we wish her all the very best for the future.
We also bid farewell to Year 6 as they begin the next step of their journey at Polesworth. This is a landmark year for Dordon as these are the first cohort of children who have been part of the Community Academies Trust throughout their time at Dordon. The consistency of teaching and quality of education has been reflected in their SATS results and in them as learners. They have been a fabulous year group and we will miss them all very much.
May I wish you all a relaxing and well deserved Summer break and I look forward to seeing you all in September, refreshed and ready to start again!

## M Cross

Executive Headteacher

## Increase to School Meal Price

When we return in September there will be a slight increase to the cost of school meals, it will now be $£ 2.25$ per day and $£ 11.25$ per week.


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## Spot Light on Excellence...

Goodbye Year 6
This week we are saying goodbye to Year 6! On Tuesday the children performed their play to parents and the school, on Wednesday they had their prom and today Mrs Cross read their memories out to the school. The children have had a busy week, packed full of fun activities but also tinged with the looming realisation that they will be leaving us today. It is always an emotional time saying goodbye to our children and I find it particularly difficult having taught them all year.

This year, Falcon class have worked hard to overcome barriers to their learning and achieve results they should be proud of in their SATS, they have forged new friendships at Manor Adventure and been superb role models to the rest of the school (most of the time). I wish the children every success at The Polesworth School and will be excited to see them return to school in the new academic year to plant their tree and memory capsule. It is with pride we say goodbye and I can rest easy knowing our children will shine in Year 7!

Miss McGroarty


## Summer Reading Challenge at Dordon Library

Don't forget to sign up for the Reading Challenge, it is free to take part and all the children 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 Miss McGroarty will award every child that completes the Reading Challenge with $\underline{20}$ GEMS when they come back to school in September!! So get reading!

## This Term's 100\% Attendance Stars

## Peacock - Clara, Alex, Antonia, Andrew, Daniel, Darcey,

Logan, Isabelle and Jamie.
Kingfisher - Emily, Lily, Olivia D, Alexia, Amelia H, Max, EllieMai, Antonina, Lexi-Mai, Jackson-John, Olivia S and Bentley.

Swan - Theo, Lacey, Mollie, Edward, Michael, Rosie, Elliot L, Jessica, Max, Declan, Joshua, Noah S and Hollie.

Owl - Amelia, Lewis, Maisy, Lucy-Mae, Jamie, Lola, Holly, Mason, Imogen, Alex and Aimee.

Swift - Dylan, Elzie-Mae, Freya, May, Megan, Sophie F,
Bailey, Sophie H, Minnie, Sophie K, Harvey, Anaya, Aryan,
Olivia R, Kenzie and Ryan.
Hawk - Iris, Stephanie, Sayan, Caitlin, Gemma, Kai, Thomas,
Maisie, Joshua and Ethan.

Falcon - Olive, Harvey, Ruby, Natalia, Ella, Oliver, Holly, Alfie Ma, Jacob, Emily, Kyle, Harry, Rani and Daniel.



## Dates for your Diary

02/09/19 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
03/09/19 - Autumn Term begins 28/10/19-01/11/19 - Half Term 04/11/19 - Inset Day school closed to pupils 05/11/19 - Term resumes 20/12/19 - End of Term school finishes at 1.05 pm 06/01/20 - Inset Day school closed to pupils 07/01/20 - Spring Term begins 17/02/20-21/02/20 Half Term 24/02/20 - Inset Day school closed to pupils 25/02/20 - Term resumes 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 1.05 pm
These dates may be subject to change if necessary. Details and times to be confirmed nearer each event.

FalcollHere is Year 6's last chance to share their thoughts about their time at Dordon;
"I will always remember how exciting it was when Dan Freedman came in to talk to us and he gave us a signed book!" Tommy
"I'm proud of my Cross Country races because at the start of the year I came 83rd but last time I came 18th!" Natalia
"I am going to miss seeing my friends everyday like I do now and all the great activities at Dordon, like the Hippodrome, school trips and much more." Kyle
"I will remember all the amazing trips I have been on at Dordon!" Zoe
"I am going to miss rehearsing the Leavers Play because I enjoyed it, especially when we performed it to others." Ella
"I am so glad that my house won Sports Day." Daniel C
"I am going to miss Holly, Ruby and Natalia because of all the amazing memories I have made with them." Isla
"I will miss the teachers because they have always helped me and were always kind and always will be." Matthew
"I am going to miss all the fun things, like Manor Adventure because I had a great time meeting new people from other schools." Elektra
"I will really miss how our school is like a family and we are all friends." Harry
"I am going to miss all of my friends and all the kind teachers." Elliott
"I will miss all the teachers, Miss McGroarty and Mrs Shorney and the rest, I will miss the school." Harvey
"I am going to miss Dordon because I won't get to see Daniel, Dylan and Luke as much." Alfie Mo
"I have enjoyed all the trips in Year 6. My favourite was Manor Adventure because I overcame my fear of heights on the rock climbing." Luke
"I am going to miss all the lovely friends I have made through the years. Those friends are Olive, Izzy and Ella." Emily
"I am going to miss my friends at Dordon because I have made a lot of nice and funny memories with them. Like the time I covered myself in mud at Manor Adventure and everyone else did the same." Clark
"I am sad to be leaving Dordon because I have made so many friends, especially Natalia as she was my first friend." Ruby
"I am extremely happy with my SATs results as I achieved Greater Depth in all of the papers." James
"I have been here since Reception and it makes me feel upset that I will be leaving soon. I will always remember Dordon, and Manor Adventure was amazing! I will never forget the staff and all of the other children." Chelsey
"For the past 3 years I have been able to achieve what l'd hoped for: friends, intelligence and a general family." Reuben
"I really enjoyed our Year 6 Leavers Play because some parts were really funny and we got to perform it to our family and the rest of the school." Rani
"In 7 years of being at Dordon I have never felt alone. You've always got someone to lean on. We're like one big family." Jacob
"In Year 6 I have really enjoyed taking part in the Leavers Play because I overcame my fears." Kacper
"I will never, ever forget the day at Manor Adventure when Miss McGroarty let me fall off my bike. Thanks Miss McGroarty!" Holly
"The thing I will remember is how successful our school has been in sporting event (2nd in Kwik Cricket, 3rd in the Dodgeball Tournament and 2nd in the relay race)." Alfie Ma
"I enjoyed the Leaver's Play because we all knew our lines and we were loud!" Daniel W
"I will miss all the fun activities like the Bollywood Dance at the Birmingham Hippodrome." Olive
"I am going to miss all the friendly children in this school." Dylan
"I really enjoyed Manor Adventure because it was an amazing experience and it was really good to make new friends." Oliver
"Something I will miss, is the school being a family, and everyone knows everyone." Isabella

