

**Reminder:** Have a very Merry Christmas and we will see you back in school

## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Well, we have made it! It is the end of term and the end of 2020. If you had asked me back in January what this year would be like, there is no chance I could have guessed this would be the reality! It has certainly been a year of challenges and adversity, but our schools have worked tirelessly throughout to ensure that we have maintained the best educational offer possible in the circumstances.

I would like to thank parents for their understanding as we took time to understand and make plans from, often late, government guidance. We know there was an impact on our families in terms of childcare and arrangements, but we always had the children at the heart of our decision making and your patience meant a lot to the staff team. You have demonstrated huge levels of trust and support as you sent your children back to us in what was an uncertain time for us all and adjusting to all the new arrangements. So, THANK YOU!

I also want to thank the staff - not just our teachers - but ALL our staff. The **teaching staff** have been brilliant providing education in the strangest and newest of ways. The **office staff** have been epic! They have manned the phones during the most uncertain days, fielding calls and trying to explain the guidance which we had just received. They have transformed us into paperless schools in a seamless way and they are always positive even when they are overloaded with tasks that have been generated by the pandemic. Our schools have remained open for the majority of the year and yet they are clean and well maintained. This is down to the work of our **site staff** who have worked around the changes to our school year, where we have had to remain open for keyworker children through our usual scheduled breaks. **Our kitchen** has remained open throughout the pandemic serving hot meals to any child in school - even if that was just one person. We cannot thank them enough for their flexibility and support. We could not have done it without them!

And so we head into the festive season and 2021 with a sense of hope that there is light at the end of this particular tunnel. We will continue to work within the guidelines as the country hopefully starts to ease towards normality.

From all of us in school, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful new year.

Mrs M Cross  
Executive Head

## Spot Light on Excellence...

### Christmas at Dordon

Usually, my Spotlight at this time of the year is all about the Christmas performance, whole school Christmas dinner, going to church and a general festive theme of togetherness. Unfortunately, we have not been able to celebrate our usual Christmas traditions in the same way, but it does not mean we have not enjoyed Christmas at school. If anything, I feel the staff and children have a newfound appreciation for Christmas and the true message which it embodies. For example, we thought about the congregation who have missed our presence at St Leonard's this year and instead of us being able to visit them during our annual Christmas service, we made Christmas decorations for them instead (take a look at the photographs).

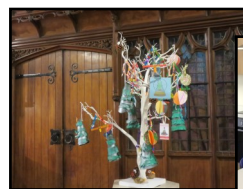
The children have embraced and understood why Christmas is a little different in school this year. We have still ensured that Dordon is able to feel festive and encouraged lots of Christmas cheer this week:

- Filming our Christmas poem (a huge thanks to Miss Fellows for editing it)
- Christmas carols as a school on the playground
- Christmas dinner in our bubbles
- Wearing our festive jumpers
- Christmas Around the World Day

I am writing this just after leading GEMS Assembly and I feel rather overwhelmed at how much we have achieved this term. COVID may be circling around us all the time, but it certainly has not dampened our Dordon spirit!

Merry Christmas to you all!

Miss McGroarty



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# Kingfisher



Kingfisher class have been getting festive this week:

"I enjoyed making Christmas cards that look like Rudolf." Archie E

"It's been fun making clouds using cotton wool." Tilly

"I had fun watching 'Klaus' and making Christmas cards." Grayson

Attendance		
	Last Week	Year
Peacock	94.1%	97%
Kingfisher	95%	94.7%
Swan	94.2%	95.4%
Owl	96.7%	96%
Swift	97.9%	95.4%
Hawk	83.9%	95.7%
Falcon	93.3%	94%

Last weeks  
Postcards Home

Peacock = Rory

Kingfisher = Charlotte

Swan = Darcey

Owl = Judd

Swift = Theo

Hawk = Oliver S

Falcon = Olivia R

## This Term's 100% Attendance Stars

Peacock - Jack B, Eva, Chloe, Jack C, Cole, Chloe D, Ethan, Callum, Millie, Lilly-Mae, Jacob, Rory, Rupert, George and Lexi-Rae.

Kingfisher - Millie, James, Seth, Archie E, Jayde, Logan, Archie J, Leighton, Tommy, Penelope, Imogen and Leo.

Swan - Isla, Alice, William, Jade, George, Daniel, Logan and Isabelle.

Owl - Dean, Poppy, Kayleigh, Olivia D, Izabella, Ellie-Mai, Joey, Antonina, Lexi-Mai, Jackson-John, Tyler, Ruby, Ave-Mae and Poppy-Rose.

Swift - Isabella, Alfie, Millie-May, Edward, Mason, Rosie, Elliot L, Joshua, Noah S, Hollie, Amanda and Charlie.

Hawk - Oliver C, Katrina, Maisy, Mollyanne, Ethan, Lucy-Mae, Ebony, Tallulah-Boo and Aimee.

Falcon - Jayden, Luis, Elzie-Mae, Megan, Sophie F, Connor, Sophie H, Harvey, Olivia R, Kenzie and Ryan.

## Dates for your Diary

### Academic Year 2020/21

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.

## Thank You

We would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who have made a donation to our Sponsored Charity of the Year, Zoe's Place, via Parentpay.

You have raised

**£92!**

## Charity Update

Money raised so far



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