

Reminder: Please keep the school office informed of updates to mobile telephone numbers. Thank you.

What's on Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Breakfast Brainiacs 8.00-8.40 R & Y6 Heights and Weights Y3/4 Dodgeball	Census Day lunch menu Young Voices Concert	Breakfast Brainiacs 8.00-8.40 Celebration Assembly 2.40pm

Spring Term 2019

Happy New Year and welcome back. It has been lovely to see everyone back in school ready to learn this week. I have been impressed that it has been so smooth.

This term we welcome Mr Guard-Ward who is teaching Year 4 whilst Mrs Potter is on maternity leave. I am sure we would all like to congratulate Mr and Mrs Potter on the safe arrival of Heidi in the Christmas holidays.

This term promises to be one full of excitement and progress for the children. The spring term is often the term where we start to see children fly academically and really strive to achieve their best. I have heard teachers planning sporting events, trips and visits, visitors into school and interesting learning experiences for the classroom.

This week I have sent home this term's Rapid Action Plan which outlines our main priorities for the term as we continue to enable pupils and staff to be the best they can be. These are the broad, key themes we will be addressing. Staff in school work from more complex plans outlining the finer details to achieve success and school leaders have to report on these on a regular basis to our governors and to the CAT Trust Board of Directors.

On the training day this week, contrary to popular belief that it is another 'day off', our staff were trained during the morning session in Health and Safety awareness ensuring our schools are safe. In the afternoon, our Educational Psychologist - Dr. Mark Izzard-Snape - delivered training about Attachment Awareness which was helpful and will help us support children in school.

As always, we will use the newsletter, Facebook, Twitter, the website and letters home to keep you informed about events happening in school. If you have any concerns or need to keep school up to date with anything, please contact us through the school office or a letter into school. We are always here to help.

Mrs M Cross
Executive Headteacher



Y3 Enjoying Maths on the Move

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

Spot Light on Excellence...

Maths on the Move

Here at Dordon we try and think creatively around **all of our learning**. With that in mind, we have employed **Aspire** a team of teachers who have developed **Maths on the Move**. This programme has been described as unique and innovative as it uses the concept of active learning to enhance children's confidence and attainment in maths. In years 3, 4, 5 and 6 we have selected children to participate in active maths lessons on a weekly basis.

Here's what our children had to say:

- "I like doing my times tables and playing fun games too." Amelia Year 3
- "There are so many fun games to play which help me too." Kenzie Year 4
- "I enjoy answering the questions." Ben Year 5
- "You get to do maths and P.E at the same time." James Year 6
- "You get to learn maths in an exciting way." Ella Year 6
- "It mixes two lessons together, so there is something for everyone." Kyle Year 6
- Sounds like Key Stage 2 are big fans of Maths on the Move.
- Miss McGroarty



iPad App of the week

Marble Math by Artgig Studio (£1.99)



Solve a variety of math problems by collecting numbers as you roll or drag your marble through a series of fun mazes for ages 9-12 and up.

Charity Update

Money raised so far

£64.40

NSPCC
Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.

Thank you

The staff would like to thank the parents and children for the gifts and cards they received for Christmas.

They were very much appreciated. We hope you all

had a restful Christmas and are looking forward to an exciting 2019.



British Values



There are 5 core British Values—over the coming weeks, each of these will be explored and explained within the context of school. We will ensuring the children understand them at their level too.

- * Democracy
- * Rule of Law
- * Mutual Respect
- * Individual Liberty
- * Tolerance of others

Falcon



Falcon class are looking forward to learning all about their theme, 'We'll Meet Again':

"I am really enjoying this theme and especially our theme book, 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas'. Young Bruno has a curious character, I wonder where it will take him..." Jacob

"I'm looking forward to our new theme because World War 2 has been very interesting so far. The Christmas break was really fun because I got a lot of presents and sweets!" Natalia

"I am so glad to be back after 2 weeks to see all of my friends, my teachers and our new theme. I'm so happy to be back at Dordon." Reuben

"I love learning about World War 2 and I can't wait to go to Polesworth to see the school play." Alfie Mo

"I am really enjoying our new book 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas'". Zoe

Census Day American Diner Lunch Menu
Thursday 17th January 2019

Chicago Deep Pan Pizza
with various toppings, meat and (v) veggie

or

New York Hot Dog with Fried Onions
(optional) and Ketchup

served with Potato Wedges
Fresh Salad and Corn on the Cob

Jello with Fruit in Juice
or
(v) Homemade Chocolate Brownie

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Food for Life
A guarantee that fresh, seasonal food is always on our menu.

CW Mind Survey

Coventry and Warwickshire Mind have recently been commissioned to set up a service delivering support to children, young people and families awaiting an ASD assessment or already with a diagnosis.

The service aims to have three areas of support:

- Support pre-diagnosis: While someone is on the neurodevelopmental waiting list
- Support post-diagnosis: Either once someone has received a diagnosis and accessed services from the neurodevelopmental team or if someone received their diagnosis some time ago but now feel that they need some further support.
- Parent/Carer Peer-Support: Social activity with other parents/carers, training, workshops and support understanding diagnosis etc.

We would like to take this chance to consult with families, parents/carers, young people about what they feel might be useful topics for training, group support sessions or on an individual basis. If you can help please complete the survey at

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ASDSupportService/>

Dates for your Diary

21/01/19 - Y6 to Polesworth to see Little Shop of Horrors
31/01/19 - Young Carers Awareness Day
18/02/19 - 22/02/18 Half Term Week
25/02/19 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
26/02/19 - Term resumes for pupils
12/04/19 - Deadline for payment for Manor Adventure Trip
12/04/19 - End of Term school closes at 3.00pm
29/04/19 - Summer Term begins
06/05/19 - Bank Holiday
13/05/19 - Y6 SATs Week
27/05/19 - 31/05/19 Half Term Week
03/06/19 - Term resumes for pupils
07/06/19 - 10/06/19 - Manor Adventure Residential Trip
21/06/19 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
19/07/19 - End of Term school finishes at 1.05pm
These dates may be subject to change if necessary. Details and times to be confirmed nearer each event.

Online School Uniform Shop

Our online Uniform Shop is open for business! To purchase; jumpers, cardigans, book bags and PE bags go onto the school website and click on the link 'Parent Pay Uniform Shop'.

Aspergers United Coffee Morning

The Aspergers United Coffee Morning at Nethersole Academy will be on the following Thursdays next year from 10:00 am until 11:30 am: 17th January, 21st March, 16th May, 18th July, 19th September and 21st November.



Attendance

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	94.8%	95.1%
Kingfisher	94.7%	95.4%
Swan	97.6%	96%
Owl	95.3%	97.7%
Swift	95.5%	97%
Hawk	90.9%	94.9%
Falcon	94.8%	96.6%

Last weeks Postcards Home

Peacock = Alice

Kingfisher = Poppy

Swan = Theo

Owl = Katrina

Swift = Nicole

Hawk = Lydia

Falcon = Isla

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(Please note that once a session has been booked you will be charged even if your child does not arrive.)