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Reminder: We do NOT allow bicycles or scooters to be ridden anywhere on the school site.

What's on Next Week				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS1 Multi Skills Club 3-4pm KS2 Football Club 3-4pm			KS2 Multi Sports Club 3-4pm	Celebration Assembly 2.40

British Values

Recent dreadful events in London have no doubt shocked most of us and have certainly been talked about by our children. These events have inevitably raised some really contentious issues that place real pressures on us all, and no less in a primary school. In our school we teach children to be respectful of each other and we believe that by learning about the differences and beliefs of others we will develop a greater understanding and tolerance. Our one word schools rules for each of our primary schools match this aim i.e. 'consideration', 'respect' and 'appreciation'.

The government set out its definition of 'British values' in its Prevent Strategy and these values have been reiterated by the Prime Minister this academic year. We reinforce these regularly and in the following ways:

- ✓ <u>Democracy</u>: Democracy is rife in our schools! Pupils have their voices heard through our School Council and Pupil questionnaires. We elect House Captains, our School Council, as well as vote on 'Charity for the Year'.
- ✓ <u>The Rule of Law:</u> The importance of Law, i.e. those that govern the class, the school, or the country, are consistently reinforced, as well as when dealing with behaviour and through school assemblies. Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind laws that govern and protect us, responsibilities this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Visits from authorities such as the Police; Fire Service; Lifeguards etc. are regular parts of our calendar. Pupil are regularly rewarded for great behaviour with stars, certificates 'postcards home' etc
- ✓ <u>Individual Liberty:</u> Our pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe environment.
- ✓ <u>Tolerance:</u> Pupils learn about everyone's right to their opinion, even if we don't always agree. We promote this through discussion and through conflict resolution. Pupils are taught how to manage situations where both parties have differing viewpoints.
- ✓ <u>Mutual Respect</u>: Through our programmes of RE and PSHE, pupils learn about other people and their beliefs. It is important that pupils understand that we are all different and that is what makes our country great. Respect for all underpins all of our work in school and that has been recognised by countless visitors into school. The care demonstrated for each other is apparent in every facet of school life.

At this time, it is vital that these essential British Values are promoted and not undermined. At school, we will continue to develop aspects of these key skills in all that we do.

Mrs Cross Headteacher



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Spot Light on Excellence...

The Love of Reading

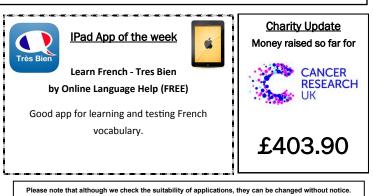
This year we have been working hard to promote and develop reading in school.

Last week saw the introduction of our reading scheme to support the teaching of reading across Key Stage 1 and we are looking to further supplement resources in Key Stage 2.

The storyteller came into school to promote the joy of reading. He brought books to life and demonstrated what is waiting for pupils in the pages of a book. I know Year 5 and 6 were very excited about their Shakespeare experience.

This year has seen a record number of tea parties, with nearly all classes earning at least 1. To earn a tea party, everybody in class needs to reach their reading target (reading 4 times a week). Then the children get to have squash, a cupcake and a story. Reading to classes is something I love to do, so make sure you are getting your target so I can get to do it more often!

Mrs Cross



Who's Who at Dordon Primary

My name is Miss Allen and I work at Dordon Primary School. I started working here as a class teacher in September 2016. I have worked in a range of schools across Cumbria and even one in Scotland. I came back to the Midlands to work at Dordon Primary School.



I enjoy working at Dordon because there is support

from everyone who works there. We all have the children's best interests at heart and I love challenging the children to get the best out of them. The children in my class work hard and they want to learn. They are the reason I love teaching.

Outside of school I enjoy reading books and baking.

Illness

There is a common misconception that children should be kept off school for 48 hours in the event of any illness. In reality this advice was published for Noro virus 'winter vomiting bug'. 48 hours absence is not required for every type of illness. In general a child should stay away from school until they have been free from symptoms for about 24 hours.

Reminder

Parents are always very welcome in school. Unfortunately, teachers priority must be the 30 or so children in their class, so it is often very difficult to see parents at the start and end of the school day. We much prefer parents to leave a note, asking teachers to call back when they can offer quality, rather than rushed time.

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'.

Mother's Day at St. Leonards Church

On Saturday 25th March St Leonards Church will be open from 10.00am - 4.00 pm all are welcome to come along and make Mother's Day cards and light a candle. Refreshments will be available.



necessary. Details and times to be confirmed nearer each event





As part of their theme 'Stone Age, Bone Age' Owl class have been visited by a Stone Age specialist.



"We got to learn lots of new things about the Stone Age." Kristina

"We have looked through magnifying glasses." Josh

"I had lots of fun making pot shards." Gemma

"We learnt that they used pots for storage." Olly

"We've been making pieces of pot." Aaron

"We've been sketching Stone Age and Bronze Age tools." Gracie

Considerate Parking

Could parents/carers who drive to and from school please be considerate of where they park their cars. Please remember DO NOT drop children off at school by stopping (even briefly) on the Zig Zag yellow lines. Not only is this illegal, but it is also endangering ALL children's lives who cross at this point where other drivers need a clear view of them

Could we also ask that all drivers are also considerate of children and parents crossing the road and on the pavements around the school.

Our vision is to provide children with Rich Opportunities, Memorable Experiences'



PP

Year

96.8%

96%

95.4%

97.5%

96%

96.8%

96.5%

Attendance Last Week

96%

94.3%

97.7%

96.7%

98.7%

95.9%

98.7%

The school office can no longer accept cash payments, all payments will need to be made via Parent Pay or Pay Point. If you need help setting up your Parent Pay account or would prefer to pay for school dinners with a Pay Point card please contact the school office who will be pleased to help.

Peacock

Kingfisher

Swan

Owl

Swift

Hawk

<u>Last weeks</u> <u>Postcards Home</u>
Peacock = Lexi
Kingfisher = Alex
Swan = Freya
<i>Owl</i> = <i>Gracie</i>
Swift = Olive
Hawk = Josh W
Falcon = Ellie H



CEV

fter School Club 3.00-5.30pm.
onday - Friday, term time only.
For more information please
ontact 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.)