



DORDON DELIVERS

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Next Week's Assembly Theme: Safer Internet Day

Reminder: Please ensure your child brings a bottle of water to school every day.

What's on Next Week

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--|---------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| KS1 Multi Skills Club 3-4pm KS2 Football Club 3-4pm | | Peacock class to Snowdome | KS2 Multi Sports Club 3-4pm | Kingfisher class to Gurdwara Celebration Assembly 2.40 |

Bullying

Bullying is thankfully extremely rare in our schools, but as in every organisation (including those most adults work in) it is sometimes present in some shape or form. Any school or any organisation which says 'we have no bullying' probably has a poor understanding of what it is, or is just being 'economical with the truth'. Our role is to ensure that:

- We give children an understanding of what it is.
- The power and support to tackle it.
- Create a climate where it is totally unacceptable and alien to us.

Children, as well as adults, often get the definition of 'bullying' wrong. They also use what is a very strong 'description' wrongly. Whilst children and adults will sometimes say 'my child is being bullied', in reality what is happening most often is children bickering or arguing with each other. Bullying is not usually a 'single isolated incident' of another child saying or doing something unpleasant to another person, but is something that is more likely to be planned and repeated.

Our schools operate in an extremely ordered and friendly environment, with a really strong system for stopping things occurring when any of us don't like it. Thankfully, over the past five years our 'bullying logs' show less than a handful of incidents, which is an extraordinary result that we are very proud of. However, we are not complacent and will continue to work hard to ensure that our children treat each other with the highest levels of respect.

We always investigate accusations of bullying and resolve any concerns quickly and with sensitivity. In addition to the above we diarise 'check ups' to make sure the problem has not returned in future months. Our regular assemblies, PSHE sessions, our clear 'Stop It Please' system and strong ethos all help children to feel empowered to tackle any issue. If you ever have concerns always come and tell us and we will work together to resolve any problems in a sensitive manner.

Mr May
Director of Education



Working hard in Falcon class

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

Spot Light on Excellence...

Young Voices

Once again, I had the honour of taking the choir to the Young Voices concert at the Genting Arena. It was an absolute pleasure to see the joy and excitement on the faces of our children as they sang with 6000 other children from across the region.

The children have given up hours of their lunchtimes to rehearse and this reflected in the quality of their performance! Thanks to Mrs Price and Mrs Shorney who accompanied us on our trip. It was a long day but was worth every minute.

We are looking to do a Dordon only performance of the songs we sang on Monday. If you can't wait, then you can listen to some tracks from our performance in the news section of our website.

Finally, thank you to the parents who came to watch on Monday. Your support meant a lot to the children and we hope we did you proud!

Mrs Cross

Thank you for all your sponsorship money for the
NSPCC Big Workout so far you have raised **£600.23**
and we still have some money to come in!!

Weekly Safety Question

Each week we ask the children a quick 'outside of school' safety question in assembly on Friday. We would be grateful if parents could help us at home by giving the same message. This week:

'If your ball goes over the fence into an electricity substation, like the one near school, what should you do?'



School Meals

Just to remind you that if your child is having a school dinner £2.10 needs to be paid on the morning of that day. If your child is having dinners all week then £10.50 should be paid on a Monday morning via ParentPay or PayPoint. Dinners will **NOT** be provided if payment is not received in advance.



iPad App of the week

Light-bot Hour of Code by
Lightbot Inc (FREE)



Light-bot is a programming puzzle game: a puzzle game that uses game mechanics that are firmly rooted in programming concepts. Light-bot lets players gain a practical understanding of basic control-flow concepts like instruction sequencing, procedures and loops, just by guiding a robot with commands to light up tiles and solve levels.

Charity Update

Money raised so far for



£215.75

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

Myths and Legends

A selection of comments and misconceptions we sometimes hear

'Why should 'free school meal' children get money off everything?'

Quite simply because they ARE in receipt of 'Free School Meals'.

The government provide the school with additional funding for our families in receipt of 'free school meals' and we pass it on to these families, so that these children don't lose out on opportunities available just because their families can't afford them. We do this in a way which doesn't highlight them to others.

We do our very best to drive down costs for all of our children and make sure that all of them can access everything we provide regardless of wealth. If your own family can apply for funds PLEASE do. It allows us to provide more resources for ALL children in school not just those in receipt for a free school meal.

Keeping our parents up to date with 'Social Networking'

General tips for parents

Try to set limits on Internet usage at home. It's not a good idea for children to spend inordinate amounts of time in front of a screen, be it TV, games console or computer so make sure you set house rules on how the Internet is to be used at home: which sites can be visited, how long each member can spend on the computer, etc. Microsoft has a downloadable '[Online Code of Conduct Contract](#)' you can print off for each family member to sign, which provides a reasonable list of ground rules for families to follow.

Behaviour of Younger Siblings on the Playground

Could we ask that whilst waiting to collect children on the playground at the end of the day that younger siblings are not allowed to urinate on the school field. Please make sure that younger children use the pre-school toilets, or the one at home before coming onto the playground.

Dates for your Diary

Academic Year 2016-2017

08/02/17 - Peacock class to Snowdome
10/02/17 - Kingfisher class to Gurdwara
13/02/17 - Hawk African Drumming and Dance Day, performance at 2.30pm
15/02/17 - Swift Viking Day
16/02/17 - Peacock Chinese Activity Morning
17/02/17 - Non Uniform Day for Cancer Research UK

20/02/17 - 24/02/17 - Half Term
01/03/17 - Grandparents Lunch
02/03/17 - World Book Day
15/03/17 - Parents Evening
16/03/17 - Parents Evening
07/04/17 - Spring Term ends

24/04/17 - Staff Development Day
25/04/17 - Summer Term starts
08/05/17 - SAT's Week
29/05/17 - 02/06/17 - Half Term
09/06/17 - 12/06/17 - Manor Adventure
21/07/17 - Term ends school finishes at 1pm

These dates may be subject to change if necessary. Details and times to be confirmed nearer each event.



Want to see what the Young Voices choir looked liked and more importantly how they sounded??

Go to the News section of the school website and find out!

We are now collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers.



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Swan

Swan class are really enjoying learning about their theme 'Good Gone Bad'.

"We have been learning all about Fairy Tales, my favourite is 'Little Red Riding Hood.' Elzie

"In maths we've been learning how to tell the time. I know quarter past and quarter to." Bailey

"I have enjoyed writing my own Fairy Tale story." Sophie F

"I created my own Fairy Tale character description for my story." Harvey



Extreme Hair Cuts

Thankfully the craze to shave logos into children hair has long gone, however 'extreme hair cuts' are not acceptable in school and do little to support great behaviour and a smart school uniform. Our children are very proud of their school and its uniform and we appreciate parent's efforts to maintain it.

Snacks at break time

We only allow healthy snacks. We don't produce a long list of what is and isn't acceptable, but common sense clearly dictates that crisps, sweets and chocolate bars don't fit!

Reporting absences

PLEASE report absences from school by 8.30am on the day of absence by telephoning the school and leaving a message on the answer phone. If we do not hear from you we need to PROTECT CHILDREN by calling parents to make sure that a child has not left home and then not appeared in school. Not adhering to this policy wastes valuable office time phoning up parents to find out why a child is missing from school. Could you please also send a letter to explain the reason for your child's absence on their first day back. If we do not receive a signed letter stating the reason for your child's absence we will have no choice but to mark the absence as unauthorised.

Last weeks Postcards Home

Peacock = Amelia

Kingfisher = Jamie

Swan = Sophie F

Owl = Kai

Swift = Alfie

Hawk = Finley

Falcon = Amarise

Attendance

| | Last Week | Year |
|------------|-----------|-------|
| Peacock | 98.8% | 97.1% |
| Kingfisher | 97.7% | 96.5% |
| Swan | 87.3% | 95.5% |
| Owl | 99.3% | 97.5% |
| Swift | 93.7% | 95.7% |
| Hawk | 95.2% | 96.6% |
| Falcon | 92.7% | 96.3% |



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Jack & Jill Preschool Before and After School Club

Breakfast Club 7.45-8.35am.

After School Club 3.00-5.30pm.

Monday - Friday, term time only.

For more information please

contact 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.)