



# DORDON DELIVERS

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**Week beginning 4th November Assembly Theme: Bonfire Night / Remembrance Sunday**

**Reminder: Can parents ensure that all their children's belongings are clearly labelled.**

## What's on Week beginning 4th November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Inset Day school closed to pupils	Term resumes Guy Fawkes Bonfire Lunch Menu	Y3/4 Football Club 3-4pm KS2 Musical Theatre Club 3.00 - 4.15pm Y4, 5 & 6 Cross Country at Polesworth	Mr Rosten to see Y6	Deadline for deposit for Y6 Manor Adventure 2.40pm Celebration Assembly Y3-6 Hockey Club 3-4pm

### End of Half Term

I cannot believe we have reached the end of this half term already. It has flown by. I have walked round both schools over the past two weeks and I have been really impressed by what I have seen. The children have been working really hard and are showing enthusiasm for their learning. Children who have been new to our school since September feel like they have always been part of our community. That is down to the hard work of the staff and children in welcoming new children and settling them in using our well established routines.

This half term has seen a variety of events and experiences taking place in both schools and I know there are exciting opportunities planned for the coming months. As always our children will be developing their knowledge and skills through a broad and balanced curriculum. There will be an opportunity for you to see their work when we invite you in for Parents' Evening on 26th and 27th November. Please take the chance to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher and see their fantastic work in school.

After half term we will be starting our annual work on Protective Behaviours. We talk to pupils about how to stay safe and what feeling unsafe feels like. Before this week is over, staff will remind pupils about who is on their network of safe adults over the break and the Childline number 0800 1111. This is so that no child feels that no one is there to listen to them.

There have also been an number of opportunities for parents to come into school to work alongside their children, see how we deliver things in school and to support our charity. All of these have been really well attended and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you as parents and carers for your ongoing support. It really does make a difference.

I wish you all a happy and safe half term and look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday 5th November** when the children return to school.

Mrs M Cross  
Executive Headteacher



**GEMS Winners**

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

## Spot Light on Excellence...

### Artsmark

This year, Dordon will continue to work towards the Artsmark award. This award is a practical tool for schools and education settings seeking to enrich their arts provision. As a school, we recognise that all children need a broad and balanced curriculum and therefore we need to nurture our pupils' interests even further. Artsmark can help unlock the potential of children and young people, develop character, talent and confidence and increase their knowledge and understanding.

This year we have continued to work with The Hippodrome theatre and so far we have had Year 6 practising circus skills and Year 2 are currently doing some work around Snow White. We have also booked for the whole of Dordon and Wood End to watch the pantomime at The Hippodrome at the end of January (the letters will be sent out shortly).

We have also introduced a KS2 musical theatre after school club. The children involved have spoken highly of the activities taking place and they are very excited to perform their final piece.

Next term, Year 5 will take part in performances based on the hit musical 'We Will Rock You' and Year 1 will be doing the same, but their focus will be on 'The Rainbow Fish' which is one of my favourite children's books.

Our curriculum is constantly evolving and now we are proud to have The Hippodrome on board helping us improve our provision across school.

Miss McGroarty

### ParentPay

Could we ask all parents to make sure that there are no outstanding debts on their children's ParentPay accounts. All meals taken, swimming lessons, activities and trips need to be paid for as soon as possible. If you need a Paypoint card to pay for school dinners or a barcoded letter for other activities please contact the school office who will be pleased to help.



### iPad App of the week

Alphabet Tracing by Oncilla Technologies Inc (FREE)



Watch the demonstrations and then trace the letters. Fun train, truck and worm animations come to life for children to follow, while showing the proper way to write alphabet letters and numbers.

### Charity Update

Our new charity for this year is



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

## Applying for your child's secondary place for September 2020

The national closing date for 'on time' applications is:

**11.59 pm on 31st October 2019**

If you apply after this date your application will be classed as 'late' and your application will not be considered until after National Offer Day, in March 2020. This may affect the chance of your child being offered one of your preferred secondary schools. Applications can be made online at:

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applyforschool](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applyforschool)

## School Council Stamp Collection

The School Council has decided to collect stamps to help raise money for our sponsored charity of the year Zoe's Place. Could you please send your stamps into school, each class will have it's own collection box and we will see who are the best stamp collectors!



## PE Kits and Swimming Kits

It is essential that children bring their PE Kits and Swimming Kits into school on the morning they are needed. This will save the office time from calling home for kits to be brought in and parents' time from having to return to school. If children do not have the correct clothing then they will not be able to participate as we no longer have supplies of spare kit. If you are unsure when your child has PE or swimming please check on their class timetable, eschools pages, or ask the class teacher when collecting children at the end of the day.

## Food Explorers



For the last five weeks fabulous smells have been coming from the kitchen in the junior corridor as KS2 children and their parents enjoyed the Food Explorers club:

"I have enjoyed making everything and it was all a lot of fun." Daniella Y5

"I enjoyed trying new foods and cooking them." Alfie Y3

"I enjoyed making things and trying them and most of the things were YUMMY!" Sophie F Y5

"I really enjoyed making different food and trying new food. I enjoyed Mum and Dad coming into school and cooking with me." Lillie-Mai Y3

"I loved apple pie and pizza, because pizza is my favourite food! I learnt how to make lots of things even breakfast and soup! I enjoyed everything." Holly D Y3

"I enjoyed making the scones and eating them. I also enjoyed chopping fruits and vegetables." Bailey Y5

"I have enjoyed everything! I love cooking." Jared Y6

"I really enjoyed it. My favourite thing was eating it and I enjoyed kneading the pizza dough because I got really, REALLY messy and my mum had to wash up!" Alan Y6

"I love food explorers because every week me and my mum learnt, enjoyed and tasted new recipes. My favourite recipe was vegetable noodle soup. The vegetable noodle soup was really easy to make but really tasty" Olivia Y4

Also Cheryl who ran the course wanted to say a big thank you to the House Captains and Y6 helpers who every week helped carry all the equipment in to school and set up the kitchen ready for the parents and children.

## Attendance

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	96.2%	95.1%
Kingfisher	96.8%	96.2%
Swan	89.7%	96.1%
Owl	98.9%	97.1%
Swift	95.2%	97.7%
Hawk	93.2%	96.7%
Falcon	97.1%	97%

## Last weeks Postcards Home

Peacock = Penelope  
Kingfisher = Charlie  
Swan = Amelia W  
Owl = Joshua  
Swift = Oakley  
Hawk = Sophie H  
Falcon = Victoria

## Dates for your Diary

13/11/19 - Pilgrim Fathers Roast Dinner Lunch Menu  
14/11/19 - Y5/6 Tag Rugby Tournament  
20/11/19 - Family Lunch  
25/11/19 - 29/11/19 Book Fair  
26/11/19 - Parents' Evening late appointments  
27/11/19 - Parents' Evening early appointments  
28/11/19 - Open Morning 9.00am - 10.00am  
20/12/19 - End of Term school finishes at 1.05pm  
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 1.05pm  
These dates may be subject to change if necessary. Details and times to be confirmed nearer each event.

**Judy Brulo**  
CHILDREN'S AUTHOR

**Reading - Music - Action**  
BE PREPARED FOR MORE THAN A STORY

for ages 6 - 12 at  
WHSmith Ventura Park Tamworth  
Two dates for your autumn half-term:

**TUESDAY 29TH OCTOBER**  
1 - 2PM

**SATURDAY 2ND NOVEMBER**  
1 - 2PM

Sign up to share or just come along on the day  
Adults must remain with their children throughout the session

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## Jack & Jill Preschool Before and After School Club

Breakfast Club 7.30-8.35am.  
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.)