

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

What's on Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
House Captains visit to Birchwood 3.00 - 4.00 KS1 Multi Skills 3.00 - 4.00 KS2 Football	Y1 + Y5 Fire Safety talk 3.00 - 4.00 KS2 Multi Sports	Y3 Zoolab Experience Y6 to Wood End Primary	Easter Egg Hunt at 12.30pm Celebration Assembly 2.40pm	Easter Holidays begin

Maths No Problem

Over the past few years, we have been working on developing our problem solving skills in maths. We started with Talk for Maths and moved onto using speech bubbles to explain our reasoning when problem solving. This has seen pupils grow in confidence and their understanding deepen as they have to explain the answer rather than just give it.

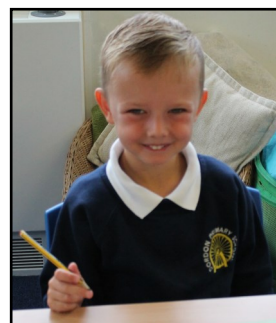
After Easter in Y1-4 we will be introducing a maths scheme called 'Maths No Problem' which is based on the teaching methods used in Singapore which have proved to be very successful in developing competent mathematicians. The approach is very different to how we currently teach maths and will look quite different in the children's books. The key changes are that pupils spend much longer on a theme within maths, the idea being that they secure their understanding within their age related expectation. Also all pupils start at the same point in the lesson, but through skilful questioning and ongoing assessment teachers will ensure pupils make good progress and deepen their understanding of concepts. All lessons will start by working with practical apparatus to explore a given problem. They will then move through pictorial representations onto abstract calculations or questions. By that point pupils should be secure and have a range of strategies they can rely upon.

As I have said, it is very new to all staff and will take time for us to get used to. We are obviously mindful of national tests and do not wish to cause confusion for pupils so this will not start for Year 2 until after their SATS tests have been completed.

We hope to host 'Hands on...Maths No Problem' at some point in the summer term so you can come in and see for yourselves how the new lesson structure works and how children deepen their understanding of concepts.

Mrs Cross
Executive Headteacher

School letters: Please ensure that you return letters and permission forms to school as soon as possible. This is especially important for permission forms as without parental consent children will miss out on activities and trips. If you think you have missed a letter please check the letters home section of the school website.



Working hard in Kingfisher class

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

Spot Light on Excellence...

Spotlight – 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 4, 5 and 6 we have selected children to participate in active maths lessons on a weekly basis and have already heard positive responses from the children. Take a look at the link below for more information:

<https://www.aspire-sports.co.uk/programme/maths-move>

Miss McGroarty



IPad App of the week

Trails – GPS Tracker by Felix Lamouroux (£2.49)



Go for a walk around the local community and Trails will use GPS to record your walk. You can then view your recordings and label locations etc. Stored routes can be viewed in either street or topographic map views.

Charity Update

Charity Update

Money raised so far for

buddy bag
foundation
making a difference to children in emergency cases

£240.01

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

Contact Information

Could you please ensure that you keep the school office informed of your contact details, especially mobile phone numbers as we often send out information and reminders via the text message service.

If you think that you have not been receiving text messages please contact the school office who will get eschools to resolve any issues.



Home Reading

Helping your child achieve their weekly Reading Target is absolutely vital. This task does not need to be difficult to achieve. It only needs 5 minutes to sit and listen to your child and it makes all the difference to your child's progress in school. Make sure that every time your child reads it is written down in their record and signed so that they can receive their Star reward once a week.

Children who read Succeed!

P E 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 P E or swimming please check on their; class timetable, eschools pages, or ask the class teacher when collecting children at the end of the day.

Earrings Reminder: We prefer children not to wear earrings in school because of the potential for injury and the significant problems they cause when needing to take them out for PE and Games etc. If earrings need to be worn in school they may ONLY be small plain 'ball like studs' in either silver or gold. No other shapes or designs, inset stones etc are permitted.

Dates for your Diary

- 24/03/18 - Buddy Bags packed by School Council and House Captains
 - 26/03/18 - House Captains visit to Birchwood
 - 27/03/18 - Y1 + Y5 Fire Safety talk
 - 28/03/18 - Y3 Zoolab Experience
 - 28/03/18 - Y6 to Wood End Primary
 - 29/03/18 - End of term
 - 16/04/18 - Summer Term Starts
 - 19/04/18 - deadline for payments for Manor Adventure
 - 19/04/18 - Y4/5 Oakfield Football Tournament
 - 07/05/18 - Bank Holiday
 - 14/05/18 - SATS week
 - 28/05/18-01/06/18 Half term
 - 08-06/18-11/06/18 Manor Adventure
 - 22/06/18 - Staff Inset Day
 - 20/07/18 - End of term
- These dates may be subject to change if necessary. Details and times to be confirmed nearer each event.



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for parents of 0–18 year old children – a FREE online guide

- Want to feel reassured as a parent that you're doing the right thing?
- Want to make sense of your child's development and behaviour?
- Want to learn about the importance of play for your child's development?

Start learning today
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Dordon Primary School Website

Want to know what's happening in school? Go to www.dordonprimaryschool.co.uk there is so much information for you from; school policies, newsletters, copies of letters sent home, curriculum pages, events calendar, class pages, lunch menu, sporting events and much more.

Kingfisher

Kingfisher class have been doing lots of exciting learning this half term;



"I liked reading 'The Snail and the Whale' story and creating our own spider story." Amelia

"I've liked gymnastics with Mr Weatherall because we did lots of jumping and balancing." Layla

"I loved dancing with Alice because it was fun." Lexi

Liam's charity Event

Performing live – Simon Davies

Help raise money for Liam and his classmates at Woodlands school, for their residential holiday

Birch Coppice Social club (B78 1SY)
Sunday 8th April 2018
2pm – 6pm
£3.50 admission under 5's FREE

Face painting
Disco
Bouncy castle

Tickets available from Dordon chip shop or telephone
Rebecca Dalton : 07583498495
Lesley Walters : 07505766771

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.

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 before the end of term. 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.

Last weeks Postcards Home

Peacock = Chyna
Kingfisher = Noah S
Swan = Oakley
Owl = Luke
Swift = Stephanie
Hawk = Oliver
Falcon = Molly

Attendance

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	97.7%	95.1%
Kingfisher	98.5%	94.8%
Swan	98.7%	97.1%
Owl	93.6%	96.2%
Swift	96.2%	96.1%
Hawk	96.8%	95.5%
Falcon	95.9%	96.8%

ocado.com
The online supermarket
www.ocado.com/careers



Making business flow

CEVA Logistics, Volkswagen Distribution Centre
Birch Coppice Business Park, Dordon, Tamworth, B78 1SZ
Tel: 01827 891100

www.cevalogistics.com



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.)