

**Reminder: For the safety of the children the school car park is for staff only during school hours.**

What's on Next Week				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y1 & 4 Water Safety with the RNLI	Y6 Leavers Play 9.00am	Y6 Leavers Disco 6 - 8pm	9.00am Celebration Assembly - GEMS certificates & Postcards Home Y4 & 5 Embody Dance Performance 2.40pm	9.00am Leavers Assembly End of Term school finishes at 1.05pm

## End of the Year

I cannot quite believe it is that time of year again. This year has passed by in a blur. Next week marks the end of a very successful year at Dordon with an OFSTED that confirmed our 'GOOD' rating and positive results across all year groups in school. These will be published on our website before the end of term.

I said at this point last year that 2018/19 would be a year of embedding all the change that took place in 2017/18 and this has proven to be the case. Staff are now secure in all of the new programmes and systems that were introduced to raise standards and the impact of these is starting to be seen. We are hopeful that we will continue to build on the successes of this year as we embark on a new adventure in September.

The children continue to impress me with their ability to adapt, change and learn at a voracious pace. The amount of work that has been completed this year is astonishing and it has been noted by people from other schools who look at our books. The question is often asked - 'How do you get them to do so much?' The answer is our children want to learn and want to be better. It makes me very proud.

Enjoy the activities over the last week. I am looking forward to seeing our leavers' production although it will be tinged with sadness as we say goodbye to another set of children who leave Dordon more than ready for the challenges that lie ahead.

M Cross  
Executive Headteacher



**A happy Peacock**

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

## **Spot Light on Excellence...**

### Goodbye Mrs Dean

Today I would like to share a very special Spotlight with you all. Next Friday we will be saying our final goodbye to Mrs Dean who will be retiring after 20 years. Her dedication to both children and staff at Dordon has been phenomenal and it is with great sadness we see her go.

Mrs Dean has not only worked across Key Stage 2 as a Teaching Assistant, but she has also taught P.E, sporting clubs and many of you will remember her teaching your children to swim in the school pool. It is hard to put into words how much we will miss Mrs Dean, as she is an integral part of Dordon. As a colleague, she has been a staff member who can be relied upon come rain or shine and as an educator she has championed every child she has worked with.

We wish Mrs Dean a very relaxing retirement, although I imagine she will be partaking in more outdoor activities now she has more time on her hands!

Here are some of our children's memories of Mrs Dean:

-A kind person who always helps us whenever we need it - Sophie (Swift class)

-Remarkable, funny and kind are only a few ways to describe Mrs Dean. She has been there when I was sad. She taught me how to swim and she has helped me build my resilience. Thank you! Loved you being here - Caitlin (Hawk)

-Mrs Dean is the most funny, entertaining teaching assistant I have ever met. She always cares for people and every day when you walk into class she always says nice things - Oliver (Hawk class)

-Mrs Dean teaches lots of skills in P.E and helps us with sporting activities and makes everybody laugh and smile. She will be missed. Emily (Falcon class)

-A teacher who keeps the fun going and never quits. The person who will be missed but will still be in our hearts for a long, long time fits the description of our Mrs Dean - Reuben (Falcon class)

**School will not be the same without your presence Mrs Dean!**  
Miss McGroarty

## Increase to School Meal Price



When we return in September there will be a slight increase to the cost of school meals, it will now be £2.25 per day and £11.25 per week.

Just to remind you that if your child is having school dinners payment should be received in advance via ParentPay or Pay Point. Please make sure that your child's account is in credit before booking them in for a school lunch.

**Thank you to everyone who brought books at the Book Fair we made £518.70 which meant we had £51 to spend on books for the School Library.**

## Charity Update

Money raised so far

**£898.38**

**NSPCC**  
Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.

### Owl class visit to Tara Kadampa Buddhist Centre

I really enjoyed our class trip to the Tara Kadampa Buddhist Centre, we learnt lots about the religion. I especially enjoyed meditating and meeting a real life monk!

Jamie



### Transition

The transition into secondary school is fast approaching for year 6 pupils and The Warwickshire School Health & Wellbeing Service would like to wish all students well in their move to secondary school. Below is a list of 12 steps which may help students prepare for their transition.

- Look at the school website and find out useful information on your new school
- Practise packing up all the things you will need to take to school, maybe pack the night before.
- Practise buying your own food and drink in a café. Find out how the canteen & pay machines at the school work.
- Plan the route you will take to your new school and do a few trial runs. Do you need to sort out a bus pass?
- Make sure you make time to eat breakfast – it gives you fuel for the day.
- Make the most of the Transition Day – don't be afraid to ask questions.
- Do you use a planner/diary? If not, it may be worth you getting one and practise using it.
- If you have a map of your new school, have a look and get used to using it.
- Find out about the uniform and order in plenty of time. Be aware of school policies on things like jewellery, piercings and mobile phones.
- Talk to friends and siblings. Who else do you know who is moving to the same school?
- Get into a good bedtime routine. Young people still need lots of sleep as your brain is constantly developing.
- Start taking responsibility for yourself by practising getting your school bag ready, doing your homework, and getting yourself up in the morning.

All secondary schools in Warwickshire have confidential advisories which are run by school nurses where pupils have the opportunity to meet face to face to discuss any health related concerns. If you would like further advice or support The School Health and Wellbeing Service can be contacted on 03300 245 204, Option 3 or via ChatHealth (Confidential School Nurse Texting Service) on **07507 331 525**.

### Dates for your Diary

02/09/19 - Inset Day school closed to pupils  
 03/09/19 - Autumn Term begins  
 28/10/19 - 01/11/19 - Half Term  
 04/11/19 - Inset Day school closed to pupils  
 05/11/19 - Term resumes  
 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.

# Peacock

*This half term Peacock class have really enjoyed their learning:*



*"I like doing missing numbers in maths meeting." Andrew*

*"I like making things." Isla*

*"I'm proud of all my work in Peacock class." Jude*

*"I like playing teachers outside." Alice*

*"It's going to be funny going on our trip to the zoo." Lewis*

*"I like playing with my friends." Olivia*

*"I like making different animals out of lego." James*

### 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. Any accounts with dinner money in credit, where children will be leaving us in July, will receive a refund.

*Judy Brulo*  
 CHILDREN'S AUTHOR



### Reading – Music – Action

BE PREPARED FOR MORE THAN A STORY

for ages 6 - 12 at  
 WHSmith Ventura Park Tamworth  
 Three dates for your summer holiday:

THURSDAY 8TH AUGUST  
 2 - 3PM  
 SATURDAY 17TH AUGUST  
 2 - 3PM  
 THURSDAY 22ND AUGUST  
 2 - 3PM



Sign up in-store or just come along on the day  
 Adults must remain with their children throughout the session

### Attendance

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	98.7%	93.9%
Kingfisher	93.5%	95.4%
Swan	100%	96.4%
Owl	96.8%	97.7%
Swift	97.9%	96.8%
Hawk	94.5%	94.2%
Falcon	96.7%	96.1%

### Last weeks Postcards Home

Peacock = Alice

Kingfisher = Poppy

Swan = Eliot L

Owl = Oakley

Swift = Hatti

Hawk = Ryley

Falcon = Holly

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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.)