

Reminder: The children's lunch menu is available on the school website in the parents section.

What's on Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS1 Multi Skills Club 3-4pm KS2 Football Club 3-4pm 6.00pm Manor Adventure meeting for Parents	Nasal Flu immunisation for Y1, 2 & 3		KS2 Multi Sports Club 3-4pm Y5/6 Girls Football Team Competition at Baddesley 3.45pm - 5.15pm	Celebration Assembly 2.40pm

British Values

Recent dreadful world events have shocked most of us and have certainly been talked about by our children. They have inevitably raised some really contentious issues that place real pressures on us all, and no less on those of us in a primary school who have to reassure our children but also teach them to understand the bigger picture. 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 School Rule' matches this aim.

The definition of 'British values' is set out in the Government 'Prevent' strategy, and we reinforce these regularly and in the following ways:

- ✓ **Democracy:** 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'.
- ✓ **The Rule of Law:** 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 etc
- ✓ **Individual Liberty:** Our pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. We educate and provide boundaries for children to make choices safely. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms through our E-Safety and PSHE lessons. Pupils are given the freedom to make choices.
- ✓ **Mutual Respect:** Our school ethos and behaviour policy revolves around our core values such as 'Respect' - our 'one word school rule'. Assemblies relate to what this means. Posters around the school promote respect for others and this is reiterated through our classroom and learning rules, as well as our behaviour policy.
- ✓ **Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs:** This is achieved through enhancing pupils understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society. We offer opportunities to experience diversity through visits to places of worship and year group links to other schools in areas which are different to our own. Assemblies and discussions involving prejudices and prejudice-based bullying are followed and supported by learning in RE and PSHE.

Mr May
Director of Education



Hawk class Water Colour Master class with Mr and Mrs Booth

All photographs can be purchased for £3 per A4 colour copy. Please see the school office for one.

Spot Light on Excellence...

Support in school

We are very lucky at Dordon that so many people help to achieve brilliant things with our pupils. From our dedicated A-Team who organise events and raise funds for school, to our army of reading volunteers who listen to pupils read and those parents who support us when we go out and about. Without help like this, lots of the fantastic things we do in school would be made very difficult.

If you are keen to volunteer your time and skills in school, then speak to your child's class teacher or the office and we will look for ways to make the most of your offer.

Applying for a Secondary School Place

Children born between **01/09/2005 and 31/08/2006** are due to start Secondary School in September 2017. **The deadline for on-line applications is 31st October 2016.**

Warwickshire residents can make an on-line application for Primary and Secondary places at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions. You can also apply by calling 01926 742037 or 01926 742047.



IPad App of the week

Sticky by Tewks (FREE)

Sticky is a beautiful app for keeping your notes, dreams, ideas, and memories. It's a new yet simple way to think, organize, and express yourself privately. Sticky lets you create as many notebooks as you'd like and stay organized in a colourful and fun way.



Charity Update

We will be selecting a single charity for the school to sponsor again this year. If you have any suggestions or thoughts please let us know.

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

'It's fine... if I am late and cant get there for the end of the school day, they can just go with.....'

We absolutely do NOT allow this. It is vital the school knows exactly who children leave with. Ad-hoc arrangements like this place ALL children in danger because we simply can't 'police' that the children are leaving the school with the right people. ALWAYS contact the school first if arrangements need to change.



You can now follow us on Twitter on @Dordon Primary, find out what is happening at school and get reminders of upcoming events. If you don't have a Twitter account go to the school website's homepage, look at the social feed box and see all the information there.

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, curriculum pages, events calendar, class pages, lunch menu, sporting events and much more.

Dates for your Diary

Academic Year 2016-2017

10/10/16 - 6.00pm Manor Adventure meeting for Parents
11/10/16 - Nasal Flu immunisation for Y1, 2 & 3
13/10/16 - Y5/6 Girls Football Team Competition at Baddesley 3.45pm - 5.15pm
18/10/16 - Swan Class Trip to Dudley Zoo
18/10/16 - Swift Class Trip to Thinktank Museum
19/10/16 - IEP Reviews 9-11.20am
20/10/16 - IEP Reviews 9-11.30am and 3.30-4.30pm
21/10/16 - Staff Development Day
24/10/16 - 28/10/16 - Half Term
16/11/16 - Parents Evening
17/11/16 - Parents Evening
28/11/16 - Enterprise Week
02/12/16 - Christmas Fayre
16/12/16 - Term ends school finishes at 1pm
03/01/17 - Staff Development Day
04/01/17 - Spring Term Starts
20/02/17 - 24/02/17 - Half Term
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.

Drinking

We encourage the children to drink often. Fresh water is available in school and is the only drink we allow them to have during lesson time. For very good reasons, we do not allow flavoured waters, fruit drinks etc etc into classrooms.

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

Attendance

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	99.6%	99.4%
Kingfisher	96.3%	98.5%
Swan	97.7%	95.9%
Owl	97.4%	98.7%
Swift	95.7%	95.1%
Hawk	96.2%	96.5%
Falcon	96.6%	96.4%

Last weeks Postcards Home

Peacock = Layla
Kingfisher = Tyler C
Swan = Dylan
Owl = Harry
Swift = Reuben
Hawk = Nevaeh
Falcon = Harley

Swan



Swan class are really enjoying going 'Into the Lion's Den!'

"I had fun making lion masks in our theme after-noon and I liked sorting the different animals into their habitats in science." Finlay

"I have enjoyed learning about Narnia, we watched the film and wrote our own stories about Narnia." Freya

"I have loved my maths lessons this week, we have been dividing numbers using Singapore Bar." Harvey

"I've loved our topic 'Into the Lion's Den' we have learned lots about Africa, my favourite character is Mufasa." Megan

Online School Uniform Shop



Our online Uniform Shop is now 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'.

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:



'How do you cross the road safely?

(**Tips:** Children need to learn how to cross the road safely. In 2010, around 19 child pedestrians (aged 0-11) were killed or seriously injured every week in Britain. The Green Cross Code is taught in schools but needs to be reinforced from home - and not just by memorising the words, but by parents practicing and explaining the code to their children. Do you know it? Do you follow it? The code is for everyone)

Look all around for traffic and listen

- Look all around for traffic and listen.
- Look in every direction.
- Listen carefully because you can sometimes hear traffic before you can see it.

Music Lessons with Warwickshire County Music Service

Playing a musical instrument could be one of the best things your child ever does. Research shows that music and playing can 'improve academic attainment in areas such as numeracy, literacy and language' (Henley Review 2011) and help develop; Self-discipline and self-esteem, Social skills and Concentration. Above all else it is a highly rewarding activity and great fun.

A limited number of opportunities are available to learn musical instruments for children in Years 3-6 in the following areas; Brass and Drums

If you think you might like your child to learn a musical instrument please contact the school office.

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The online supermarket
www.ocado.com/careers



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.)