

Next Weeks Assembly Theme: British Values / Black History Month

Reminder: Children in Key Stage 1 are provided with a piece of fruit at break time as part of the School Fruit & Vegetable scheme.

What's on Next Week				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS1 Multi Skills Club 3-4pm Y5/6 Football Club 3-4pm		Y3/4 Football Club 3-4pm KS2 Musical Theatre Club 3.00 -4.15pm	Open Morning 9.00am - 10.00am 2.40pm Celebration Assembly	Falcon class visit to Birmingham Hippodrome Y3-6 Hockey Club 3-4pm

Trips and Visits

As part of our broad and balanced curriculum, we endeavour to offer a wide range of trips, visits, visitors and experiences to our children to support and develop their learning.

Trips and visits are rooted in the curriculum. There is always a clear learning purpose that is outlined to me before the visit can be approved. The visit will be an integral part of learning that takes place in the classroom before and after the visit and will enhance the provision we deliver in school.

As a school, we are mindful of the cost of trips and try where possible to balance out more expensive trips with trips that cost us less. There have been a number of trips over the past year that have been subsidised by school to minimise the cost to parents. As always if there are issues then please contact the office to arrange an appointment to speak to Miss McGroarty. We can arrange payment plans and agree deadlines with you.

Although school trips request voluntary contributions from parents, there is not an infinite pot of money within school to subsidise trips where large numbers of parents do not contribute. As you will be aware through the media, school budgets are shrinking and by default so is the capacity of school to be able to subsidise visits. Where parental contributions are minimal, we will be left in a position where we will have no choice but to cancel trips as the costs will be too great. This is not a position we want to be in.

We look forward to continuing to provide exciting experiences for pupils at our school and thank you for your continued support.

Mrs M Cross
Executive Headteacher



Our School Council

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

Spot Light on Excellence...

Families in School

This week, families of Dordon have been invited **into** school for a multitude of reasons:

- Hands on Maths
- Falcon 6 class assembly
- Family cooking
- Peacock phonics workshop

We have had the best turn out for all these events. Gone are the days when our families stay on the playground and merely drop off and pick up their children. Now, families see school as a place that they feel comfortable to enter and are not afraid to say they want to learn more about their children's education.

Here at Dordon we recognise that our children need a broad and balanced curriculum and therefore we continually reflect on our practice and change it according to the needs of our pupils. Now, we are at a point where we want our families to see what school life is like as regularly as we can and the parental comments so far have been extremely positive.

I was having a conversation with Cheryl, who has been running the cooking workshops, and she commented on the 'buzz' around Dordon every time she visits. She noticed that learning was taking place in many different facets and how impressive that was. That made me proud of children and staff because that is what we do everyday! Thank you to all those families who supported school this week!

Miss McGroarty

Start of the School Day

The school day starts at 8.40am. Gates are open from 8.30am to allow parents and children to arrive on time. Children are **NOT** allowed on to the playground before 8.30am as they will be unsupervised.

Children from Reception to Year 2 **MUST** be supervised by their parent or assigned adult until collected from the playground by their teacher at 8.40am.

Could we ask parents not to enter school with the children, as teachers need this time to settle the children into their morning work. If you have a problem or a concern please go to the school office and make an appointment to see the relevant member of staff.



IPad App of the week

Word Collapse by Raketspel AB
(FREE)



Find different theme words amongst the blocks. Lots of different themes available.

Charity Update

Our new charity for this year is





Zoolab

Owl class had a visitor on Thursday, Dominique from Zoolab came to see the children and brought some very interesting animals with her:

"I enjoyed Owl's Zoolab experience because I learned lots of facts about fascinating creatures: A snail has more teeth than a shark because it has 10,000 teeth!" Rosie



"I particularly enjoyed holding the corn snake and I learnt that they have lots of muscles to catch their prey." Noah S

"I enjoyed the class experience with Zoolab, I liked the snake. I found out that a snake can grow 8 feet long and that the scorpion's sting is like a wasp sting." Lexi



Playground Gym Equipment and Trim Trail

Can all parents please ensure that children are not using the playground Gym Equipment and Trim Trail at the start and end of the school day. They are only to be used by the children at break and lunch time.

Dates for your Diary

28/10/19 - 01/11/19 - Half Term
 04/11/19 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
 05/11/19 - Term resumes
 05/11/19 - Guy Fawkes Bonfire Lunch Menu
 06/11/19 - Y4, 5 & 6 Cross Country at Polesworth
 07/11/19 - Mr Rosten to see Y6
 08/11/19 - Deadline for deposit for Y6 residential trip to Manor Adventure
 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.

Peacock



Here is what Peacock class like about school:

"I like playing with the pirates." Leo

"I like lunchtime." Millie

"I like playing with the play dough." Charlie

"I like playing outside." Charlotte

"I like playtime." Grayson

"I like the Bear Hunt story." Tommy

"I like seeing my brother and my sister at playtime." Jayde

"I like the outdoor area." Archie E

Y3/4 Newton Shield Football Competition



Last Thursday a team of children from Year 3 and 4 took part in the Newton Shield Football Competition:

"Football was really good, I scored 3 goals in one match and in the other match I scored 1 goal. We got to play two teams and it was brilliant!" Jack Y3

Have you lost something??

Our lost property bins are currently overflowing with uniform, PE kits, shoes, coats and water bottles. If you are missing any items belonging to your child please come to the school office at the end of the day to have a look.



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Attendance		
	Last Week	Year
Peacock	93.1%	94.9%
Kingfisher	97.2%	96.1%
Swan	96.3%	97.2%
Owl	98.2%	96.8%
Swift	98.5%	98.2%
Hawk	96.2%	97.3%
Falcon	98.1%	97%

Last weeks Postcards Home

Peacock = Archie E
 Kingfisher = George
 Swan = Lily
 Owl = Alfie
 Swift = Jessica
 Hawk = Connor
 Falcon = Finley

TJH dance & fitness
 BASED AT THE DORDON CLUB LONG ST. B78 1PZ

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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.)