



DORDON DELIVERS

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Next Week's Assembly Theme: Trying our best / Perseverance

Reminder: Dinner money is £2.10 per day and £10.50 per week and should be paid via Parent Pay.

What's on Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hawk African Drumming and Dance Day, performance at 2.30pm KS1 Multi Skills Club 3-4pm KS2 Football Club 3-4pm	Y6 'Alco-Facts' Loud Mouth Theatre	Swift Viking Day	Peacock Chinese Activity Morning KS2 Multi Sports Club 3-4pm	Non Uniform Day for Cancer Research UK Celebration Assembly 2.40

Encouraging New Clubs and Activities using the Sports Premium

The Government is currently providing funding to develop and improve sport in primary schools. This funding will see money going directly to primary school head teachers to spend on improving the quality and also provision of sport and PE for all their children.

Schools will have to spend the sport funding on improving their provision of PE and sport, but have 'the freedom' to choose how they do this. Possible uses for the funding include:

- hiring specialist PE teachers or qualified sports coaches to work alongside primary teachers
- new or additional sport clubs
- paying for professional development opportunities for school staff in PE/sport
- providing cover to release primary teachers for professional development in PE/sport
- running sport competitions, or increasing participation in the school games
- buying quality assured professional development modules or materials for PE/sport
- providing places for pupils on after school sport clubs and holiday clubs.

Despite promises of 'reduced bureaucracy' there are strings. Details of how schools spend their PE and sport grant must be published and schools must also include detail about the impact this funding has on pupils' PE and sport participation and attainment. OFSTED also inspect the impact of the funding.

Although Sport Premium only amounts to approximately £5 a child, in our schools we are determined to develop some exciting and imaginative ways to use the money for the children such as:

- A sports coach to develop exciting and imaginative warm up activities for each lesson
- A new training package for teachers so they deliver a wider variety of excellent PE lessons
- A new tracking system to make sure we can better help pupils improve their skills
- Attendance of inter school sports competitions for as many children as possible
- Introduce lunchtime fitness sessions
- Introduce new after school hockey clubs
- Attend swimming gala and other local sports events
- Subsidize and introduce new sport clubs for pupils.

Mr May –Director of Education



Young Carers Silver Award

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

Spot Light on Excellence...

Progress in school

This week I have seen examples of the fantastic progress children are making at Dordon. Children have been in and out of my office showing me their learning. The smiles on their faces indicate just how proud they are of their achievements.

By this point in the year, there is clear progress in the children's books; things that were tricky in September, pupils are now completing with ease. There are examples across school of children eager to achieve their next steps in learning.

Being excited about learning and interested in how we can be better are the key elements to making good progress in school. This again is supported by the partnership we have with parents at home and I am sure you will be seeing the benefits of everyone's hard work in homework books too.

Mrs Cross



IPad App of the week

Twinkl Creation Studio
(Colouring book & Camera) by
Twinkl Limited (£1.99 / £0.99 VPP)

Choose from a large selection of over 50 images:
Animals, Fantasy, Pirates, Vehicles, and Dinosaurs.
Use the paint bucket and pencil tools to colour in.
Choose a fun background for your picture. Add
stickers for the finishing touch.



Charity Update

Money raised so far for



£215.75

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

'My child doesn't like water'.....

In reality it is difficult to dislike water because it is generally tasteless, odourless and inoffensive. Children saying 'they don't like water' is nearly always a preference rather than a dislike. We don't allow flavoured waters or any other kind of drink in school (apart from fruit at lunch or milk at break) because of the huge problems caused by attracting wasps and ants into school. Only water is allowed into classrooms.

Keeping our parents up to date with 'Social Networking'

General tips for parents

Help your child to feel confident about their place in the online community. Make sure that, just as in the real world, it's important they never follow the herd if they're uncomfortable about doing something. Peer pressure can make children publish information they may not wish to broadcast, such as the location and date of a forthcoming birthday party. And just because another person is happy to make provocative statements about themselves online, or portray themselves in a risqué manner, it's important your child realises they don't have to.

Non Uniform Day Friday 17th February

All children will need to pay £1 to come to school in their normal clothes. All money raised will go to the children's chosen charity of 'Cancer Research UK'.

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:

'What are your plans if you get home and there is no one there to meet you, and coming back to school is not an option?'



Dates for your Diary

Academic Year 2016-2017

13/02/17 - Hawk African Drumming and Dance Day, performance at 2.30pm
15/02/17 - Swift Viking Day
16/02/17 - Peacock Chinese Activity Morning
17/02/17 - Non Uniform Day for Cancer Research UK
20/02/17 - 24/02/17 - Half Term
01/03/17 - Grandparents Lunch
02/03/17 - World Book Day
15/03/17 - Parents Evening
16/03/17 - Parents Evening
06/04/17 - Deadline for Manor Adventure trip payments
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.

Primary Children and Computers

Our recent surveys have shown that many of our pupils had computers in their homes, but very few of them had one of their own or instant access to one. Whilst owning a tablet is really valuable, it is really only a 'read' technology i.e. great for games, watching videos or looking stuff up, but far less a 'write' technology, such as a computer allowing data to be typed in, publications to be produced and documents to be written.



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Fun Children's Dance Classes
Held in Polesworth Classes For Children From Age 2 ½ BALLET *
TAP * ACROBATICS * MODERN
Tuesdays (from Feb '17) & Fridays From 4:30pm Juniors (6-11yrs) Fridays from 5:30pm Memorial Hall Visit
www.cameodance.co.uk Facebook
Charlotte Kate Cameo Call into the Tithe Barn from 4:30pm on Fridays or Call Liz on 07443421867 to arrange your child's
FREE TRIAL

Kingfisher



As part of their 'It's Carnival Time' theme Kingfisher class have been making Brazilian Food.

"We made Brazilian chocolate it was yummy." Maisy

"The Brazilian Brigadeiros smelt lovely." Alfie

"I stirred up the ingredients." Oliver

"The best bit about making the Brazilian Brigadeiros was eating them!" Jack

"I liked drawing a picture of what the cakes looked like." Lucy

Hello



We are Jo Williams & Chris Florance - Community Development Workers from Warwickshire County Council.

Some of you may have met us at the Christmas Fayres handing out a range of information and also the famous Reindeer food for the children.

Over the next few months you will see a lot of us around **Birchwood, Dordon & Wood End Schools**, working on a range of projects including Free School Meals, Healthy Eating, Competitions and getting to know pupils, parents, grandparents and also staff.

We will provide a regular update in the Schools Newsletter providing any details about forthcoming events.

If you require any further information, please contact us on 01926 737767 or email jowilliams@warwickshire.gov.uk or chrisflorance@warwickshire.gov.uk

Last weeks Postcards Home

Peacock = William
Kingfisher = Katrina
Swan = Minnie
Owl = Ethan
Swift = Kacper
Hawk = Tristan
Falcon = Preston

Attendance

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	94.8%	96.9%
Kingfisher	97.7%	96.5%
Swan	99%	95.7%
Owl	98.7%	97.6%
Swift	95.7%	95.7%
Hawk	96.3%	96.6%
Falcon	92.3%	96.1%

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 7.45-8.35am.
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.)