

Next Weeks Assembly Theme: International Day for the Eradication of Poverty / Anti-Slavery Day

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
KS1 Multi Skills Club 3-4pm Y5/6 Football Club 3-4pm		Hands on Maths Reception Phonics 2.15pm Y3/4 Football Club 3-4pm KS2 Musical Theatre Club 3.00 - 4.15pm Y5/6 Hockey Tournament	Falcon Class Assembly 9.00am Owl class Zoolab experience Y4 Road Safety Y5/6 Girls Football	Y2 Infant Agility 2.40pm Celebration Assembly Y3-6 Hockey Club 3-4pm

World Mental Health Day

Thursday was Mental Health Day across the world where people are raising the awareness of mental health and the fact that sometimes it is okay to not be okay. The theme this year focused on the workplace and this in my opinion includes school for children as it is the closest thing they have to a workplace.

Everyone has mental health just like we all have physical health. There are times when our mental health can be affected and not be as well, just like there are times when we become physically unwell. We acknowledge this in school and aim to support children as much as we possibly can.

In school, we talk about feelings often and as adults in school we will model that it is okay to not be okay and that talking about it is really important. We highlight to children their network of people they can talk to if they are feeling unsafe at any point. This isn't just about physical safety but can be about feeling worried, anxious and afraid - all of which will affect someone's overall mental health.

We also follow the THRIVE approach, tracking pupils social and emotional development and addressing any issues that may arise through circumstances pupils encounter. I know many parents attended Miss Lewis' workshop on this and now have a greater understanding of how this works in our school.

We have a 5 a day to promote emotional health and wellbeing in school. These principles apply as much to adults as they do to children. Making time for them is really important.

- 1) Connect with people
- 2) Learn something new
- 3) Get active
- 4) Be aware of your feelings
- 5) Do something good for others

Most importantly if you feel there are issues with your own or your child's mental health - talk to someone.

Mrs M Cross
Executive Headteacher



Cooking Pizzas in Food Explorers club

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

Spot Light on Excellence...

KS2 Family Cooking

This half term, we have invited KS2 parents into school to take part in cooking sessions. Cheryl Neil - who is an Adult and Community Learning teacher- has joined our families at Dordon to work on healthy meals. So far they have made a breakfast trifle, soup and pizzas. It has been lovely seeing our families cooking together and having fun at school, but the staff have been very jealous that they have been unable to have any of the food! All of the children have spoken really positively about cooking with a family member and parents have been complimentary about the ideas shared by Cheryl.

This year, Cheryl is also going to be coming into school to provide a **Story Sack** workshop for Years 1 & 2 and an **Early Numeracy** for Reception and Year 1. We will be sending out letters closer to the time so keep your eyes peeled.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss McGroarty



Learning to Read and Phonics in Peacock class

How to help your child at home

Reminder: We will be holding a very informative reading and phonics session for Peacock parents/carers on **Wednesday 16th October at 2.15pm** which will explain how your child will learn to read.



IPad App of the week

Baby's Musical Hands by Streaming Colour Studios
(£0.69 / £0.34 VPP)

On the iPad, Baby's Musical Hands features 15 brightly coloured squares that your baby can touch. Red squares make drum sounds, yellow squares play piano notes, and blue squares play guitar notes. Every time the child touches the screen, colourful stars will burst from their fingers.



Charity Update

Our new charity for this year is



Considerate Parking

Could parents/carers who drive to and from school please be considerate of where they park their cars. Please remember **DO NOT** drop children off at school by stopping (even briefly) on the Zig Zag yellow lines. Not only is this illegal, but it is also endangering ALL children's lives who cross at this point where other drivers need a clear view of them.

Could we also ask that all drivers are also considerate of children and parents crossing the road and on the pavements around the school.



SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS

Sports for Schools Athlete Visit

Can we say a big thank you to all our pupils who managed to raise an amazing **£1,637.50** in sponsor money! Half of the money raised goes to support GB athletes and we get the other half for us to spend in school. As the whole school enjoyed Kristian's visit so much we have decided to use the money to take part in the Get Active Programme which will involve another athlete visiting the school. There will be wristbands coming home soon for all the children who have handed in sponsor money!

We also need to say a big thank you to everyone who took part in our Macmillan Coffee Morning last Friday, to the helpers who ran it, to the people who baked cakes and to the children who ate them! Everyone enjoyed themselves and raised **£144.30** for this worthy cause.



Reminder: If you are paying for your Child's School Photograph order by cash, it needs to be handed in to the school office by 9.00am on Wednesday 16th October.

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.

Dates for your Diary

22/10/19 - Y4, 5 & 6 Cross Country at Polesworth
24/10/19 - Open Morning 9.00am - 10.00am
25/10/19 - Falcon class visit to Birmingham Hippodrome
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.

Kingfisher



This half term Kingfisher class have been enjoying their learning around the theme 'Moon Zoom':

"I liked it when we learnt about Neil Armstrong landing in the moon." Isabelle

"I liked learning tricky words." Apeha

"I liked designing and making our own moon buggies and we tested them landing on the moon." Jade

"I liked it when we tested out different moon buggies and slid them down the moon ramp, mine and Charlie's won!" Lewis

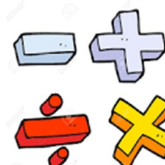
Hands on Maths for Years 1 - 6

Wednesday 16th October 8.40 - 9.40 am

You are invited to come and listen to a presentation about how the teaching of Maths has changed at Dordon Primary School and how to help at home. You will then be able to join your child in their classroom to complete some Maths activities.

Please come to the school office after your child has gone into school and sign in.

We are looking forward to seeing you!



@Dordon Primary

Attendance

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	88.6%	95.3%
Kingfisher	92.8%	95.9%
Swan	99.7%	97.4%
Owl	99.3%	96.5%
Swift	99.3%	98.1%
Hawk	97.7%	97.6%
Falcon	96.1%	96.8%

Last weeks Postcards Home

Peacock = Daisy-Mae

Kingfisher = Isabelle

Swan = Scarlett

Owl = Max

Swift = Ryan

Hawk = Hatti

Falcon = Honey

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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.)