



# DORDON DELIVERS

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**Next Week's Assembly Theme:** Winter Solstice / Hanukkah begins / Christmas

**Reminder:** Please keep the school office informed of updates to mobile telephone numbers. Thank you.

## What's on Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS2 Movie Night 3.00– 5.00pm	9.30am KS1 Christmas Performance 2.00pm KS2 Christmas Carol Concert	9.30 am KS2 Christmas Carol Concert 2.00pm KS1 Christmas Performance	Whole School to Church Toy Day 2.40pm Hawk class assembly	Christmas Jumper Day 9.00am Celebration Assembly Christmas Dinner Day End of Term school finishes at 1.05pm

## Time to Reflect

Christmas provides us the perfect chance to reflect on the year that has passed and to appreciate all that we have. I have spent time in both schools this week just listening. Listening to the conversations between children and staff where the positivity of the relationships in school is clearly evident. I have heard beautiful singing with soloists and classes preparing for the Christmas performances. Children who have the confidence to shine in front of others. I have heard staff talking to parents and offering assurances working in partnership to secure the best outcomes. I have heard lots of praise from a range of sources for our children - their behaviour, attitudes and manners being impeccable.

It is easy at this time of year to get caught up in the madness of the season. I saw an article on Twitter asking teachers not to get into the annual 'who is more tired than who' and 'who is working harder than who' debates which tend to perpetuate at this time of year. Our staff ARE tired, as are the children, but they remain focussed on the children and are giving their all.

This is the time of year where the British Values of tolerance and mutual respect come to the fore. We understand that this time of the year isn't easy for everyone and we are mindful of that in school too. For families who are experiencing loss or trauma, whose circumstances are difficult or for whom Christmas means being apart from loved ones for any reason, we aim to understand and support where we can. We will remind the children about their network of trusted adults for the holiday period in case they have any worries at this time of year too.

As we countdown to the festive break, with a diary packed full of events in school, I just wanted to take the time to reflect on how warm and nurturing our schools are. At the heart of this ethos are the children. They continue to amaze me every day and I am so lucky to have the opportunity to work with each and every one of them.

Mrs M Cross  
Executive Headteacher



Swan class visit to Baby Jesus

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

## Spot Light on Excellence...

### Busy, Busy Busy!

As always, we have lots going on at Dordon but this week has been particularly eventful. Let me fill you all in...

On Monday, we invited Marathon Kids into school and introduced our new initiative to improve children's fitness. Three days a week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) the children will have the opportunity to run or walk around the playground at lunchtimes and the House Captains will be recording each child's laps. When the children complete a certain amount of laps they will receive a certificate. If you want to find out more please visit <https://marathonkids.org/>. The children have been really enthusiastic completing their laps this week and been very proud to tell me about it too.

On Wednesday, parents of Year 6 and Year 2 came in to see their children perform with Craig from The Hippodrome. I was so utterly proud of both year groups! Year 2 showed off their performance based on Snow White with a little bit of Spice Girls thrown in for good measure and Year 6 were brilliant as circus performers too.

Finally, we had some Christmas Crafts in the hall on Thursday with Cheryl Neil from Warwickshire County Council. There was a lot of interest in the craft session, so much so, we had to select names out of a hat. Parents and children had a great time getting into the Christmas spirit!

Miss McGroarty

Please note that although we check the suitability of iPad applications, they can be changed without notice.



### iPad App of the week

Percy Parker HD by Sherston Software Limited (£1.49 / £0.74 VPP)

An excellent app from Sherston software. Children love learning their times tables by singing with Percy! Children join in with the charismatic Percy Parker and his band as they sing entertaining, memorable songs about each times table.



### Charity Update

Money raised so far



£159.85

### Christmas Fayre

Can we say a big thank you to everyone who came along to the Christmas Fayre, enjoyed themselves and helped us raise just over £850 for school.

Also thank you to all the children for making amazing decorations and games for the House stalls and for setting up the hall. And finally to all the staff and volunteers who helped and without whom the Fayre would not happen.

### Crazy Hair Day



Thank you to everyone who came to school with crazy hair today and help us raise £140 for our Sponsored Charity of the Year Zoe's Place. If you haven't paid yet you can still do it via the Parentpay website.

### 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 as soon as possible. If you need a Paypoint card to pay for school dinners or a barcoded letter for other activities please contact the school office who will be pleased to help.



### Christmas Book

Dear Parents, McDonalds are giving away a free book "The Christmas Adventures of Archie" to

get your copy go to <https://www.reindeerready.co.uk/storybook>

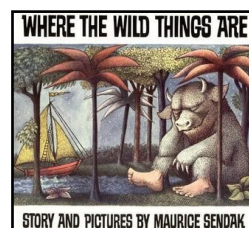
### Have you lost something??

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

06/01/20 - Inset Day school closed to pupils  
 07/01/20 - Spring Term begins  
 09/01/20 - Y6 visit to Birmingham Hippodrome  
 15/01/20 - Reception and Y6 height and weight  
 24/01/20 - Whole School to see Snow White at Birmingham Hippodrome  
 28/01/20 - Young Voices Concert  
 05/02/20 - Family Lunch  
 17/02/20 - 21/02/20 Half Term  
 24/02/20 - Inset Day school closed to pupils  
 25/02/20 - Term resumes  
 05/03/20 - World Book Day  
 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



Here is what Kingfisher class have been enjoying this half term:

"I like getting GEMS for handwriting." Isla

"I love Thrive when we pretend to go to different places as a class" Apeia

"I like reading 'Where the Wild Things Are'." James

"I liked putting the pages from the story 'The Lonely Beast' in the right order." George



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### Attendance

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	96.6%	95.2%
Kingfisher	91.2%	94.6%
Swan	97.3%	96.2%
Owl	93.6%	96.1%
Swift	<b>100%</b>	98%
Hawk	95.3%	96.5%
Falcon	93.1%	96.3%

### Last weeks Postcards Home

Peacock = Imogen  
 Kingfisher = Maison  
 Swan = Lexi  
 Owl = Isabella  
 Swift = Jack  
 Hawk = Elzie-Mae  
 Falcon = Emilian



### 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.)