



# DORDON DELIVERS

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**Next Week's Assembly Theme:** E-safety - Social Media / Early Warning Signs and Network

**Reminder:** Please ensure your child brings a bottle of water to school every day.

## What's on Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS2 SATS week  3.00 - 4.00 KS1 Multi Skills 3.00 - 4.00 KS2 Football	3.00 - 4.00 KS2 Multi Sports		3.00-4.00 Y5/6 Rounders club	Non Uniform Royal Wedding Celebration Day Celebration Assembly 2.40pm 3.00 - 4.00pm Y2-6 Embody Dance Club

### Changes to the Curriculum

Our school has been through a period of change this year in how it approaches the delivery of English and maths. I want to take this opportunity to update you on these changes and what it will look like for your children in school.

#### Maths No Problem

There has been a change in the thinking about the way we approach the teaching of maths in England, following government research into the methods used in Singapore and China. As a result, there are a number of different schemes being used across the UK to develop the 'mastery approach' to maths. This requires pupils spending longer on each aspect and deepening their understanding. To address this, we are using a scheme called Maths No Problem which is based on this approach. It may appear that children are doing easier work but the concepts they are learning will be more secure and therefore will allow the progression of skills to be seamless. Staff have received training and many aspects we are already using on a regular basis but we are confident it will create even better mathematicians. The children are already giving us positive feedback.

#### Power of Reading

We have included information about this in previous newsletters but its impact continues to grow. The concept is simple - teach all aspects on English through an interesting and exciting book. I can see a difference in the way children are talking about books and their vocabulary has already been enhanced - this has an indirect effect on their writing too. It does look like we are doing less writing as we are spending longer in the build up to writing but the quality of work being produced is much better. Talk to your child about the books they are reading and what they are learning through their English work.

The delivery and approach of these has meant we have had to adapt the way we work in school and as many of you saw at Parents Evening, we no longer put English work in our journals. It is quite likely that from next year we will be using one book for all aspects of English: guided reading, grammar, spelling, and writing. We will also only have a foundation subjects book where evidence for history, geography, art and DT will be collated.

It has been a challenge to change the way we work but we are sure that it is in the best interests of the children. It is definitely a step in the right direction and in line with current educational thinking. We look forward to sharing the product of our work at our 'Show and Share' evening in July.

Mrs Cross  
Executive Headteacher



Learning through play in Peacock class

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

## Spot Light on Excellence...

### House Competitions

We are introducing more House Competitions across school and hope your children will take part to win points for their Houses!

During the Easter holiday, Mrs Price set a wonderful 'Extreme Reading' competition which resulted in Green House winning (as more children participated in Green House).

This week Dordon's House Captains led an assembly promoting our new House Competition! The new competition is to redesign the postcard home. We want children to draw a new cover for the postcard (to replace the current Dordon photograph), which celebrates just how wonderful Dordon is. If you saw the postcard coming through your letterbox, what type of design would make it extra special?

Today children will be sent home (if they chose to participate) with a template and an instruction sheet. We are hoping to find a KS1 and KS2 winner; our judges will be the House Captains. The House with the most entries will win.

Miss McGroarty



### IPad App of the week

Pizza Maths by Simulant  
(£1.99 / £0.99 VPP)



Pizzas are an excellent way to learn your fractions, percentages and decimals. With 'Pizza Maths' you earn new toppings for your pizza designs by answering maths questions. A total of 180 maths problems for you to solve.

### Charity Update

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Money raised so far for

**buddy bag**  
foundation  
making a difference to children in emergency cases

**£296.72**

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

## Royal Wedding Celebrations

To celebrate Prince Harry and Meghan Markle getting married next weekend, we would like to hold a celebration of our own in school. On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May, we are inviting all children into school in their own clothes; the theme is **Red, White and Blue!**

During the day, the children will participate in a variety of activities based around the Royal family and we hope to have a whole school picnic on the field. If children are usually a packed lunch they should still bring their lunch into school as normal. For children who usually have dinners there will be one sandwich option available on this day which is a ham bap, chocolate cracknel, fruit bag and a milkshake. This will enable the children to bring their lunch outside to eat with the rest of the school.

Please note: There will be no hot dinner option on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

Dordon cannot wait to share in the Royal celebrations!

## Lunch Menu

From the 14<sup>th</sup> May the school lunch menu will be changing we will be reintroducing sandwiches and children will have four options to choose from for their lunch. The full menu is available on the school website.



## Dates for your Diary

- 14/05/18 - KS2 SATS week
- 17/05/18 - Census Day
- 18/05/18 - Non Uniform Royal Wedding Celebrations
- 21/05/18 - KS1 SATs week
- 21/05/18 - Hawk class to National Space Centre
- 21/05/18 - Healthy Eating Assembly
- 22/05/18 - Class Photographs
- 23/05/18 - Quad Kids at Polesworth
- 24/05/18 - Visits to Dordon Library
- 24/05/18 - Vision screening in Reception
- 24/05/18 - New Parents Meeting 5.30pm
- 25/05/18 - Swift Egyptian Day
- 25/05/18 - Peacock to Ash End Farm
- 28/05/18 - 01/06/18 Half term
- 05/06/18 - Y6 Healthy Eating
- 08/06/18 - 11/06/18 Manor Adventure
- 11/06/18 - KS1 Phonics Week
- 22/06/18 - Staff Inset Day
- 27/06/18 - Grandparents Lunch
- 05/07/18 - Moving Up Day
- 09/07/18 - Sports Day
- 10/07/18 - Show and Share Evening
- 12/07/18 - Reserve Sports Day
- 18/07/18 - Y6 Leavers Disco
- 20/07/18 - End of term school closes at 1pm

These dates may be subject to change if necessary. Details and times to be confirmed nearer each event.

## Dogs

Dogs are NOT permitted anywhere on the school site at any time. We would appreciate parents not bringing dogs to the school gate. Please leave your dog at home.



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We provide free information to support families with children and young people aged 0 - 25 across Warwickshire on issues including:

- Childcare
- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
- Help with family finances
- One to one support
- Parenting support
- Support with bullying

All our information is available at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis)



## Craft Club

### at Dordon Church Hall

The club takes place on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 6-8pm. All are welcome to come along to this free event. You can bring your own project or use club craft supplies.



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# Hawk



Hawk class are enjoying their learning about 'Earth and Space';

"I am enjoying our book 'Cosmic' because it has taught me a lot of new words." Zoe

"Everyone is excited for the trip to the National Space Centre and it's Planetarium." Harvey

"I've enjoyed painting our own space picture because I love art and school." Elektra

"I really liked using 'Now Press Play' because we got to meet Neil Armstrong!" Matthew

## Visitors

Visitors into school may ONLY enter via the school reception where they should be signed in and given a pass. We do not allow people to enter school for any reason without going through this process which protects the children and staff.

We would also ask parents not to enter the school by any of the other doors, if you need to speak to your child's teacher please come to the school office where the teacher can be fetched or an appointment made for the end of the day.

## 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 before the end of term. 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.

## Last weeks Postcards Home

Peacock = Ryan

Kingfisher = Lillie-Mai

Swan = Mollyanne

Owl = Sophie F

Swift = Ruby

Hawk = Ella

Falcon = Josh W

## Attendance

Last Week Year

Peacock	97.0%	95.1%
Kingfisher	94.8%	95.1%
Swan	97.3%	97.1%
Owl	98.1%	96.2%
Swift	94.1%	96.2%
Hawk	98.4%	95.7%
Falcon	94.4%	96.5%



## Dordon Primary School Website

Want to know what's happening in school? Go to [www.dordonprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.dordonprimaryschool.co.uk) there is so much information for you from; school policies, newsletters, copies of letters sent home, curriculum pages, events calendar, class pages, lunch menu, sporting events and much more.

## 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.)