

Reminder: The children's lunch menu is available on the school website in the parents section.

What's on Next Week				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS1 Multi Skills 3pm-4pm Y5/6 Football Club 3-4pm	Y3/4 Football Club 3pm-4pm	Breakfast Brainiacs 8.00-8.40 Sewing Club 3pm-4pm Parent's Evening 5.30pm - 8.30pm (R-Y6)	Parent's Evening 3.30- 6.00pm (R-Y5) SEND team in library	Breakfast Brainiacs 8.00-8.40 Y5 & Y6 Author visit No Celebration Assembly Y3/4 Tennis Club 3pm-4pm

Lateness

I am once again writing about the issue of lateness at Dordon. As I have shared previously, we monitor lateness on a weekly basis. In my article in January I highlighted the problem but I now find myself writing again as there has been little improvement.

Since January, there have been 232 lates at Dordon. This is an average of 5 children late per day. This means 5 children are having a disrupted start to their learning. If it were the same 5 children, then the response needed would be more targeted and personal. However, there are 29 children with 3 or more lates **this term**. This indicates a more widespread problem. Our school day starts promptly at 8:40am and it is our expectation that children are in school at this time.

Over the coming weeks, we will continue to monitor lateness and where there is no improvement, we will be inviting parents to come into school to discuss the issue with Miss McGroarty and myself.

Being on time means children have a settled start to their day. They receive the same messages from the teacher about learning as their peers and it enables them to feel secure. Children who are late often feel unsettled and lost as they have missed some key aspects of the day. At Dordon, we utilise every minute of the day and some key interventions and support are provided in the first 10 minutes of the day. Being late affects a child's chance to access this.

As with all things at Dordon, if there are issues with morning routines or with getting to school on time, we will try and help as much as we can. Ask to meet with Miss McGroarty or Miss Lewis and they will try and signpost the appropriate support services. We have many cases in school where that has been effective.

I look forward to reporting a more positive picture in the near future.

Mrs M Cross
Executive Headteacher



Learning about Fire Safety in Y1

Spot Light on Excellence...

TEAM Dordon

In light of Wood End's recent OFSTED inspection it made me reflect on our team across two schools. This year both primary schools have been under the spotlight and worked exceptionally hard to prove their worth.

Life as a teacher and teaching assistant can be challenging as you are constantly striving to nurture pupils and make them the very best they can be. In a climate where funding can be limited and scrutiny is high on the agenda, schools might struggle to rise to the occasion, but not Dordon. I am thankful for the team I collaborate with on a daily basis. We are a hive of activity and at the forefront of what we do is care for and educate our children.

Recently, I have undertaken many tours of school for prospective parents and I find myself beaming with pride when walking around Dordon. Some of the highlights that I like to share when touring school are:

- The consistent approach to learning which is evident in each class (Power of Reading boards, Working Walls etc)
- Trilby TV which documents current learning on all of the screens around school
- A fantastic new Studio for additional P.E provision
- The Hive which caters for children who benefit from learning in smaller groups
- Our art and cooking zone
- Our brand new library
- The TA interventions which take place every afternoon outside of classrooms

But what stands out more than anything, are our polite children and the buzz around school. I am biased of course, but it is often noted by visitors!

Dordon is so much more than 8.40am-3.00pm! It is dedication and a team who put children first.

Miss McGroarty



IPad App of the week

This Week's Words by Simulant
(£2.49 / £1.24 VPP)

This app has a very sophisticated text-to-speech engine that pronounces each word very clearly for the games and tests. You can choose to have either a UK-english or US-english accent.



Charity Update

Money raised so far

£320.15

NSPCC
Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.

Morning Cleaner required at Dordon Primary School

JOB VACANCIES

Fixed Term Position to 31st August 2019

Salary: Monday to Friday 10rs per week Scale B

Closing Date - 9.00am on Friday 29th March 2019

The Executive Headteacher is seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and diligent Cleaner to join our team. Full training will be given. This is a great opportunity to join a rewarding environment working 2hrs per day 6.30 am to 8.30 am. Further details and application forms are available from the school office or website. Please return completed applications to the School Office or by email to :-

admin2018@welearn365.com



ChatHealth Parent line

Warwickshire School Health & Wellbeing Service and Warwickshire Young People Substance Misuse Service has launched a new way for parents and carers of school aged children to get confidential advice and support about child health related issues. ChatHealth is an award-winning school nurse messaging service and is available Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm. There will be automatic bounce-back responses to incoming messages out of hours. Answering the text message will be a nurse who can assist with any queries about general health, child development, behaviour, toileting and emotional health and wellbeing issues. The text number is **07520 619376**.

The opportunity to discuss any health issues relating to your child is always available and The School Health and Wellbeing Service can be contacted on 03300 245 204 Option 3.



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Dates for your Diary

30/03/19 - Y6 Spirit of Bollywood at Birmingham Hippodrome
04/04/19 - Swift class trip to Stratford upon Avon
04/04/19 - Parent's Evening 3.30-6.00pm (Y6 only)
05/04/19 - Owl trip to Cadbury World
05/04/19 - R and Y1 Dental Survey
08/04/19 - Shakespeare Week
09/04/19 - Show and Share
11/04/19 - Sport Enrichment Day
12/04/19 - Lunchtime Easter Egg Hunt
12/04/19 - Deadline for payment for Manor Adventure Trip
12/04/19 - End of Term school closes at 3.00pm
29/04/19 - Summer Term begins
06/05/19 - Bank Holiday
13/05/19 - Y6 SATs Week
23/05/19 - Class Photographs
27/05/19 - 31/05/19 Half Term Week
03/06/19 - Term resumes for pupils
07/06/19 - 10/06/19 - Manor Adventure Residential Trip
20/06/19 - Y4 & 6 Road Safety
21/06/19 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
19/07/19 - 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.

Swift

Swift class are really enjoying their learning this half term:



"This week we got to learn about Egyptian Hieroglyphics, when we decoded it the message said Swift class are learning about the Egyptians." Ryley

"I liked the ballroom dancing because we learnt a move called the Cha-Cha-Cha." Reese

"I loved it when we did some freeze frames about the Worst Witch and then brought them to life." Kenzie

"I like 'I was a Rat' as it is funny and enjoyable." Olivia P

"The Hippodrome work was fun, my favourite part is the dance." Jack

"I liked reading 'I was a Rat' because I like it when he does mischievous things." Megan

"Craig came in from the Hippodrome and taught us about freeze frames as we created different sections from the Worst Witch." Finlay

Y1 Fire Safety

This week we were very lucky to have two fire fighters come into school to talk to Year 1 and Year 5 about fire safety:



"They taught us how to stop, drop and roll." Max

"I loved the story they told us about." Amelia

"I liked it when Chyna dressed up in the fire fighters suit." Lily

Attendance

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	92.1%	93.9%
Kingfisher	97.6%	95.2%
Swan	98.7%	96.3%
Owl	100%	98%
Swift	97.1%	96.7%
Hawk	98.8%	94.8%
Falcon	94.8%	96.3%

Last weeks Postcards Home

Peacock = Alex
Kingfisher = Scarlett
Swan = Lillie-Mai
Owl = Lottie
Swift = Freya
Hawk = Andrei
Falcon = Clark

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For more information please
contact Jack & Jill Preschool on
01827 899551
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session has been booked you
will be charged even if your
child does not arrive.)