



DORDON DELIVERS

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Next Weeks Assembly Theme: Our Brilliant School

Reminder: Can you please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name.

What's on Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS1 Multi Skills Club 3-4pm KS2 Football Club 3-4pm			KS2 Multi Sports Club 3-4pm	Celebration Assembly 2.40pm

How do we deal with bullying?

Ensuring children are safe and happy in school

Our schools have been recognised for the children's 'Outstanding behaviour' and we are rightly very proud of this. We work extremely hard to ensure that relationships across school are excellent and we invest a lot of time in assemblies, class sessions and PSHE (Personal Social Health and Education) and run an 'Anti-Bullying Week'.

Bullying is however thankfully extremely rare in our schools, but as with every organisation (including those adults work in) it is sometimes present in some shape or form. Any school or any organisation which says '*we have no bullying*' probably has a poor understanding of what it is, or is being dishonest about its presence. Our role is to ensure that we prevent bullying by giving children an understanding of what it is and the power and support to tackle it, as well as creating a climate where it is totally unacceptable.

Children and adults can get the definition of 'bullying' wrong and use what is a very strong 'description' wrongly. Whilst children and adults will too often say 'my child is being bullied', in reality what is happening is children bickering or arguing with each other. Bullying is not usually a 'single isolated incident' of another child saying or doing something unpleasant to another person, but is something that is more likely to be planned and repeated.

Our schools are extremely ordered and friendly environments, with a really strong system for stopping things occurring. We use 'stop it please' to let people know we 'don't like it'. If an issue then continues, we spend time talking to each person to understand and explain why their behaviour is not acceptable. We will also contact parents if the issue is serious and will also place reminders in our diary to return to the issue and check all is OK in the future. Any bullying is recorded in a log to ensure we don't forget that a problem has occurred and reminders are given to staff the next school year.

Thankfully, over the past five years our 'bullying logs' show less than a handful of incidents, which is an extraordinary result that we are very proud of. However, we are not complacent and will continue to work hard to ensure that our children treat each other with the highest levels of respect.

Mr May
Director of Education



All photographs can be purchased for £3 per A4 colour copy. Please see the school office for one.

Spot Light on Excellence...

Attendance and Punctuality

Thank you for all your efforts getting to school **on time**. There has been a huge reduction in the number of people who have been late for school this term. Last year there were 588 lates across school – if each of these was 5 minutes, it would equate to 49 hours of lost learning time!

Being in school is the greatest factor in pupils making progress – if they are not here, they cannot learn. Attendance is currently 97% and we want this to continue to improve across the term. Last year 10% of pupils managed to be in school every day! Will it be you this year?

What does your child most enjoy about school?

A selection of comments from our most recent parental questionnaire which we are extremely proud of... (names removed for anonymity!)



"My son is making fantastic progress due to the wonderful opportunities in his class. Academic and creative experiences are excellent. Thank you we are over the moon."



IPad App of the week

Number Jumble Tumble by
EdTech (£0.69)



Simply spin the barrels on the Jumble Tumble, then by adding, subtracting, dividing or multiplying the five numbers shown on the red barrels, try and equal the sum of the numbers shown on the two blue barrels.

Charity Update

We will be selecting a single charity for the school to sponsor again this year. If you have any suggestions or thoughts please let us know.

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

'It doesn't matter if my child is late for school'

Not what the children would say! They absolutely hate being late. They arrive after all their friends are already sat down in school and enter a classroom of 30 others looking at them. At the start of the day teachers take registers, explain to the children what they will be doing for the day and all sorts of other important instructions about what will be happening around school. Apart from this being late is NOT an authorised absence. Persistent lateness will often result in contact from Education Social Workers who inspect our registers and will prosecute for persistent cases.



This online portal now allows you to easily pay for all your children's school trips, dinners, swimming and music lessons all in one place. Dinner Money can be paid on a weekly basis and a minimum payment of £5.00 must be paid for at a time, you can of course pay more for longer periods if you wish.

The school office will no longer be able to accept cash payments after half term, if you need help setting up your Parent Pay account or would prefer to pay for school dinners with a Pay Point card please contact the school office who will be pleased to help.



Don't forget to log into eSchools to see what is happening on your children's class pages. The eSchools 'app' is available for you to download from the Apple or Google Play stores. The app will allow you to receive text notifications directly from the school to your mobile device.

If you are having any problems with activating your parent eschools account please contact the school office, as this year we will be launching our online booking system for Parents Evening.

Dates for your Diary

Academic Year 2016-2017

10/10/16 - Manor Adventure meeting for Parents
11/10/16 - Nasal Flu immunisation for Y1, 2 & 3
21/10/16 - Staff Development Day
24/10/16 - 28/10/16 - Half Term
16/11/16 - Parents Evening
17/11/16 - Parents Evening
28/11/16 - Enterprise Week
02/12/16 - Christmas Fayre
16/12/16 - Term ends school finishes at 1pm
03/01/17 - Staff Development Day
04/01/17 - Spring Term Starts
20/02/17 - 24/02/17 - Half Term
15/03/17 - Parents Evening
16/03/17 - Parents Evening
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

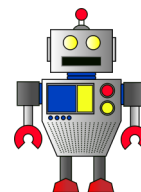
These dates may be subject to change if necessary. Details and times to be confirmed nearer each event.

*Our vision is to provide children with
Rich Opportunities,
Memorable Experiences'*

Attendance

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	99.2%	99.3%
Kingfisher	99.7%	99.3%
Swan	97%	95.2%
Owl	98.4%	99.2%
Swift	98.3%	94.8%
Hawk	98.9%	96.6%
Falcon	94.5%	96.3%

*Last weeks
Postcards Home*
Peacock = Holly
Kingfisher = Olivia
Swan = Olivia
Owl = Victoria
Swift = Elektra
Hawk = Jacob
Falcon = Demi



This half term Owl's theme is 'Mighty Metals' and they are enjoying their learning.

"I liked planning the trap for the Iron Man." Caitlin

"I have enjoyed maths. We have learnt about subtracting." Harry

"I enjoyed making the traps and using force meters." Lydia

"We have learnt new words in handwriting." Hollie

"We have worked really hard in maths!" Ben

Online Safety

The use of online communication within school is monitored extensively, both internally and externally, to help safeguard pupils from potential dangers or unsuitable content. Online safety incidents which are reported by staff or children are recorded and managed in accordance with the Online Safety Policy. All children are taught about how to be responsible, safe internet users and are taught the skills which are needed in order for them to protect themselves against online dangers both inside and outside of school.

We would ask that parents continue these messages at home by monitoring children's posts on social media and reminding them of the SMART rules;

S - safe. Keep safe by not sharing personal information about yourself with people online. This includes your name, school, age, address, etc.

M - meet. Do not arrange to meet people you have talked to online.

A - accept. Do not accept files, texts, emails from unknown sources

R - rely. Not everything you read online is true! Check with other information sources.

T - tell. Make sure you tell an adult if you get your early warning signs and feel unsafe.

Music Lessons with Warwickshire County Music Service

Playing a musical instrument could be one of the best things your child ever does. Research shows that music and playing can 'improve academic attainment in areas such as numeracy, literacy and language' (Henley Review 2011) and help develop; Self-discipline and self-esteem, Social skills and Concentration. Above all else it is a highly rewarding activity and great fun.

A limited number of opportunities are available to learn musical instruments for children in Years 3-6 in the following areas; Brass and Drums

If you think you might like your child to learn a musical instrument please contact the school office.

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CEVA Logistics, Volkswagen Distribution Centre
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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.)