

Next Week's Assembly Theme: St Andrew's Day / Advent Sunday

Reminder: If you are unsure about how to book your time slot for Parents' Evening please contact the school office.

What's on Week beginning 4th November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Book Fair 3.15 - 4.00pm KS1 Multi Skills Club 3-4pm Y5/6 Football Club 3-4pm	Book Fair 3.15 - 4.00pm Parents' Evening 5.30 - 8.00pm	Book Fair 3.15 - 4.00pm Y3/4 Football Club 3-4pm KS2 Musical Theatre Club 3.00 - 4.15pm Parents' Evening 3.30 - 6.00pm	Open Morning 9.00am - 10.00am Book Fair 3.15 - 4.00pm Second hand uniform sale 3.15 - 4.00pm	2.40pm Celebration Assembly Book Fair 3.15 - 4.00pm Y3-6 Hockey Club 3-4pm

What is the single most important thing I can do to help my child at school?

Research shows that **'reading with your child'** is the single most important thing you can do to help your child's education and more importantly children are never too old to share reading.

What difference could I make as a parent?

The short answer is: a lot! Parents are by far the most important educators in a child's life and a child is never too young or old to read. It's best to read little and often, so putting aside some time for it every day, even if it is just 15 minutes it is hugely valuable. Thinking of ways to make reading fun can sometimes be difficult - you want your child to learn how pleasurable books can be, but don't want reading to become a chore.

Learning to read is about listening and understanding as well as working out print. Through hearing stories, children are exposed to a rich and wide vocabulary. This helps them build their own vocabulary and improve their understanding when they listen, which is vital as they start to read. It's important for them to understand how stories work as well. Even if your child doesn't understand every word, they'll hear new sounds, words and phrases which they can then try out, copying what they have heard.

As children start to learn to read at school, you can play an important role in helping to keep them interested in books, finding out what interests them and helping them to find books that will be engaging and fun for them. Give time to helping them practise reading the books they will bring home from school. However, books aren't just about reading the words on the page, they can also present new ideas and topics for you and your child to discuss.

Tips for helping your child to enjoy books:

- Schedule a regular time for reading - perhaps when you get home from school or just before bed.
- Look for books on topics you know your child is interested in e.g. dragons, insects, cookery, sport.
- Reading comics, leaflets, instructions are also very important and encourage reading.
- Make sure that children's books are easily accessible in different rooms around your house.
- Use individual cardboard 'filing boxes' to store leaflets, newspapers, comics, instructions for them.
- Make 'book reviews' together and record stories you read together.
- Think of investing in a device such as a kindle. Costs are now down to £50 and the money saved on buying a 'paper book' quickly recoups the cost and presents a new and exciting way to encourage reading.

Reading is a life skill and we will continue to work together to secure the best future for the pupils in our care.

Mrs M Cross
Executive Headteacher



Family Lunch

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

Spot Light on Excellence...

Family Lunch

On Wednesday, families came into school and **enjoyed** lunch with their children. We had feedback from parents last year expressing a wish to come into school more often, just like our grandparents do. With this in mind, we decided to introduce a 'Family Lunch' every term at Dordon, so any close family members can come in for lunch.

As always, Mrs Clarke has done a wonderful job organising the day. She took families on a quick tour of school, made sure everyone spent time in class with their children, had lunch and then a cup of tea in the staffroom.

We listen to parental feedback regularly in the hopes that we continue to forge links with our families and the community. Thank you to all those families who applied for the lunch; if you were unsuccessful this time please try again next term.

Miss McGroarty



IPad App of the week

3D Magic Words by Arb Studios
LLC (£1.49 / £0.74 VPP)



'Countdown' style word game. How many words can you make out of the given letters? Reveal all the words that you can before time runs out.

Charity Update

Our new charity for this year is



Dordon Primary School Christmas Fayre

Friday 6th December

Sorry to start talking about Christmas but it will soon be time for our School Fayre!! This year we would love some home baked cakes or mince pies for our refreshment stall, if anyone could help. Also there will be a non uniform day on Thursday 5th December where the children will need to bring a Tombola prize as payment. If any parents would like to run a stall for their own products or know any local businesses who could donate raffle prizes or can help in anyway please see Mrs Genge in the school office.

Whole School trip to see Snow White at Birmingham Hippodrome

Don't forget that the payment has been set up on ParentPay so you can pay in instalments of as little as £2. Please note that the full amount must be received by Friday 17th January 2020. Unfortunately if payments are not paid in full we will have no choice but to cancel the trip.

Second Hand Uniform Sale Thursday 28th November

To raise money for our Sponsored Charity of the Year, Zoe's Place, the School Council have decided to hold a Second Hand Uniform Sale in the school hall on Thursday 28th November from 3.15 - 4.00pm. Please come along and grab yourself a bargain!



House Competition Reminder

We challenge you to find out about the explorer who is representing your House. Once you have researched the explorer you are free to share your information however you like. All entries must be handed in to your class teacher by Friday 6th December. Do not forget to add your details on the back of your entry. The winning entry will receive a book token worth £10 and five House tokens. Second and third prize winners will receive a £5 book token and three House tokens. All other entries will win one House token for their team!

Dates for your Diary

02/12/19 - Enterprise Week
03/12/19 - Y2 to Birmingham Hippodrome
05/12/19 - Non-Uniform bring a tombola prize as payment
05/12/19 - Celebration Assembly 2.40 pm
06/12/19 - School Christmas Fayre 4.00 - 6.00pm
09/12/19 - Whole School Nasal Flu Immunisations
09/12/19 - KS1 Movie Night
10/12/19 - Y2 Baby Jesus at Polesworth Abbey
11/12/19 - Reception visit to Wood End
12/12/19 - Show and Share
13/12/19 - Crazy Hair Day
16/12/19 - KS2 Movie Night
19/12/19 - Whole School to Church
20/12/19 - Christmas Jumper Day
20/12/19 - Christmas Dinner Day
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
24/01/20 - Whole School to see Snow White at Birmingham Hippodrome
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

Swift

Swift class are really enjoying their learning this half term:

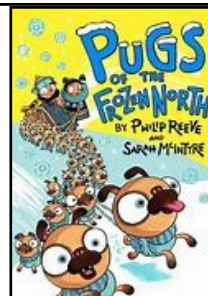
"I really enjoyed it when we were seeing if custard is a liquid. I really like the book we're reading, 'Pugs of the Frozen North' and it was fun when I got to make ice." Jacob

"My favourite part about this term has been making a fact file about dogs and planning it. I also liked it when we used charcoal to colour a picture of a pug." Aimee

"The thing I have enjoyed most this half term is making icebergs. We made them, then we watched them melt, they were really cold and they melted quickly." Maisy

"My favourite part of this term has been maths because I am getting better at dividing and getting better at Growth Mindset." Imogen

"I loved it when we drew a picture of a pug and coloured it in with charcoal." Jessica



Y4/5 Dodgeball Tournament at Kingsbury

On Tuesday our Y4/5 Dodgeball team took part in a tournament against seven other schools:

"My favourite part of this term so far has been the Dodgeball Tournament because I had fun and we came joint 4th. I enjoyed working as a team." Alfie Y4



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>

Attendance

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	94.8%	95.6%
Kingfisher	89.2%	95.3%
Swan	93%	95.9%
Owl	93.9%	96.5%
Swift	96.2%	97.8%
Hawk	98.5%	96.8%
Falcon	98.1%	96.7%

Last weeks Postcards Home

Peacock = Tommy
Kingfisher = Apeia
Swan = Finley
Owl = Millie-May
Swift = Katrina
Hawk = Jayden
Falcon = Hollie

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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.)