



DORDON DELIVERS

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Next Weeks Assembly Theme: How we use words

Reminder: Absences should be reported by telephoning the school office by 8.30am on the first day of absence and confirmed by a signed letter on the first day the child returns.

What's on Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cross Country Club 12.30-1pm KS1 Word Wizards 3-4pm	Hawk class to Polesworth Library	Swan class Pirate Day 6pm Manor Adventure meeting	Swan Infant Agility School Disco Infants = 4-5pm, Juniors = 5-6pm	Celebration Assembly 2.40

Our Teaching Assistants

Excellent teaching assistants in our schools

Most parents understand that apart from our teachers there is another significant group of professional who work regularly with our children; our 'teaching assistants' (TAs). Although they may not routinely appear at Parents Evenings, write school reports or contact parents they are essential element of our school.

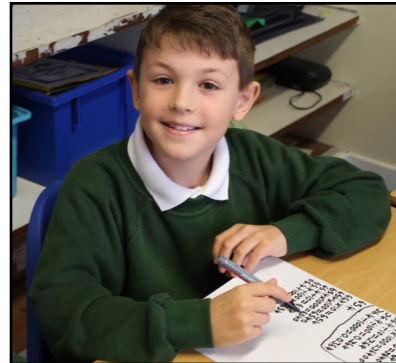
The number of teaching assistants working in mainstream schools has increased dramatically in recent years. With the increased emphasis on children needing to develop sound literacy and numeracy skills early in their schools lives, our teaching assistants have a vital role to play in not only supporting individuals and groups within a class, but also working on individualised programmes for those with specific difficulties or those who are gifted and talented.

Our most experienced teaching assistants also teach early morning boosters and cover whole classes when teachers have their weekly 'planning and preparation time'. In reality they are so good, familiar with the children and understand the work of the class, that we often prefer them to 'cover' sessions when staff are away.

A number of our teaching assistants have become teaching assistants after starting as volunteers and then undertaking training to gain teaching assistant qualifications. We have been very proud to appoint the very best of these volunteers to TA appointments in our schools.

Our teaching assistants are a proactive and highly professional group within our school. Gone are the days when they simply 'washed paint pots'. Our Teaching Assistants are regularly involved in evaluations of their performance and are observed by senior members of the teaching staff. They always go the extra mile for our pupils and offer extra-curricular opportunities, attend professional development sessions after school and regularly stay behind and support school activity well past their allocated time. We value them highly as a vital part of our team and without their amazing contributions our children would not make the fantastic progress we expect.

Mr May
Director of Learning



A hardworking Hawk

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

Spot Light on Excellence...



Well done to our Year Two children. They have **worked** really hard this week completing their KS1 SATS **papers**. They have approached each test with a positive attitude and a smile on their faces. We are all really proud of their achievements this week.

Our school vision is to...

'Inspire children to become confident, secure, caring individuals who achieve personal success and develop a love of learning through 'rich opportunities and memorable experiences'

We teach children through a series of 'themes'. These are usually over a half term period and start with an exciting 'provocation starter' and end in something to 'take home' or 'perform'. Our children are therefore excited by the challenges and problems we give them and understand the journey learning takes. 'Theme starters' this term have included a letter from the Jolly Postman as well as an invite to be a Pirate and caterpillars arriving! Children love our themes and we know they improve progress because children write, read and use their taught maths to solve 'real' problems.

Mr May



IPad App of the week

Monster Physics by Dan Russell
-Pinson (£0.69 / £0.34 VPP)



A great app for supporting KS2 science experiments. Create your own monster avatar and then safely guide it through a selection of missions. Links well to friction, air resistance and other popular science experiments.

Charity Update

Money raised so far for



Polesworth Group
Homes Ltd.

£630.39

Weekly Safety Question

Each week we ask the children a quick 'outside of school' safety question in assembly on Friday. We would be grateful if parents could help us at home by giving the same message. This week:



'What should you do if you accidentally spill boiling water on your skin?'

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



Look out for further updates soon...

PLEASE NOTE: For obvious safety reasons we DO NOT allow bicycles or scooters to be ridden on the school site **AT ANY TIME**. Younger brothers and sisters are very welcome to come onto the school site to deliver and collect, but should not bring or ride on bicycles or scooters.

All pupils are welcome, entrance fee is £2.00, pay on the door. All children will receive a bag of sweets on arrival and squash will be available throughout the disco, so children will not need extra money. Infant children will enter through the main door and be collected from the main door at 5pm. Junior children will enter through the Junior doors and will be collected from the main door at 6pm.

24/04/17 - Staff Development Day
25/04/17 - Summer Term starts
29/05/17 - 02/06/17 - Half Term
21/07/17 - Term ends school
finishes at 1pm

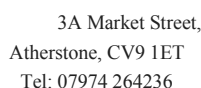
Whilst we are confident that our children can meet the 'new challenges' well, the bar has been sent very high indeed. Parents should be aware that children who previously were graded as 'exceeding national expectations' may now fit closer into what is described as 'meeting national averages'. Be reassured, the children are not 'doing worse', are not failing, and teaching is still fantastic. We are simply being asked to measure them against a far more challenging standard.

Children are NOT permitted to be on the schools site **before 8.30 am**. 'Before school child care' facilities must be used if children cannot be looked after appropriately .

Call Liz on 01827 895899 or 07443
121867 - Little Dancers 3-6 Years 4.30-
5.30pm - Juniors 7-11 Years 5.30-7.30pm
Visit www.cameodance.co.uk
First trial class FREE

Peacock = Alfie
Kingfisher = Megan
Swan = Kian
Owl = Chelsey
Swift = Nevaeh
Hawk = Isabelle
Falcon = David

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	92%	96.7%
Kingfisher	95.3%	96.5%
Swan	96.3%	97.1%
Owl	93.1%	96.7%
Swift	97.6%	97.3%
Hawk	96.7%	96.9%
Falcon	99.3%	97.4%



Quality loose Fruit & Veg at low prices
Potatoes from: £5.00/25kg bag or
£2.75/12.5 kg bag - Also available:
cheese, yogurts, creams, local milk
Local Jam's and Polesworth Honey -
Free range eggs £1.00 per ½ dozen

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