



DORDON DELIVERS

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Next Week's Assembly Theme: Looking after our World

Reminder: Staff toilets are not for public use as part of our Safeguarding procedures.

What's on Next Week

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

School Attendance

It sounds obvious but children are more likely to succeed when they attend school consistently. But it is not just about the lessons that are missed, children also find it difficult to engage in the lessons when they return because they have missed the important teaching points when they were off to allow them to successful access the next stage of learning.

Good attendance at school is vital for pupils to achieve their full educational potential. Pupils with good attendance records benefit in the following ways:-

- Continuity of learning which makes progress and retention easier
- Improved performance in coursework tasks
- Enhanced performance in examinations
- Continuity of relationships and friendships
- Good references for further education or employment
- Good habits are formed for later life

And then there is the law! Children by law must attend school and all schools are required to record details of pupils' attendance and absence at school. We do so at the beginning of morning and afternoon sessions and within strict time limits. We are also required to report poor attendance.

Our focus is however very much on reward. We encourage children to be on time and attend by giving children lots of praise when they are 'being brave for carrying on' with minor ailments like a cold. We reward 'Never Lates' and 'Good Attendance' by giving children certificates on a termly basis, which the children are very proud of. We do however understand that children are sometimes unwell and certainly don't wish children to come into school unwell just to achieve an attendance reward, and for this reason we also include children whose attendance is also very slightly below 100%.

Our schools always achieve better rates of attendance than schools nationally because our children love coming to school and hate missing anything. We are delighted that our school attendance rate is significantly above this at 96.5%. Well done everyone!

Mr May

Director of Education



Swifts dressed as who they want to be when they grow up

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

Spot Light on Excellence...

Brighter Futures

This week in school we acknowledged Young Carers Awareness day. The organisation supports children who have had to 'grow-up' as a result of the circumstances they are in.

In school, we dressed up to show the career we would like to pursue when we are older. The support for this event was overwhelming and there had clearly been lots of discussions about this both in school and at home.

We focused on how what we are doing in school now is already the paving the way for our pupils to secure their dreams. We are putting in place the stepping stones for the career of their choice. It was clear when we looked at it, that maths and English are essential skills for life.

Mrs Cross

Thank you for your donations to the Young Carers Awareness Charity yesterday we raised £123.80.

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 do you do if someone you don't know tells you to get into their car with them?'



School Meals

Just to remind you that if your child is having a school dinner £2.10 needs to be paid on the morning of that day. If your child is having dinners all week then £10.50 should be paid on a Monday morning via ParentPay or PayPoint. Dinners will **NOT** be provided if payment is not received in advance.



IPad App of the week

Gingerbread Fun HD by
Bluebear Technologies
Ltd (£1.49 / £0.74 VPP)



Make, decorate and bring to life your own gingerbread man. Option to take a photo of creations as evidence. Even get to eat it at the end too!

Charity Update

Money raised so far for



£215.75

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



The Young Voices Concert

On Monday the Young Voices choir are going to perform with hundreds of other children at the Genting Arena. It is a wonderful concert and the children really enjoy taking part in it. Everyone can now keep up to date with what's happening by following us on twitter. If you don't have a twitter account don't worry just go to the school website and look at the Social Feed on the homepage. Any parents who are attending the concert can download the Young Voices app which has the 'Find My Child' feature to help you find where your child is sitting in the arena.

Myths and Legends

A selection of comments and misconceptions we sometimes hear

'If my child has been sick I have to keep them off school for 48 hours'

Not correct. Many parents confuse the advice given by health professionals following the Norovirus outbreak (winter vomiting bug) with our normal practice. Children are ill for all sorts of reasons and if a child has had a mild bout of sickness they don't need to stay off for 2 days.

Keeping our parents up to date with 'Social Networking'

General tips for parents

Engage with your children about their experiences on the Internet, without making it seem like you're snooping on them. Show interest in their online activities so they feel comfortable about sharing experiences with you. This way your child will not feel worried about speaking to you should any issue or problem arise, such as online bullying or being sent inappropriate content.

Dogs:

Please leave dogs at home! However friendly your own dog is, a number of our children are very frightened by them. We do not permit dogs into school at any time (even being carried) and do not allow them to be tied up on the school fences. Clearly a dog bite can have very serious consequences for a child and could result in a dog being put down.



Dates for your Diary

Academic Year 2016-2017

30/01/17 - Young Voices Concert
02/02/17 - NSPCC Sponsorship money to be paid in
08/02/17 - Peacock class to Snowdome
10/02/17 - Kingfisher class to Gurdwara
17/02/17 - Non Uniform Day
20/02/17 - 24/02/17 - Half Term
01/03/17 - Grandparents Lunch
02/03/17 - World Book Day
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.

Music Lessons with Warwickshire County Music Service

Playing a musical instrument could be one of the best things your child ever does. A limited number of opportunities are available to learn musical instruments for children in Years 2-6 for Flute and Clarinet and Saxophone for Years 4-6. Lessons are paid on a termly basis and children receive a loan instrument free of charge for the first year. If you think you might like your child to learn a musical instrument please contact the school office.



CAMEO DANCE Est. 2003
Fun Children's Dance Classes
Held in Polesworth Classes For Children From Age 2 ½ BALLET * TAP * ACROBATICS * MODERN
Tuesdays (from Feb '17) & Fridays From 4:30pm Juniors (6-11yrs) Fridays from 5:30pm Memorial Hall **Visit**
www.cameodance.co.uk **Facebook**
Charlotte Kate Cameo Call into the Tithe Barn from 4:30pm on Fridays or Call Liz on 07443421867 to arrange your child's **FREE TRIAL**



Owl class are really enjoying this term's theme 'Tales of the Unexpected'.



'I like the book 'The Water Horse' and I like when we write about in English' Roshan

'I like it when we do Science and Art.' Iris

'I like learning about 'The Water Horse.' Harvey

'I liked it when we became news reporters.' Kristina

'I like reading 'The Water Horse', answering the maths problems and writing stories in English.' Lydia

Think you know how to help protect your kids online?

www.thinkuknow.co.uk is a new web site which aims to get young people to share what they DO know and find out if there is stuff they don't know.

School Sweatshirts and Cardigans

Our school uniform specifies ONLY a school sweatshirt/cardigan with our school logo. We do not accept any other version.

Stop It Please!

Children need to be taught to deal with things they don't like happening to them properly. In school we tell them that hitting back is not acceptable. We simply ask:

'If someone does or says something you don't like, say 'Stop It Please!'. If this doesn't stop the problem, go to an adult who will ALWAYS deal with the problem immediately.

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

Last weeks Postcards Home

Peacock = Elliott A
Kingfisher = Joe
Swan = Freya
Owl = Ben
Swift = Zoe
Hawk = Jake
Falcon = Demi-Lea

Attendance

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	96%	97%
Kingfisher	94.3%	96.4%
Swan	98.3%	96%
Owl	98%	97.4%
Swift	95.3%	95.8%
Hawk	98.5%	96.7%
Falcon	95.7%	96.6%



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.)