



DORDON DELIVERS

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Next Weeks Assembly Theme: Achievement / Doing well at school / GEMS / Burns Night

Reminder: Being LATE for school upsets children. They miss the start of the day when the timetable for the day is explained.

What's on Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y6 to Polesworth to see Little Shop of Horrors		Breakfast Brainiacs 8.00-8.40		Y6 trip to National Holocaust Centre Y5 Kwik Cricket Celebration Assembly 2.40pm

Parent's Vital Role in Improving Children's Reading

Making sure our children read well

A major focus for school improvement this year is on 'reading'. Whilst we have 'spell checkers' that help us spell correctly, computers that mean we are using handwriting less, as well as calculators on every mobile phone which support our mental arithmetic, there is little out there which diminishes the importance of being able to read well.

Reading is arguably one of the most important skills we teach our children and despite massive strides in technology is still the only way we can easily assess websites, social networking sites, read electronic texts and understand and interpret most aspects of our lives. Without being able to read well, children face huge challenges in life because so much of our world becomes closed to them.

Reading is so important that we teach it on a daily basis. Our youngest children start by learning the sounds individual letters make and go on to start understanding combinations of letters, before reading whole words. By year 6 we expect children to read complex texts, choose their own books, answer complex comprehension questions and make inferences from text read.

Parent's role in supporting children's reading is **absolutely essential**. Although we give children the opportunity to be taught an aspect of reading at least 30 minutes every day, it is not nearly enough time! To progress rapidly, children **MUST** practise their reading every single day, and we need children to be reading regularly and consistently at home to make sure their reading continues to improve. Children also need to read at weekends and whilst on school holiday!

Each of our children has a Reading Record which contains their weekly 'Reading Target'. This is our minimum expectation of the number of times they should read at home. For most children who read for pleasure, this is an easy target to achieve.

PLEASE help us to help your child by making sure they read often at home

Mrs M Cross
Executive Headteacher



Swift class enjoying the outdoor gym equipment

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

Spot Light on Excellence...

Artsmark

This year Dordon will be working hard to achieve the Artsmark award. This award is a practical tool for schools and education settings seeking to enrich their arts provision. As a school, we recognise that all children need a broad and balanced curriculum and therefore we need to nurture our pupils' interests even further. Artsmark can help unlock the potential of children and young people, develop character, talent and confidence and increase their knowledge and understanding.

This year some classes will be acting and dancing with the Hippodrome theatre and will even be visiting the theatre to watch a performance. We are also inviting some artists into school to enhance the art provision at Dordon and we will be working alongside a local design company who will be running a competition - the winners will be getting a very special surprise.

These are just some of the opportunities which will arise this year and we know that our parent support will be as strong as ever and it will be another reason why we can be proud of Dordon and our wonderful pupils.

Miss McGroarty

Dodgeball Competition

On Wednesday children from Year 3 and 4 took part in a Dodgeball Competition at Kingsbury Community Sports hall. We had an amazing time and we love playing Dodgeball. The best part was when we won against Kingsbury and Austrey! Alfie Y3



iPad App of the week

Geoboard by the Math Learning Center by
Clairty Innovations (FREE)

Pupils stretch bands around pegs to form line segments and polygons and make discoveries about perimeter, area, angles, congruence, fractions, and more.



Charity Update

Money raised so far

£64.40

NSPCC
Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.

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

British Values



A core British Value in our modern society is **democracy**. At school we exercise democracy in many aspects of life at school. We vote for house captains, school council and digital leaders. We are given choices and understand that there is a pupil voice.



Warwickshire Rise Partnership Community Offer
January 2019—July 2019

YOU MUST BOOK AN APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND

What we offer?

Coffee Mornings - (Group Sessions with Parents to discuss a particular topic stated on the leaflet)

Are you a parent or carer of a Warwickshire child?

Would you like to join us for a coffee, and learn about common emotional wellbeing concerns in childhood, and find out what you can do to help?

Our team of specialist mental health professionals are facilitating FREE coffee and information sessions.

Sessions will include a presentation of a topic, with refreshments available before and after, with a chance to meet other parents.

1-1 Consultations with a mental health clinician (Face to face appointments to speak with a Professional)

Consultation slots (up to 45 mins) are also available if you would like to have the opportunity to speak in confidence to a member of our Specialist Mental Health Professionals Team, via e-consultation, phone or in person. This is open to families of children and young people.

All coffee mornings and consultations are aimed at early intervention and prevention and may not be useful for those already involved with RISE Mental Health Services. These sessions are not suitable for parents of children with moderate learning difficulties.

In Partnership with:



North Warwickshire
Borough Council



Warwickshire
County Council



If you would like more information about the topics and timings of the local coffee mornings please come to the school office for a leaflet.

Dates for your Diary

31/01/19 - Young Carers Awareness Day
01/02/19 - Mr Rosten from The Polesworth School to see Y6
06/02/19 - Grandparents Lunch
14/02/19 - Non Uniform wear red for the NSPCC
14/02/19 - Y2 & 3 Road Safety
14/02/19 - The Polesworth School science lesson with Y4
18/02/19 - 22/02/18 Half Term Week
25/02/19 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
26/02/19 - Term resumes for pupils
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
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
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.

Hawk

Hawk class are enjoying their learning this half term:



"This term has been awesome! We've recently started reading an amazing book called 'Cosmic'. The main character is a very tall boy called Liam." Victoria

"We have learnt about the Moon landing and looked if it was true or a hoax. I think it is true, it was interesting and amazing." Josh

"I love learning about Space, 'Cosmic' might be my favourite book yet." Max

"In maths we've been reading and interpreting line graphs and tables. It has been tricky but VERY fun!" Lydia

"I really like that we're learning about Space and that Mrs Yelland-Brown chose this topic!" Charlie

Cycles and Scooters

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.



@ Dordon Primary

Attendance

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	88.6%	94.7%
Kingfisher	96.7%	95.4%
Swan	98.7%	96.1%
Owl	98.8%	97.8%
Swift	97.6%	97.1%
Hawk	95.5%	94.9%
Falcon	98%	96.7%

Last weeks

Postcards Home

Peacock = Daniel

Kingfisher = Finley

Swan = Mason

Owl = Nevaeh

Swift = Luis

Hawk = Ben

Falcon = Matthew

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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.)