

Week beginning 24th February Assembly Theme: St David's Day / Shrove Tuesday

Reminder: For the safety of the children the school car park is for staff only during school hours.

What's on Week beginning 24th February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Inset Day school closed to pupils	Pancake day menu	Y3/4 Dodgeball Club 3-4pm KS2 Musical Theatre Club 3.00 - 4.15pm	3.15pm Lost Property in School Hall	2.40pm Celebration Assembly

Staff Development

In our schools, we are constantly looking to evolve, change and improve to maintain high standards and keep abreast of the ever-changing world of education. In order to do this there is a detailed programme of professional development that is tailor made to meet the needs of all staff and governors. This training can take many forms:

External training courses - this is where staff attend a training course off site to develop their skills, knowledge and expertise. This half term has seen staff attend courses on reading, writing, maths, science, developing skills as outstanding teachers and teaching assistants, planning educational visits and more.

Internal training - this is ongoing throughout the year and takes place during weekly staff meetings or on INSET days. It can be provided by staff in school or by consultants. Some training has included curriculum review, maths, art, health and safety, mental health and safeguarding.

Online training - Using training provided by colleges or organisations to develop skills. This is often undertaken in staff's own time. Examples of online training include safer recruitment, mental health qualifications and health and safety.

By providing these opportunities we are ensuring that our staff are well-equipped to complete their jobs to a very high standard. Our staff are incredibly dedicated and committed to being the best versions of themselves. As a school community we see ourselves as a group of learners - adults included. We never stop learning to achieve the best outcomes for our schools and the pupils.

Mrs M Cross
Executive Headteacher

REMINDER—There is an INSET day on Monday 24th February after half term. Children are expected to return on Tuesday 25th February.



Don't forget to follow us on Twitter on @Dordon Primary, find out what is happening at school and get reminders of upcoming events. If you don't have a Twitter account go to the school website's homepage, look at the social feed box and see all the information there.



Whole School enjoying Treasure Island

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

Spot Light on Excellence...

Treasure Island

This week, we invited M&M Theatrical Productions into school to perform the classic story of Treasure Island. The children usually come into the hall in silence, but I have to say, it was extremely hard to keep each class quiet as they were so impressed with what they saw. The set and props were amazing and so was the acting. The children had great fun watching the show and interacting with the characters.

Over the years, we have tried our best to expose our pupils to a variety of opportunities so we expand their knowledge of the world. When we went to watch the pantomime at The Hippodrome, some of the children told me they had never been to a theatre before and it made me feel like our trips at Dordon are always worthwhile. Similarly, some of the children told me they had never heard of Treasure Island before they saw the production. These moments are special for me, as we are providing the children with possibilities... possibilities to educate pupils in different ways and to inspire them to be the best they can be. At Dordon, we teach our children they can be whatever their hearts desire in life, if they are dedicated and persevere.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday everyone!

Miss McGroarty



IPad App of the week

Strip Designer by Vivid Apps
(£1.99 / £0.99 VPP)



Select one of the many included page templates. Insert photos into the cells. Add a couple of balloons with fun words. Add additional effect symbols (stickers) like "Boom", "Splash", or "Bang" to spice up the story.

Charity Update

Money raised so far



£175.00

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

Sharing a story

This week Kingfisher class wrote their own version of the story 'The Rainbow Fish' called 'The Rainbow Peacock'. After finishing their stories, they bound them into books. Then, Kingfishers went into Peacock class to read their stories. Peacock class really enjoyed it!



Hawk

Hawk class are really enjoying their learning this half term:

"I enjoyed learning about narratives because I like writing stories and describing things, such as the whirlpool (Charybdis)." Finlay

"I enjoyed doing maths and when we got to do bronze, silver or gold challenges!" Olivia P

"I enjoyed learning about the adventures of Odysseus, my favourite chapters are Land of the Dead and Torment and Trial because there are ghosts and a dragon." Reese

"I enjoyed learning how to plait. It was new for me but I tried my best and it was fun." Olivia R

"I have enjoyed drawing Greek patterns because it was fun to make up your own. I also liked making hair for Odysseus because now I know how to plait." Daniella

"I enjoyed doing lots of things this term but I especially liked learning about Greek patterns. We even created our own pattern on a computer." Sophie K



Lost Property in School Hall Thursday 27th February

Once again our Lost Property is overflowing with unnamed items. We will be putting all these items out in the School Hall on Thursday 27th February at 3.15pm. Please come along and claim what is yours. Anything that is not claimed will be disposed of as we do not have the room to store it.

Pancake Station

Dessert on

Tuesday 25th February

Choose from the following toppings:

Fresh Fruit Salad

Choice of Sauce Topping

Chocolate Custard

Traditional Lemon and Sugar

Golden Syrup

Chopped Bananas

What's your favourite?



Warwickshire Road Safety Reminder

Throughout the year Warwickshire Road Safety Club visit the school and provide workshops for the children about road safety and have asked if you can remind children that when they cross the road they need to:

THINK about roads

STOP and **WAIT** before the kerb

LOOK and **LISTEN** carefully for traffic

THINK about what to do

CROSS safely, looking and listening

KS1 children should hold the hand of a trusted adult, stay away from the kerb and look for a safe place to cross with an adult. Children in KS2 should identify hazards limit distractions and take responsibility for making sensible and safe choices.

Attendance

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	95.5%	94.4%
Kingfisher	92.8%	92.8%
Swan	98%	95.1%
Owl	99%	95.6%
Swift	98.1%	97.3%
Hawk	95.3%	95%
Falcon	94.6%	94.7%

Last weeks

Postcards Home

Peacock = Noah

Kingfisher = Alfie

Swan = Amelia H

Owl = Jack

Swift = Mason

Hawk = Sophie H

Falcon = Alan

Dates for your Diary

17/02/20 - 21/02/20 Half Term
24/02/20 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
25/02/20 - Term resumes
05/03/20 - World Book Day
06/03/20 - NSPCC Assemblies
10/03/20 - Parents' Evening booking opens
18/03/20 - Vision screening in Reception class
20/03/20 - Reports out to Parents
24/03/20 - Parents' Evening Late
26/03/20 - Parents' Evening Early
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

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

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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.)