



# DORDON DELIVERS

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**Next Week's Assembly Theme: World Storytelling Day / World Poetry Day**

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

## What's on Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS1 Multi Skills Club 3-4pm KS2 Football Club 3-4pm			Owl Class Stone Age Visitor KS2 Multi Sports Club 3-4pm	Celebration Assembly 2.40

### The start of the school day

An ordered and prompt start to the school day is surprisingly important for primary aged pupils. In all of our schools we encourage children to enter school 10 minutes before the official start of the school day to socialise with friends and be ready to go into school as soon as the bell goes.

The start of our school day is a very calm and orderly affair but a great deal goes on and every single minute is optimised. As soon as the bell goes children enter school, hang up their coats and bags and before entering the classroom, place lunch boxes into trolleys.

Children then enter the classroom and will often have a quick warm up activity on the desk waiting for them which they start without further instruction from their teachers. These activities range from a mental maths puzzle, or a short piece of writing. Sometimes these activities consist of children improving a piece of work from the previous day or even answer a direct question from the teachers feedback. Whilst the children do this, we take a register and find out their lunch choice for the day.

Before 9.00am office staff will have followed up most unexplained absences, hence the great importance of parents informing the school of any absence by 8.30am using the answer phone and in the classroom the teacher will have explained the work for the day, discussed groups and allocated children to teaching assistants.

Children's lateness is extremely rare, but when it occurs makes life extremely difficult for the school and for the child. Apart from the difficulty caused by needing to open up registers, re-explain the tasks for the day (all of which stops staff from working with other children), the 'late child' also starts the day feeling 'left out', confused and 'out of sorts'. Being late for school means children are disadvantaged for the remainder of the day.

Our school day starts at 8:40am. Children may enter the school site from 8:30am.

Mrs Cross  
Headteacher



**Enjoying Shakespeare with the Storyteller**

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

### **Spot Light on Excellence...**

#### Parents Evening

As always, it was fantastic to see so many of you at parents evening this week. Your attendance at parents evening is an essential element to the home/ school partnership that is so vital for the wellbeing and success of pupils.

It is clear from looking at the learning that takes place in classrooms that the pupils at Dordon are provided with an interesting and exciting curriculum that makes key skills purposeful.

It is also an opportunity for you to share with staff in school key aspects of your child's progress and development and ask key questions about their learning.

It is clear from the positive feedback we have received that as parents you can see the efforts being made by your children and the progress that is being secured.

Mrs Cross

### Contact Information

Could you please ensure that you keep the school office informed of your contact details, especially mobile phone numbers as we often send out information and reminders via the text message service. Any changes of address also need to be reported to the school office as letters to parents and postcards home are sent via royal mail.

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



#### IPad App of the week

**My Robot Friend**  
by Leapfrog Enterprises Inc  
(£2.49 / £1.24 VPP)

Take control of your robot friend, Alpha-1, using logic, puzzle solving and math skills. Use your arsenal of shrink rays, invisibility cloaks, shields, propeller packs and a whole lot more as you program your way through 80 mind-teasing levels.



#### Charity Update

Money raised so far for



**£403.90**

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

# Who's Who at Dordon Primary

Hello I am Miss Griffiths. My role is currently as a Year 4 class teacher and school SENCo.

I have taught previously at Birchwood Primary School for two years in Year 1 before moving to Dordon Primary School to teach Year 2 and now Year 4. I have the delight, this year, of teaching the same children I taught in Year 2 and I have enjoyed all our learning experiences.

As school SENCo, I am passionate about ensuring our Special Educational Needs children receive a rich and varied curriculum to suit their needs.

Every Christmas along side the children and support of other staff, I somehow manage to pull off a Christmas extravaganza, that I hope you will agree, just keeps getting better.



## Reminder for Parents – Leave Of Absence during Term Time

As you will all be aware, current attendance regulations stipulate a Head teacher may not grant a leave of absence during term-time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

*Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.*

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what he/she views as 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. If the leave is granted, the head teacher is able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Attendance, Compliance and Enforcement Service of Warwickshire County Council

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is issued and not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Parents are asked to respect the new regulations under which the school must work and if there is a need to take a child out of school during term-time, an application or request must be made in advance and make clear how the circumstances are exceptional.

## Dates for your Diary

### Academic Year 2016-2017

- 23/03/17 - Owl Stone Age Visitor
- 29/03/17 - Swimming Gala at Kingsbury
- 05/04/17 - Easter Egg Bingo 5.15 - 7.15pm
- 06/04/17 - Deadline for Manor Adventure trip payments
- 07/04/17 - Hawk class trip to Wroxeter Roman City
- 07/04/17 - Easter Egg Hunt 12.30pm
- 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

## Doctors and Dentists

Please do your best to arrange appointments for doctors and dentists outside school time or in the school holidays. Missing school DOES have an effect on children.



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We are now collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers.



**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 0744321867 to arrange your child's  
**FREE TRIAL**

# Swift



*This week the children had a wonderful experience when a Storyteller came to visit and brought books to life. Swift class learned about 'The Mad Hatters Tea Party'.*

*"I really liked playing the musical chairs game." Tommy*

*"It was so funny when he sprayed water at us if we weren't joining in." Olive*

*"I enjoyed watching children being chosen to go and act out different parts." Kacper*

*"I really liked that he was so enthusiastic about the story." Hollie*

## Comic Relief Friday 24th March

As parents have already been so generous this year with fundraising for; our chosen charity Cancer Research UK, Young Carers and the NSPCC, we will not be organising anything for Comic Relief in school this year. However any children who have purchased **red noses** will be allowed to wear them to school. All children are to wear school uniform as usual.

# Permanent Vacancy



## New Vacancy

### Teaching Assistant level 2, Scale band F17- F21, 26.25 hours

Dordon is a very popular successful school recognised as 'a good school with outstanding features' (OFSTED 2014). We are looking for a permanent member of staff to join our friendly, enthusiastic and committed team working with our well behaved and happy pupils.

Further details and application forms are available from the school website. Completed applications should be returned to school no later than 12.00 noon on Monday 27th March 2017.

## Last weeks

### Postcards Home

Peacock = Elliott L  
Kingfisher = Dominic  
Swan = Bailey  
Owl = Josh  
Swift = Tommy  
Hawk = Jacob  
Falcon = Rubi

## Attendance

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	99.6%	96.9%
Kingfisher	99%	96%
Swan	90%	95.3%
Owl	99.3%	97.6%
Swift	96.3%	95.9%
Hawk	95.5%	96.8%
Falcon	96%	96.4%

**ocado.com**  
The online supermarket  
www.ocado.com/careers



## 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.)