



DORDON DELIVERS

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Week beginning 31st October Assembly Theme: Bonfire Night / Diwali

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

What's on Week beginning 31st October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y6 to Polesworth for Science Taster KS1 Multi Skills Club 3-4pm KS2 Football Club 3-4pm	Open Morning 9.00am - 10.30pm		KS2 Multi Sports Club 3-4pm	Celebration Assembly 2.40

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

Mr May
Director of Education



House Captains

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

Spot Light on Excellence...

Being new at Dordon

Over the past 4 years, Dordon has grown significantly in size which has meant lots of new pupils joining our school and making it even more brilliant. The pupils at Dordon make their new classmates feel welcome and new pupils soon settle in.

I have tested this theory this week by asking those new to Dordon how they are finding it. ALL of the children, without exception, reported feeling happy at school and commented on how friendly the other children are. The majority said, "It's better than my old school!"

Moving school is difficult so to hear such positive comments is a reflection of the caring and supportive nature of our school.



A Cashless School



The school office will no longer be able to accept cash payments after half term, all payments will need to be made via Parent Pay or Pay Point. If you need help setting up your Parent Pay account or would prefer to pay for school dinners with a Pay Point card please contact the school office who will be pleased to help.



IPad App of the week

Marble Math Addition by

ABCya.com (£0.69 / £0.34 VPP)



The object of Marble Math is to complete addition problems using marbles as manipulatives. The main activity is Marble Math, which provides addition practice.

Charity Update

We will be selecting a single charity for the school to sponsor again this year. If you have any suggestions or thoughts please let us know.

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

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

Myths and Legends

A selection of comments and misconceptions we sometimes hear

'I don't have time to hear my child read every day, it's the schools job to teach them!'

Believe it or not this has been said to us! We would dearly love to hear the children read individually each and every day, but it is impossible. Whilst we teach them 'letter sounds' and support their reading skills we do not have sufficient time to complete essential and regular practise. Simply hearing each child for 15 minutes each day would take teachers over 7 hours a day, clearly an impossible task. Parents support is vital.

Dangerous Parking

Please park with consideration when delivering and collecting children. Parking over driveways, over yellow lines not only annoys our neighbours but potentially places our children at risk because they are forced to cross between closely parked cars. Dropping off children on yellow zig zags outside school is totally unacceptable and is also illegal.

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:



'As the nights get darker, what can you wear to make sure that car drivers can see you?'



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Dordon Primary School Website

Want to know what's happening in School? Go to www.dordonprimarieschool.co.uk, there is so much information for you from; school policies, newsletters, curriculum pages, events calendar, class pages, lunch menu, sporting events and much more.

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.'

Craft Club at Dordon Church Hall

The club takes place on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 6-8pm. All are welcome to come along to this free event. You can bring your own project or use club craft supplies. The next one is on the 2nd November.

Peacock

Peacock Class

have had an amazing start to school. They make me proud every day with the way they learn and care for each other.



I asked them what they liked about school and this is what they said;

"We always come in quietly." Theo

"I enjoy learning with all the new things." Rosie

"I like playing with the playdough. I stick things in it to make patterns." Mason

"I have been learning outside riding the bikes." Michael

"I like building in the workshop." Elliot

"I like playing with the conkers, filling them up to the top and counting them." William

"I like being outside in the workshop." Holly

"I like playing outside with the hula hoops." Amelia

"We love learning with our friends." Noah S

"We share the toys." Jack

"I like learning with the puppet show." Lexi

Healthy Lunch

We know that parents are keen for children to eat healthy foods, we also know it sometimes is a real battle to get them to 'eat their greens'! Dordon has been assessed and graded as a 'Healthy School'. Part of our agreement to be classified as a Healthy School, is that we make sure we teach children what is healthy to eat. We are also expected not to allow unhealthy foods into school for breaks and lunches.

May we remind parents that sweets and chocolate are NOT allowed into school. A small chocolate covered biscuit, small piece of cake, 'healthy crisps' etc are however perfectly acceptable.

Attendance

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	93.8%	98.1%
Kingfisher	98.3%	98.6%
Swan	96.3%	96.2%
Owl	96.5%	98.4%
Swift	97.7%	95.9%
Hawk	98.2%	96.3%
Falcon	97.9%	97.1%

Last weeks Postcards Home

Peacock = Noah A
Kingfisher = Ethan
Swan = Megan
Owl = Harvey
Swift = Kacper
Hawk = Isabel
Falcon = Lori

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.)



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