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Reminder: Please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school every day. School will not be providing cups.

### **Curriculum**

The children are now well established in their new classrooms and the routines that are in place. Now we can turn attention to our core purpose - teaching. We are aware that children have missed a significant proportion of their learning last year whether they were in school or at nursery. However, our staff are highly skilled at identifying gaps and addressing these to ensure children catch up.

At our schools, we remain committed to a broad and balanced curriculum. We recognise the importance of the core skills but rather than ignore all of the other areas of the curriculum, we are building basic skills into these subjects where we can but also adding in extra short sharp bursts to refresh the children's recall of things they knew before lockdown.

We continue to use Cornerstones as the basis for our curriculum. Each class will study a theme each term learning key skills from the National Curriculum in a wide range of subjects. This will be supported by a quality text that introduces the children to new vocabulary and exciting adventures. For maths, we adopt a mastery approach using Mathematics Mastery in Years R- 3 and White Rose Maths in Y4-6.

Over the coming weeks, we will identify the children who may need a little more support to 'catch up' and will use the funds allocated in the most effective way we can to maximise the progress of our children.

It is quite nice to write about something other than the C- word and for once this isn't Christmas in September. It almost feels like business as usual.

Mrs M Cross Executive Head



Don't forget our new out of hours email address specifically for reporting Coronavirus is:

## coronavirus2018@welearn365.com

Please use this if: your child has tested positive, your child is symptomatic and awaiting a test, or a household member is symptomatic and awaiting test results. This email will be checked in the evening and at weekends and will allow school to seek advice and take appropriate action if we need to.

## The One Way System on the Playground and Dropping Off Times

Can we remind parents that it is essential that you adhere to the one way system and designated route on the playground when dropping off and collecting children. Could we also ask that you stick to your child's drop off times to ensure that we do not have too many people on the playground at any one time.



## Follow our Facebook and Twitter pages for all up to date information.



## Spot Light on Excellence...



Welcome to Dordon Peacock Class

As always, it is a joy to see the new Reception cohort join us at Dordon. Mrs Cross and I have been learning names all week and liaising with our Reception team to ensure the children are happy and settled at school. Despite staff being unable to visit homes this year, they felt that meeting with families in school was just as beneficial and gave the children the opportunity to familiarise themselves with their classroom a lot faster. This was particularly important, as the children never had the opportunity to come into school during the summer term.

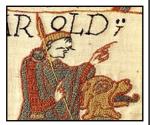
I want to say thank you to the parents in Peacock class! The children look immaculate and are in the correct attire each day. As a school, we pride ourselves on being the best we can be and uniform helps to promote this.

Watching the children appear so happy and handling school life so well and so quickly is a testament to parents, staff and most of all the wonderful children who have joined us. I look forward to the years ahead with Peacock class and cannot wait to make lasting memories with them in our school.

Have a lovely weekend Dordon!

Miss McGroarty





Here is what Swift Class have been learning about this week:

"I have enjoyed sewing and reading 'Arthur and the Golden Rope'". Daniel

"I have enjoyed learning about Iceland because when I read through my work I wanted to go!" Rosie

"I like being in Swift class because of the challenges and I have finally earned my pen." Elliot L

"In Swift Class I have been enjoying using the computers and learning about Iceland" Charlie

"I enjoyed writing the letters to the King of England in History and making them look old using tea bags." Millie May

"I have loved doing sewing and Maths." Edward

"In Swift Class I have enjoyed sketching parts of the Bayeux Tapestry." Noah S







# **Online School Uniform Shop**

Our online Uniform Shop is open for business! To purchase; jumpers,

cardigans, book bags and PE bags go to the school website and click on the link 'Parent Pay Uniform Shop'. When your order is ready it will be sent home with your child.



#### Calling all Dordon Residents! Your village needs you!

Don't forget to have your say via Dordon Community Facebook about what you feel about the redevelopment plans for Dordon.

#### Dates for your Diary

#### Academic Year 2020/21

26/10/20 - 30/10/20 - Half Term 02/11/20 - Inset Day school closed to pupils 18/12/20 - End of Term 04/01/21 - Inset Day school closed to pupils 05/01/21 - Spring Term begins 15/02/21 - 19/02/21-Half Term 22/02/21 - Inset Day school closed to pupils 01/04/21 - End of Term 19/04/21 - Summer Term begins 03/05/21 - May Bank Holiday 31/05/21 - 04/06/21 - Half Term 07/06/21 - Inset Day school closed to pupils 18/06/21 - Inset Day school closed to pupils 21/07/21 - End of Term

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



To book a space email scarline@premier-education.com

See a full schedule of what we are offering for FREE:

#### Monday 21st September

Location: The Dordon Club, Long Street, B78 1PZ

Activity: Dodgeball | Time: 16:30-17-10 | Age: 7-12 Activity: Musical Theatre | Time: 17:15 - 17:55 | Age: 5-12 Activity: Street Dance | Time: 18:00 - 18:40 | Age: 7-12 Activity: Street Dance | Time: 18:45 - 19:25 | Age: 12:16 Activity: Dodgeball | Time: 19:30 - 20:10 | Age: 12-16

#### Tuesday 22nd September

Location: The Dordon Club, Long Street, B78 1PZ Activity: New Age Kurling Time: 10:00-11:00 am | Age: 50+

Location: Dordon Recreation Ground, Long Street, B78 1QA Activity: Walking Football | Time: 11:00 – 12:00 am | Age: 50+

#### Wednesday 23rd September

Location: The Dordon Club, Long Street, B78 1PZ Activity: New Age Kurling| Time: 10:00-11:00 am| Age: 50+

Location: Dordon Recreation Ground, Long Street, B78 1QA Activity: Beginners Fitness| Time: 11:00 - 12:00 am| Age: 18+

#### Thursday 24th September

Location: Dordon Recreation Ground, Long Street, B78 1QA Activity: Walking Football| Time: 10:00 – 11:00 am| Age: 50+

Location: Dordon Recreation Ground, Long Street, B78 1QA Activity: Wellbeing Walk and Talk | Time: 11:00 - 12:00 am| Age: 18+

#### Friday 25th September

Location: Dordon Recreation Ground, Long Street, B78 1QA Activity: Kwik Cricket| Time: 10:00 – 11:00 am| Age: 18+

Location: Dordon Recreation Ground, Long Street, B78 1QA Activity: Beginners Fitness | Time: 11:00 - 12:00 am| Age: 18+

#### In partnership with Dordon Community Spirit and Dordon Community Cafe

## **Dordon Community Village Store**

#### Are you?

- Feeling the pinch after the impact of Covid-19?
- Furloughed or made redundant?
- Struggling to get to the shops?
- · Need to make the pennies stretch a bit further?

Dordon Village Hall. (Kitwood Ave. entrance) Mondays 12 noon - 3pm

A weekly honesty shop

Fridays 3pm - 6pm Social Distancing Applies

## Food Cupboard Supplies: Pay what you can afford.

Any gueries contact Julie on 07702031960.

Items available will vary and at present are non-perishable items only. This is subject to change

