

**Reminder: We do NOT allow bicycles or scooters to be ridden anywhere on the school site.**

### Core Values

I am often asked to identify the core values we wish to instil in our children. This is something I reflect upon often. What is it, other than the curriculum, that we want the children to gain from their time in our school? I think of it as the hidden curriculum - the things we teach, model and expect from all the puzzle pieces in the box. These are the ones I have settled on:

- **Respect** – this is our one-word school rule and all pupils across school understand what is meant by this term and it is reinforced regularly. It forms the core of our ethos in school. It is expected that it is modelled by all adults and pupils.
- **Resilience** – we acknowledge with pupils that not everything is easy and it is how you approach a challenge that matters. Pupils are encouraged to persevere and overcome adversity both academically and emotionally. We reward growth mindset through our behaviour system.
- **Honesty** – encouraging pupils to take responsibility for their actions and accept when they make the wrong choice is important in our school. It is important that they see this modelled by adults too.
- **Ensuring your best** – this is about improving on your own previous best, not comparing yourself to others. This is essential if we are to develop learners with intrinsic motivation and aspiration.
- **Empathy** – teaching pupils to see things from a different perspective. This is a thread that runs throughout our curriculum and school.
- **Self-belief**- Many of our pupils lack self-esteem and aspiration. Our job is to let them see that anything is possible; giving them the sense that they can achieve anything.
- **Curiosity** – building an inquisitive nature in pupils, encouraging them to find out and not simply accept that they don't know.

With these core values embedded we think we are preparing the children for life – to have the skills needed to contribute effectively to our community.

M Cross  
Executive Head

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

[coronavirus2018@welearn365.com](mailto: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.



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### Spot Light on Excellence...



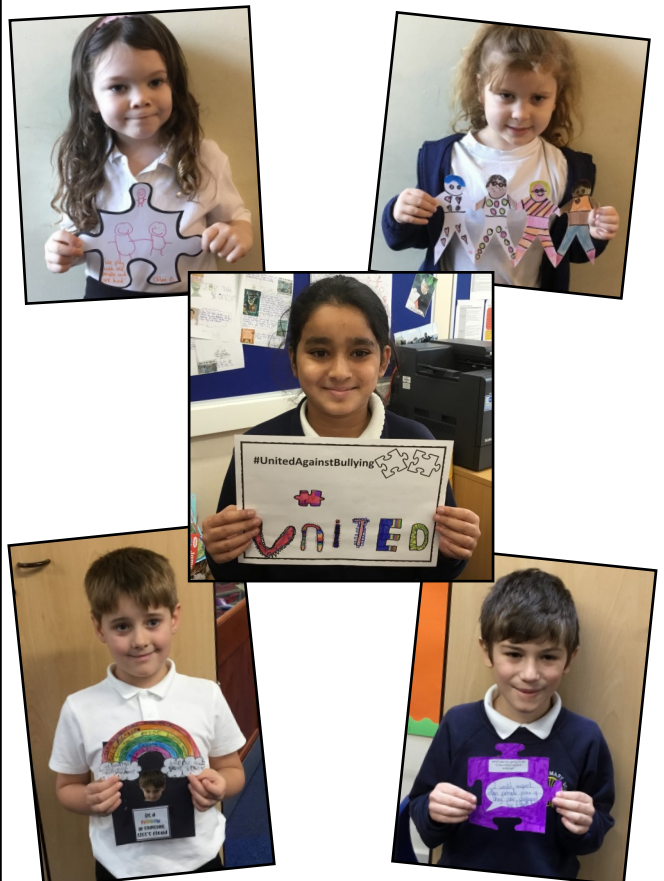
#### Anti-Bullying Week

2020 has been a hard year for many and there's a significant amount of uncertainty ahead. But we are seeing examples of what can happen when we come together for a common goal. Whether it be communities coming together to make sure everyone has their shopping, key workers continuing to work despite the risk to their and their loved ones lives or people enduring a solitary lockdown to try and save others. Communities have worked together.

Our school community has also worked together, despite being in separate bubbles. This week, we thought about the anti-bullying theme of UNTIED AGAINST BULLYING and showed our support in a variety of ways. We collectively said **NO** to bullying this week and echoed this through role-play, posters, class discussions, art work and more. Our children understood and could express that bullying is sustained behaviour which is intended to hurt someone emotionally or physically. This is a cause which is very close to our hearts here at Dordon. In many ways, it is a shame that this campaign still exists after all of these years, but Dordon will stand firm and strong in support of what is right until bullying is eradicated from our schools, workplaces and communities.

**DORDON CHOOSES RESPECT!**

Miss McGroarty



# Swift



Here is what Swift class have been learning this half term:

*"I have enjoyed doing potions and designing my own potion bottles because I got to be creative. I also enjoyed 'Noah Barleywater Runs Away' because it's an interesting book and the author of the book is very creative! I have also enjoyed using water colours in Art because I got to paint, it was very relaxing."* Amanda

*"I enjoyed researching about Hindy Gods because RE is one of my favourite lessons. I also enjoyed using water colours in Art because I love painting."* Lexi

*"I have enjoyed using water colours in Art because it is relaxing."* Edward

*"This term I enjoyed reading 'Noah Barleywater Runs Away' because it is a mystery! I also enjoyed drawing and making potion bottles because I liked wrapping it up with pink tissue paper."* Hollie

## Dates for your Diary

### Academic Year 2020/21

- 17/12/20 - Christmas Jumper Day
  - 17/12/20 - School Christmas Dinner
  - 18/12/20 - End of Term - school finishes early
  - 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.

## Charity Update

Money raised so far



**£227.94**

## Last weeks

### Postcards Home

Peacock = Chloe

Kingfisher = Grayson

Swan = James

Owl = Skyler

Swift = Declan

Hawk = Noah

Falcon = Sophie K

## Attendance

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	95.5%	97.2%
Kingfisher	96.3%	94.9%
Swan	97.9%	95.9%
Owl	98.2%	96.3%
Swift	97.9%	94.8%
Hawk	96.7%	97.4%
Falcon	94.5%	94.3%

## Christmas at Dordon Primary

Due to Covid restrictions Christmas will be different this year at Dordon Primary School.

We will not be accepting staff gifts this year but instead any parents that would like to can make a donation to our chosen charity of the year Zoë's Place via Parentpay. This payment item will be available from Monday 30th November.

The children will still get to enjoy a Christmas dinner on Thursday 17th December and this will also be Christmas Jumper day. We will not be having a toy day at the end of term. Children will be able to bring in Christmas Cards but only for children in their class and all cards will be isolated for 72 hours before being handed out.

We are planning a few more activities for the children so watch this space for more information!

On Friday 18th December school will be finishing early and it will still be a staggered finish:

Peacock Class: 1pm

Kingfisher Class: 1.10pm

Swan Class: 1.10pm

Owl Class: 1pm

Swift Class: 1.10pm

Hawk Class: 1pm

Falcon Class 12.50pm

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation in these difficult times.

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