

Next Weeks Assembly Theme: Our one word school rule

Reminder: Children need to bring their 'From Me To You' form and their 'Reading Pack' into school every morning.

What's on Next Week				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Reception Tea Party at 2.30pm		Celebration Assembly 2.40

What is the single most important thing I can do to help my child at school?

Research shows that 'reading with your child' is the single most important thing you can do to help your child's education and importantly children are never too old to share reading.

What difference could I make as a parent?

The short answer is: a lot! Parents are by far the most important educators in a child's life and a child is never too young or old to read. It's best to read little and often, so putting aside some time for it every day, even if it is just 15 minutes is hugely valuable. Thinking of ways to make reading fun can sometimes be difficult - you want your child to learn how pleasurable books can be, but don't want reading to become a chore.

Learning to read is about listening and understanding as well as working out print. Through hearing stories, children are exposed to a rich and wide vocabulary. This helps them build their own vocabulary and improve their understanding when they listen, which is vital as they start to read. It's important for them to understand how stories work as well. Even if your child doesn't understand every word, they'll hear new sounds, words and phrases which they can then try out, copying what they have heard.

As children start to learn to read at school, you can play an important role in helping to keep them interested in books, finding out what interests them and helping them to find books that will be engaging and fun for them. Give time to helping them practise reading the books they will bring home from school. However, books aren't just about reading the words on the page, they can also present new ideas and topics for you and your child to discuss.

Tips for helping your child to enjoy books:

- Schedule a regular time for reading - perhaps when you get home from school or just before bed.
- Look for books on topics you know your child is interested in e.g. dragons, insects, cookery, sport.
- Reading comics, leaflets, instructions etc etc are also very important and encourage reading.
- Make sure that children's books are easily accessible in different rooms around your house.
- Use individual cardboard 'filing boxes' to store leaflets, newspapers, comics, instructions for them.
- Make 'book reviews' together and record stories you read together.
- Think of investing in a device such as a kindle. Costs are now down to £50 and the money saved on buying a 'paper book' quickly recoups the cost and presents a new and exciting way to encourage reading.

We are very keen to increase the number of volunteers who can come into school regularly to simply hear children read. If you are able to, we would love to hear from you. Giving up only 30 minutes a week and coming in, after dropping off your children, is so useful. You don't need to have special skills, be an outstanding reader, but just be someone who the children can read to and have help correcting a misread word or chatting about the story.

Mr May
 Director of Education



A Happy Swan

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

Spot Light on Excellence...

Welcome to Reception

Today has been the first day of the school year with all of our Reception children in school. The children all look so smart and happy coming into school and are already impressing Miss Copeland and the team with their learning skills. Over the coming months, we look forward to seeing them transform into confident, young learners. We cannot wait! So welcome to Dordon, Peacock class.



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

Reading Volunteers

- I am interested in helping to hear children read.
- I am available on Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
- Between: 8.45 – 9.15 For some of the morning For some of the afternoon

My name: _____
 Telephone: _____



IPad App of the week



Mr Thorne's Matching

Pairs by Mr Thorne Productions (£1.49)

99 games of randomly assorted cards based on the order of teaching letters and sounds, beginning with s, a, t, p, i, n, m and so on, leading onto more challenging games.

Charity Update

Money raised so far for



Polesworth Group Homes Ltd.

£1329.29

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
'My child is too old to read to'

We are never too old to be read to and for children of ALL ages it is a particularly valuable thing to do, if even for only 10-15 minutes a few nights a week. Snuggling up with a book lets the two of you slow down and will become a nurturing activity that will bring the two of you closer together. Another really powerful activity for children is for the parents and child to be reading the same book and discuss the characters and plot as they develop....

Our new Reception Children

May we wish a very warm welcome to the children and their parents joining our Reception classes. The children look wonderful in their smart new uniforms and have settled in marvellously well. We look forward to welcoming you into school very soon to see what the children have been learning.

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:



Social Networking Safety

Someone on Snapchat ask you to send them a photograph of you... what do you do?

Holidays in term time

We do NOT support holidays been taken in term time. It is disruptive for the school meaning we have to rearrange class groups, results in significant additional administration work and most importantly has a significant impact on the child's progress. It is a myth that 'my child will catch up' and/or 'it doesn't matter in primary schools. Our children experience individualised programmes of work each and every day and we can't reteach work missed.

Collecting children

To ensure that ALL of the children are safely collected we DO NOT permit 'casual collection' arrangements i.e. *'if I am not there at the end of the day go with.....'* It is essential that children are told to return to their teacher/school office if the usual person is not there to collect them at the end of the day.

Dates for your Diary

Academic Year 2016-2017

- 21/09/16 - Reception Tea Party
- 27/09/16 - Y7 Tree Planting 3.15-4.00pm
- 30/09/16 - MacMillan Coffee Morning
- 21/10/16 - Staff Development Day
- 24/10/16 - 28/10/16 - Half Term
- 16/12/16 - Term ends school finishes at 1pm
- 03/01/17 - Staff Development Day
- 04/01/17 - Spring Term Starts
- 20/02/17 - 24/02/17 - Half Term
- 07/04/17 - Spring Term ends
- 24/04/17 - Staff Development Day
- 25/04/17 - Summer Term starts
- 29/05/17 - 02/06/17 - Half Term
- 21/07/17 - Term ends school finishes at 1pm

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

Cameo Dance (Est. 2003)
Fun Children's Dance Classes
 Ballet * Tap * Acrobatics * Modern
 held at the Tithe Barn & Memorial Hall,
 Polesworth on Fridays.
 Call Liz on 01827 895899 or 07443 421867
 - Little Dancers 3-6 Years 4.30-5.30pm -
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Hawk



"Year 5 is an amazing class I have enjoyed everything so far. I think I will really like Hawk class." Della

"I have enjoyed everything in the first two weeks. I'm always looking forward to a new week. This week we are learning about 'Kensuke's Kingdom'." Dylan

"I like Year 5 because the work is more challenging and Mrs Price is really nice. My favourite lesson has been role play." Nevaeh

"It is epic in Year 5! In our theme we are learning about a boy who got lost in the middle of the sea." Jake

"I have enjoyed Maths in Year 5 because it involves our topic and it is harder and that makes it fun for me. It was exciting when we found a back pack from the boy in our story." Finley

"I have enjoyed doing column subtraction because I used to find it tricky but I don't now and I am excited to do art." Jacob

"We have been learning about 'Kensuke's Kingdom' and a rucksack came to our class we think it is Michael's from the story." Shyron

Permanent Vacancy



New Vacancy

Middy Supervisor, Scale band B 6.25 hours per week - 11.50am to 1.05pm Monday to Friday - term time only
Salary £1910.54 per annum

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.

Full training will be given, as well as all the support you need. This is a great opportunity to do something really rewarding, working with wonderful children and gain some valuable extra experience for that CV! 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 Friday 23rd September 2016.

Last weeks
Postcards Home
 Peacock =
 Kingfisher = Millie
 Swan = Ruby
 Owl = Maisie
 Swift = Chelsey
 Hawk = Luci
 Falcon = Ella

***** Attendance		
	Last Week	Year
Peacock	98%	98%
Kingfisher	98.8%	98.8%
Swan	91.3%	91.3%
Owl	100%	100%
Swift	93.2%	93.2%
Hawk	96.2%	96.2%
Falcon	98.7%	98.7%

COUNTRY VEG

3A Market Street,
 Atherstone, CV9 1ET
 Tel: 07974 264236

Quality loose Fruit & Veg at low prices
 Potatoes from: £5.00/25kg bag or £2.75/12.5 kg bag - Also available: cheese, yogurts, creams, local milk
 Local Jam's and Polesworth Honey - Free range eggs £1.00 per ½ dozen

Free Local Delivery
Wholesale available

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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