



DORDON DELIVERS

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Reminder: Can you please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Safeguarding

In our school we take the safeguarding of pupils very seriously. We maintain a 'culture of vigilance' noticing changes in children whether they are significant or small. Each school has Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) whose job it is to act on any reports from staff and decide on appropriate actions. Their training is kept up to date and our safeguarding team across our two schools meet regularly to discuss the ongoing position. The team is Mrs Cross, Miss McGroarty (Dordon), Mrs Smith (Wood End) and Mrs Lewis (SENDCo).

We also teach the children through the curriculum about their right to feel safe all of the time. We give them the language of safety and will talk to them often about their Early Warning Signs and the importance of talking to people on their network. As the DSL, this makes it much easier to talk to the children about how they are feeling. The lessons for this will take place this term but we revisit it across the academic year.

All staff in school receive safeguarding training and know the signs of abuse. They all know the process for reporting their concerns. They follow these regularly because their number one priority and concern are the children in their care.

We are an OPERATION ENCOMPASS school, this means that if there is an incident of domestic abuse or violence where children are present to which the police are called, the school receives a notification. We take no further action other than to keep an extra eye on the child and offer support if they need it.

It is as important that I keep you, as parents, up to date with our commitment to safeguarding as it is that I train staff. You need to know that we are committed to the safeguarding of all the children in our care so I take the opportunity at least once a year to remind you of what we do and the reason we do it. ALL children deserve to feel safe all of the time.

Mrs M Cross
Executive Head

The One Way System on the Playground and Dropping Off Times

For your safety and for the safety of others 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. If you do have to wait on the playground can you please do so at a 2m distance from other parents.

We also encourage that people collecting and dropping of children wear a face covering.

Thank you for your continued support in this challenging time.

Spot Light on Excellence...



Reading Targets

At Dordon we are constantly trying to promote a love of reading and show our children it should not be deemed as a chore, but a pleasure! Mrs Cross enjoys holding a Tea Party every time a year group achieve their reading target (this means each child must achieve their reading target over a week).

Why do we ask parents to sign reading diaries?

Research indicates that a child who is a fluent reader makes more progress across the curriculum. If we can encourage our children to be fantastic readers, then the other areas of the curriculum will be easier for the children to access. Unfortunately, before we put reading diaries in place, we felt that some children were not reading as regularly as they should and this was a way to ensure reading was a regular part of a child's homework. Since we have monitored reading targets, we have noticed an improvement in children's reading progress across school.

We also appreciate that parents might forget to sign reading diaries on occasions. My advice is train your child to prepare reading diaries for you. They can leave them on the kitchen table, by the front door and the older children can add their entries so all you need to do is sign it.

Is our expectation of reading excessive?

We have high expectations of our pupils and want the best for them. Our vision is they leave Dordon Primary School as well-rounded individuals who aspire to be great in life and never settle for second best. That is why I do not feel our reading expectations are excessive. When the children reach the high school, they are expected to read every night and have their reading diaries signed too. We want them to get used to this routine early on, so it is not surprising once they reach The Polesworth School.

Remember Dordon:

***You can find magic wherever you look;
sit back, relax all you need is a book!***

Miss McGroarty

Start of Year Forms

Don't forget to complete the start of year data and consent e-forms for your child. The links are:

Data Collection

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-hEVTLM6ekOhnanIPyn9sAD9VVL6YSVKjitoqcvkhWdUMTk1M01XWEZNTjUwQ1FW51hKM0FTTzFRNy4u>

Consent Form

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-hEVTLM6ekOhnanIPyn9sAD9VVL6YSVKjitoqcvkhWdUQVRaSiZUQjdQSTZWTVRVTzU0SE5UUDVSRy4u>

Thrive Consent

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-hEVTLM6ekOhnanIPyn9sP2TW5LkNetEhswooxYE-mhUNkTUN0dWTTZQMdraOEvaRVFLVVAxMDFGW4u>

Swan

Here is what Swan class have been doing this half term:

"I like 'Oliver and the Seawigs' and handwriting because it is fun." Isabelle

"I have enjoyed phonics." Jamie

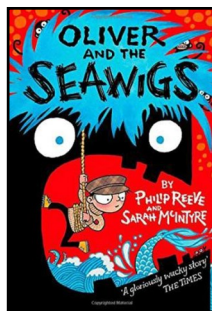
"This week I enjoyed English because it is my favourite learning." Jade

"I like doing doubling and halving." Logan

"I liked the medicine that George and his dad made." Olivia

"I have enjoyed doing handwriting." Daniel

"I liked playing tennis." Lewis



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.

#HelloYellow

Friday
9th October 2020

HAVE A GIRAFFE

AT LUNCHTIME

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH

Fish Fillet Fingers and Lemon Wedges or
(v) Cheesy Tomato Fusilli
Chips or
Multi Wheat Baguette
Sweetcorn
Yellow Pepper and Carrot Sticks
(v) Homemade Lemon Drizzle Cake or
(v) Vanilla Ice Cream Tub

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educaterers A FOOD STORY

Supporting young people's mental health on World Mental Health Day

Dates for your Diary

Academic Year 2020/21

05/10/20 - Individual School Photographs

06/10/20 - Nasal Flu Immunisation for R-Y6

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.

Last weeks

Postcards Home

Peacock = Eden

Kingfisher = James

Swan = Logan

Owl = Sophie

Swift = Isabella

Hawk = Lottie

Falcon = Ryan

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?

A weekly honesty shop

at:

Dordon Village Hall.

(Kitwood Ave. entrance)

Mondays 12 noon – 3pm

Fridays 3pm – 6pm

Social Distancing Applies

Food Cupboard Supplies: Pay what you can afford.

Any queries contact Julie on 07702031960.

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

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court recently reached a decision in the case of *Platt v Isle of Wight Council* which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

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

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 Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council.

It is important to note, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is 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.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority

Warwickshire School pupils recorded 31,196 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Autumn term 2019.