



# DORDON DELIVERS

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**Next Week's Assembly Theme: Friendship and our friends-St. Andrew's Day**

**Reminder: Being LATE for school upsets children. They miss the start of the day when the timetable for the day is explained.**

### What's on Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Enterprise Week 3.00-4.00 KS1 Multi Skills 3.00-4.00 KS2 Football Scholastic Book Fair 3.15-4.00pm	3.00-4.00 KS2 Multi Sports Scholastic Book Fair 3.15-4.00pm	Owl class Stone Age visitor Grandparents Lunch Scholastic Book Fair 3.15-4.00pm	Non Uniform bring Tombola prize as a payment Scholastic Book Fair 3.15-4.00pm	Deadline for Manor Adventure Deposit Y2 Baby Jesus at Polesworth Abbey Christmas Fair 4.00-6.00pm

### Parents Evening

We were delighted by the excellent attendance at our parents evenings this week. Whilst we are aware that with the busy lives we all experience today, it is sometimes difficult to attend school events, it was so impressive that almost every parent attended to support their child

Parents' evenings are important occasions at which we share information on children's progress and go over essential 'next steps' in learning. We also discuss behaviour, attendance, medical/personal issues and any special education needs issues children have. Most importantly we agree ways in which we can work together and parents can support children at home. We always try to be really positive about all the fantastic progress children have made, but also not to be vague about areas where improvement is required.

The impact of a parents evening is very apparent. We notice many children have a renewed enthusiasm for school, particularly in areas where we have highlighted that they are brilliant! We also see children raising their game in areas where they need to do better.

The impact of 'parental interest' on children's progress is seriously underestimated. Children who make the best progress not only have great teachers, but often have parents who support homework, hear their child read and just simply show an interest in what children do at school that day. Our tip is however not to say 'what did you do at school today?', instead ask imaginative questions of children such as 'tell me 5 ways you used numbers' or 'what did the main character do in the story today', or 'what was your best/longest/most improved piece of writing today?'

If your children normally answer the question 'what did you do at school today?' with the reply 'nothing', it is like squeezing blood out of a stone finding out what they got up to. Achieving an answer which includes more detail is very much worth the extra effort!

**Mrs M Cross**  
**Executive Headteacher**



**Working hard in Kingfisher class**

All photographs can be purchased via ParentPay for £3 per A4 colour copy.

### Spot Light on Excellence...

This week, Dordon held its first **Parents' Evening** of the academic year and as usual we had a great turn out for this event. Parents' evening is your chance to get a detailed report on your child's progress and how they interact with their peers in school. Mrs Cross and I were overwhelmed with the amount of positive comments we received on the feedback forms and it reassured our staff how much confidence you have in them and the relationships they have built with your children. Some of the comments included:

- Another fab teacher, another fab parents' evening!
- We think you are doing a brilliant job here at Dordon for our child. His maths has come on really well. Thank you.
- Keep up the good work. It's fantastic how much the children seem to enjoy school!
- Thank you for everything you are doing to support my child academically and emotionally.
- My child is really enjoying this year so far and has said his lessons are engaging and fun!
- My child's teacher has had a huge impact on his confidence and we are thankful.
- We are happy with the care our daughter receives.

Our families at Dordon are very important to us and parent's evening is always a vital time for us to hear your points of view too. We were particularly interested in how parents felt about our online booking system. Most families felt that the system was much easier than paper copies and they were able to book their appointments in a matter of minutes. Those of you who struggled on this occasion, were able to ring Mrs Genge in the office who booked on your behalf. We are continuing to develop our online system and value your feedback.

As always, I encourage you to book an additional appointment if you have any further concerns regarding your child, we are always happy to see you after school. It is imperative that our home-school links are strong and our children know we are on the same team. Miss McGroarty

### Dordon Primary School Christmas Fair

**Friday 1st December 4-6pm**

There will be Santa in his grotto, Face Painting, Gift Stalls, House Team stalls and Refreshments.

You can try your luck on the Tombola and the Raffle and even try to Guess Whose Pet!  
Please come and join us and have some fun!!



### IPad App of the week

Make a Christmas Tree by  
ABCya.com (£0.69/£0.34)



The activity guides children through a series of steps to decorate a Christmas Tree, put a surprise in a gift box, and place the tree in a wintery scene. Children can place several trees in their scene along with different gift boxes.

### Charity Update

The School Council have chosen Buddy Bag Foundation as this year's sponsored charity.

**buddy bag foundation**  
making a difference to children in emergency care

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



**Book Fair**

We will be holding a Scholastic book fair at school from Monday 27th November until Friday 1st December. It will be after school from 3.15pm until 4.00pm Monday to Thursday and then on Friday it will open from 4.00-6.00pm as part of the Christmas Fair. Once again there will be lots and lots of wonderful half price books, so come along and treat yourself or grab a few Christmas presents.



**Children in Need**

Thank you to all the children for coming to school in your pyjamas, you looked amazing and you raised

**£199.35**

**Non Uniform Day Thursday 30th November**

There will be a non uniform day on Thursday 30th November and the children will need to bring a Tombola prize as payment. These can be Christmas items or any unwanted gifts, all we ask is that all items are good quality and unused.

**Cycles and Scooters**

PLEASE NOTE: For obvious safety reasons we DO NOT allow bicycles or scooters to be ridden on the school site **AT ANY TIME**. Younger brothers and sisters are very welcome to come onto the school site to deliver and collect, but should not bring or ride on bicycles or scooters.

**Dates for your Diary**

- Academic Year 2017-2018
- 27/11/17 - Enterprise Week
  - 27/11/17 to 01/12/17 Scholastic Book Fair
  - 29/11/17 - Owl class Stone Age visitor
  - 29/11/17 - Grandparents Lunch
  - 30/11/17 - Non Uniform bring Tombola prize as a payment
  - 01/12/17 - Deadline for Manor Adventure Deposit
  - 01/12/17 - Y2 Baby Jesus
  - 01/12/17 - Christmas Fair 4- 6pm
  - 06/12/17 - Dordon Open Morning
  - 21/12/17 - Whole School to Church
  - 22/12/17 - Christmas Dinner
  - 22/12/17 - End of term - School finishes at 1pm
  - 08/01/18 - Spring Term starts
  - 08/01/18 - Young Voices Concert
  - 19/02/18 - 23/02/18 - Half Term
  - 26/02/18 - Staff Inset Day
  - 29/03/18 - End of term
  - 16/04/18 - Summer Term Starts
  - 07/05/18 - Bank Holiday
  - 28/05/18-01/06/18 Half term
  - 08-06/18-11/06/18 Manor Adventure
  - 22/06/18 - Staff Inset Day
  - 20/07/18 - End of term

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

**Please come and join us!**

St. Leonard's Christmas Market to be held on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November in the Church Hall and Church at 2-4pm with raffle being drawn at 3.45pm. There will be a variety of stalls including: Tombola, Christmas Crafts, Mystery Bag Stall, Teddy Bears and many more!



Refreshments including pork batches and tea and coffee available.

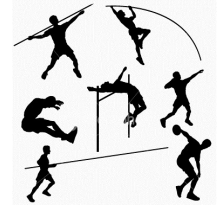


**Dordon Primary School Website**

Want to know what's happening in School? Go to [www.dordonprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.dordonprimaryschool.co.uk) there is so much information for you from; school policies, newsletters, copies of letters sent home, curriculum pages, events calendar, class pages, lunch menu, sporting events and much more.



**@Dordon Primary**



On Wednesday Swan class went to Polesworth High School to take part in an Infant Agility Competition;

*"I enjoyed taking part in the long jump." Nevaeh*

*"My favourite bit was the sprinting." Imogen*

*"It was good to visit the High School." Millie*

*"We had fun walking back from school—singing all the way." Jamie*

**Dordon Primary School Christmas Fair**

**Can you help?**

If any parents would like to run a stall for their own products or know any local businesses who could donate raffle prizes or bake cakes or mince pies for our refreshment stall or can help in anyway please see Mrs Genge in the school office. If you are able to bake for the Fair please bring your cakes into school at 3pm on Friday. Thank you.

**Uniform Reminder**

Boots and shoes. Children are very welcome to wear boots for travel to and from school, but are ONLY permitted to wear proper all black 'school shoes' inside school.

**School letters**

Please ensure that you return letters and permission forms to school as soon as possible. This is especially important for permission forms as without parental consent children will miss out on activities and trips. If you think you have missed a letter please check the letters home section of the school website.

**Last weeks Postcards Home**

- Peacock = Lacey-Jane
- Kingfisher = Elliott A
- Swan = Amelia
- Owl = Miya
- Swift = Roshan
- Hawk = Isabella
- Falcon = Louis

**Attendance**

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	96.7%	96.7%
Kingfisher	95.2%	95.6%
Swan	97.7%	97.2%
Owl	95.4%	97.3%
Swift	98.1%	97.8%
Hawk	99.3%	96.8%
Falcon	95.2%	97.3%

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**Jack & Jill Preschool Before and After School Club**

Breakfast Club 7.30-8.35am.  
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.)