

Next Weeks Assembly Theme: Achievement / Doing in well in school / World Religion Day

Reminder: Absences should be reported by telephoning the school office by 8.30am on the first day of absence.

What's on Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y6 to Polesworth to see Sister Act 3.00 - 4.00 KS1 Multi Skills 3.00 - 4.00 KS2 Football	3.00 - 4.00 KS2 Multi Sports		Young Carers Awareness Day	Celebration Assembly 2.40pm 3.00 - 4.00pm Y2-6 Embody Dance Club

Attendance and Punctuality

The return to school has been a busy time for office staff as we process the data from the Autumn Term. This has shown that our school is sitting below the national average for attendance. Whilst we appreciate there are winter bugs and people have had time off for operations, there are too many instances, where pupils fall into the persistently absent bracket (below 90%). At Dordon, we work closely with our ACE officer to track attendance and address issues of absence. We hope that the Autumn term is simply a reflection of winter germs and it will improve over the next two terms.

Good attendance at school is vital for pupils to achieve their full educational potential. Pupils with good attendance records benefit in the following ways:-

- Continuity of learning which makes progress and retention easier
- Enhanced performance in lessons and examinations
- Continuity of relationships and friendships with adults and peers
- Good habits that are formed for later life

Children by law must attend school and all schools are required to record details of pupils' attendance and absence at school. We do so at the beginning of each morning and afternoon sessions and within strict time limits. We are also required to report poor attendance.

It is also equally important that children arrive in school on time. When pupils miss the start of the day, they often miss important information which may cause them disruption for the remainder of that day. If a child misses 10 minutes a day, that is 50 minutes per week. That would equate to 32 hours a year, a whole teaching week missed. At Dordon, we often use the start of the day for important interventions or to review the work from the previous day. Please ensure your child is in school on time every day to maximise their learning potential.

Each week we acknowledge the class with the best attendance in celebration assembly and post regular updates on the weekly newsletter. Keep an eye on the figures over the coming weeks to check we, as a school, are improving and make sure we each play our part in achieving better statistics.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Cross
 Executive Headteacher



A hardworking Falcon

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

Spot Light on Excellence...

Presentation

At Dordon, staff and children are working hard to ensure a consistently high standard of presentation across the whole school. In class, we award presentation points and model how our work should look on a daily basis, but now we want to show off our presentation around school!

Every Friday, we will be awarding a child (from each class), who has presented a piece of work beautifully, with a head teacher's sticker during Celebration Assembly. Then their work will be displayed on our new 'Wall of Fame' located in front of the office. We hope this will showcase some of our superb presentation and give our children the incentive to focus on their presentation even more.

We hope this initiative is a success in our journey to making Dordon outstanding.

Miss McGroarty



IPad App of the week

Bobo Explores Light by Game Collage LLC (£2.99 / £1.49 VPP)

Very high quality app. Over 100 pages of exciting interactive content. Excellent pictures, animations and videos. Let Bobo the robot teach you all about 'Light'.



Charity Update

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Money raised so far for

buddy bag foundation
making a difference to children in emergency care

£201.79

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

Permanent Vacancy

New Vacancies



2 Midday Supervisor positions, Scale band B, 6.25 hours per week - 11.50am to 1.05pm, Monday to Friday, term time only.

Dordon is a very popular successful school recognised as 'a good school with outstanding features' (OFSTED 2014). We are looking for two permanent members 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 admin2018@welearn365.com no later than 9.00am on Wednesday 24th January 2018.

- Young Carers Awareness Day:  Thursday 25th January 2018
- "Warwickshire Young Carers' Project works with Carers from the age of 8 upwards (6 in some areas), and aims to help improve the lives of young carers across Warwickshire. We support young carers in their caring role, give them an opportunity to relax and take a break, and **help them to realise their own dreams.**"
- Therefore, with that in mind, we are asking for you to have a think about what you might like to be when you are older.
- Then on Thursday 25th January we would like you to come to school dressed as that profession and donate £1 towards the Warwickshire Young Carers' Project so that they can continue all the wonderful work they do.
- Some possible suggestions could be; a doctor, a teacher, a police officer, a scientist, an astronaut, a zoo keeper....

Parenting Courses

Stepping Stones Parenting Course (for children with additional needs) is starting at Nethersole on 7.2.18 at 9:30-12:00pm the first week is an introductory week and to register for the course. It will run for a further 9 weeks which includes 3 weeks of telephone contact. The course will end on 18.4.18. [to book a place please visit <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/parentingprogrammes>]

We also have a **Sleep Workshop** being run on Thursday 25th January 1:30-3:00 at Nethersole which is being delivered by Rebecca Toon. [Again visit the web page to book a place <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/parentingprogrammes>

The **Aspergers coffee morning** dates for the year are: 15.2.18 / 19.4.18 / 21.6.18 / 20.9.18 / 15.11.18 (For more information on the coffee mornings please contact Kelly Byrne at Nethersole Academy or the Aspergers United Facebook page).

Dates for your Diary

- 25/01/18 - Young Carers Awareness Day
 - 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
 - 14/05/18 - SATS week
 - 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.



Dordon Primary School Website

Want to know what's happening in school? Go to 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.

Falcon



Falcon class are really enjoying their new theme this half term;

"Our new theme is 'By Endurance we Conquer', for which we have two books. One is 'Shackleton's Journey' and it's a picture book, the other book is 'Touching the Void' and it's about Simon, Joe and Richard. Joe and Simon have reached the summit of the mountain and I'm really excited to find out what's going to happen next!" Molly

"This half term has been really fun because there has been many activities that are really good. We are all a member of Shackleton's crew and I am Lionel Greenstreet and I'm First Officer." Oliver

"I'm glad to be back at school, and I love our new topic because each one of us are a crew member. Me and Alex were 'Mates' on the ship, and it is really fun to learn about." Ellie

"Our new theme is AMAZING! The book we are reading is based on a true story about a mountain adventure, that went wrong! I can't wait to learn more about our new theme!" Matthew

"This half term, I'm looking forward to taking part in our new book club with Mrs Price. We are reading 'Sky Hawk' by Gill Lewis." Kiera

Applying for Reception Places

The deadline for applying for your child's place for Reception September 2018 was Monday 15th January 2018. However, if you have missed this deadline then please submit your application to Warwickshire Admissions as soon as possible to secure your place at Dordon.

Last weeks Postcards Home

- Peacock = Bentley
- Kingfisher = Rosie
- Swan = Lottie
- Owl = Charlie
- Swift = Olly
- Hawk = Harvey
- Falcon = Emily

Attendance

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	86%	94.9%
Kingfisher	94.4%	94.7%
Swan	94.7%	97.1%
Owl	95.3%	96.4%
Swift	89.7%	95.8%
Hawk	96.1%	95.8%
Falcon	95.6%	97%

The online supermarket
www.ocado.com/careers

Making business flow
CEVA Logistics, Volkswagen Distribution Centre
Birch Coppice Business Park, Dordon, Tamworth, B78 1SZ
Tel: 01827 891100
www.cevalogistics.com

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.)