

Next Weeks Assembly Theme: Our Brilliant School / World Teacher's Day

Reminder: Dinner money is £2.15 per day and £10.75 per week and should be paid via Parent Pay.

What's on Next Week				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3.00-4.00 KS1 Multi Skills 3.00-4.00 KS2 Football	3.00-4.00 KS2 Multi Sports		1.15-4.00pm Y5/6 Girls Football Tournament at Baddesley	Swift Embody Dance Performance 2.00pm Celebration Assembly 2.40pm

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 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.

Mrs Cross
 Executive Headteacher



Water Orton Cross Country

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

Spot Light on Excellence...

Sport at Dordon

Sport plays a central role in Dordon's vision to support and nurture individual pupils with diverse needs. We believe sport is a vital part of the school curriculum and develops pupils' teamwork, confidence and resilience.

This year at Dordon, we are committed to raising the profile of our sporting achievements in the wider community by providing our children with more opportunities to compete in events outside of school. Already this year, we have seen our football and cross-country teams take part in competitions, proving Dordon should not be underestimated.

Alongside multi-sports and football activities which take place after school, we are also looking to introduce more sporting clubs in the forthcoming months. Mrs Dean is about to launch her running club for Years 5 & 6, which we are really excited about too.

I stood at the cross-country trials this week, exceptionally proud of our pupils, and spoke to many parents who wanted to see Dordon thrive in a sporting arena. It was then that I knew with continued support from our families here at school; we have the ability to shine.

Miss McGroarty
 Associate Headteacher



IPad App of the week

A.L.E.X. by Awesome Apps.com (FREE)



A.L.E.X. is a fun puzzle game and a great way to train your brain. A.L.E.X. helps you think and plan logically as you program your robot A.L.E.X. with a sequence of commands to get through each level from start to finish.

Charity Update

We will be selecting a single charity for the school to sponsor again this year. If you have any suggestions or thoughts please let us know.

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

Images of children at school events

We take the 'Safeguarding' of children very seriously in our school but also recognise that parents and relations wish to capture lasting reminders and mementoes of their child's participation in school events. The school is happy to support this wish but on the strict understanding that **at a school performance or event to which visitors attend, photographs or recordings:**

- MAY be taken by relatives for own private family use
- MUST not be used on any social networking sites
- MUST not include any images of a child deemed embarrassing or unsuitable
- If other children are shown in them, MUST not be distributed without direct consent of the parent
- MAY only be taken if doing so does NOT disturb the performance/ event

Please inform us immediately if you DO NOT wish your child to be photographed or recorded by visitors at school events

OWI

Owl class are enjoying their new theme 'Mighty Metals';



"My favourite thing so far was planning and learning about the 'Iron Man', it was fun." Sophie F

"I liked doing the column addition and subtraction." Hatti

"I enjoyed it when we made our own river cleaning design on paper." Finlay

"my favourite things are addition by column method and subtraction by column method." Megan

Consent Forms and Data Collection Sheets

All children should have brought home Consent Forms and Data Collection sheets. Please ensure that these are completed and returned to school as soon as possible so that we can keep all pupil records up to date. If you have not received a Consent Form you can download one from the Letters Home section on the school website.

Thank you to everyone who came along to the MacMillan Coffee Morning, the children really enjoyed it and we raised £45.50

Earrings Reminder

We prefer children not to wear earrings in school because of the potential for injury and the significant problems they cause when needing to take them out for PE and Games etc. If earrings need to be worn in school they may ONLY be small plain 'ball like studs' in either silver or gold. No other shapes or designs, inset stones etc are permitted.

Reminder

Please DO NOT enter school by the 'side doors'. We expect ALL visitors to sign in properly at the front desk and receive suitable identification.

Jack and Jill Afterschool Club

For the safeguarding of the children could we ask parents to contact Jack and Jill Afterschool Club and ensure there is a space available for their child before informing the school office of the change to who will be collecting them at the end of the school day.

Dates for your Diary

Academic Year 2017-2018

- 05/10/17 - Y5/6 Girls Football Baddesley
- 06/10/17 - 2pm Swift Embody Dance performance
- 11/10/17 - Road Safety R, Y1 + 5
- 11/10/17 - Cross Country at Woodside Primary
- 12/10/17 - Swan class trip to Dudley Zoo
- 13/10/17 - 2pm Hawk Embody Dance performance
- 17/10/17 - Nasal Flu Immunisations R-Y4
- 18/10/17 - Dordon Open Morning
- 20/10/17 - Staff Inset Day
- 23/10/17 - 27/10/17 - Half Term
- 14/11/17 - Individual Pupil Photographs
- 06/12/17 - Dordon Open Morning
- 22/12/17 - End of term
- 08/01/18 - Spring Term starts
- 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
- 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.

5 reasons to vaccinate your child against flu

1. **Protect your child.** The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia.
2. **Protect you, your friends and family.** Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family.
3. **No injection needed.** The nasal spray is painless and easy to use.
4. **It's better than flu.** The nasal spray helps protect against flu. Has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record.
5. **Avoid costs.** If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare.

What should I do? Children aged two and three years old are offered flu vaccination in general practice. Your child's GP surgery should contact you. If you haven't heard from their GP by early November, contact them directly to make an appointment. Children in reception class and school years 1, 2, 3 & 4 will be offered the vaccine at school. Your child's school will provide details from the local healthcare team.

For more information visit www.nhs.uk/child-flu

STAY WELL THIS WINTER | Flu immunisation 2017/18 helping to protect everyone, every winter



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.



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Attendance

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	95.3%	96.3%
Kingfisher	94.8%	95.9%
Swan	95%	95.8%
Owl	97.7%	98.3%
Swift	96.1%	97.7%
Hawk	94.1%	96.4%
Falcon	93.7%	97.1%

ocado.com
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.)