

Reminder: Earrings need to be either gold or silver studs only as per our uniform list

What's Next Back

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
SCHOOL CLOSED	CLUB - Multi Skills	CLUB - Football SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS Yr6 Grammar Booster Group	Embody Dance Club CANCELLED	Celebration Assembly 2.40pm CLUB - Film Club Manor Adventure Deposit

Half Term Update

What a busy half term this has been across our two schools. The children and staff returned from the summer with a renewed determination to achieve their very best. The progress seen in books and lessons in our recent monitoring show that children are achieving well and teachers are tailoring lessons to meet the needs of all children.

There have been a number of projects undertaken at each school. At Wood End, the Den has been setup as a space to provide effective provision for different groups of learners in school, the playground has some new additions and we are about to have a new roof. At Dordon, the library has been installed and we are about to put the books back in, there have been additions to the playground and we are about to start renovating the old pool space.

We have been pleased by the attendance of parents at a number of events in school including MacMillan Coffee Morning, Hands On Guided Reading sessions, Phonics sessions in Reception, our Online Safety Assembly to name but a few. We feel that the use of Facebook and Twitter have contributed to improved communication with parents and are looking to continue to use this as a tool following the trial this half term.

The schools have both faced external scrutiny from both OFSTED, our own Community Academies Trust and a task group. Our schools' progress is pleasing and the hard work and dedication of our staff has been recognised. That doesn't mean it stops, we just continue on our quest to secure the best outcomes possible for our children.

The children continue to be the best asset our schools have. They report being happy and feeling safe in school which has been recognised by everyone who visits our school.

Have a safe and restful break. I look forward to seeing you in school for parents evenings and Christmas performances in the next half term.

Mrs Cross
Executive Headteacher

Spot Light on Excellence...



Our School Charity

This year our school council has chosen to support the NSPCC. Last week some of the school council visited Dordon Primary School to meet with school council members from Dordon and Birchwood. All three schools are supporting the NSPCC this year and we want to raise lots of money for our charity.

We chose the charity because the NSPCC help children all over the country. Any child can call them if they need help. On Monday we had to stand up in assembly and tell the whole school about the NSPCC and that we are raising money. It was really scary for us but Mrs Smith said we did a good job.

The school council will be planning some fundraising events soon. Talk to your class school council if you have any ideas.

Thank you

Mia and Jamie

If you need the NSPCC the number is 0800 1111

Nasal Flu Immunisation

As a Public Health Service the immunisation team are looking at ways of increasing the pupil uptake of the nasal flu vaccination, we did have a little flu scare last year and because of this we had an influx of parents ringing up after the flu sessions had finished at schools needing their child that had missed the vaccine at school to be immunised. We would like to try to avoid a similar situation this year so we are trying to promote the school sessions as much as possible.

**PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CONSENT FORM
HAS BEEN RETURNED TO SCHOOL
THE NURSES WILL BE IN SCHOOL ON
MONDAY 12th NOVEMBER**



Academic Year 2018-2019

Autumn Term 2018

Half Term	Monday 29th Oct
Staff Training Day*	Monday 5th Nov
Children Return to School	Tuesday 6th Nov
Year 6 Booster Group Grammar	Wednesday 7th Nov
School Photographs	Wednesday 7th Nov
Manor Adventure Deposit Deadline	Friday 9th Nov
Family Film Club starts	Friday 9th Nov
Year 6 Booster Group Reading	Monday 12th Nov
Nasal Flu Immunisations	Monday 12th Nov
Booking Opens - Parents Evening	Wednesday 14th Nov
Film Club	Friday 16th Nov
Grandparents Lunch	Wednesday 21st Nov
Reports due out	Friday 23rd Nov
Parents Evening Late	Wednesday 28th Nov
Parents Evening Early	Thursday 29th Nov
Christmas Fayre	Friday 7th Dec
Movie Night 3pm	Monday 10th Dec
Pantomime	Friday 14th Dec
Christmas Performance	Tuesday 18th Dec
Show and Share 3pm	Wednesday 19th Dec
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 21st Dec
Term Ends for Christmas	Friday 21st Dec

Spring Term 2019

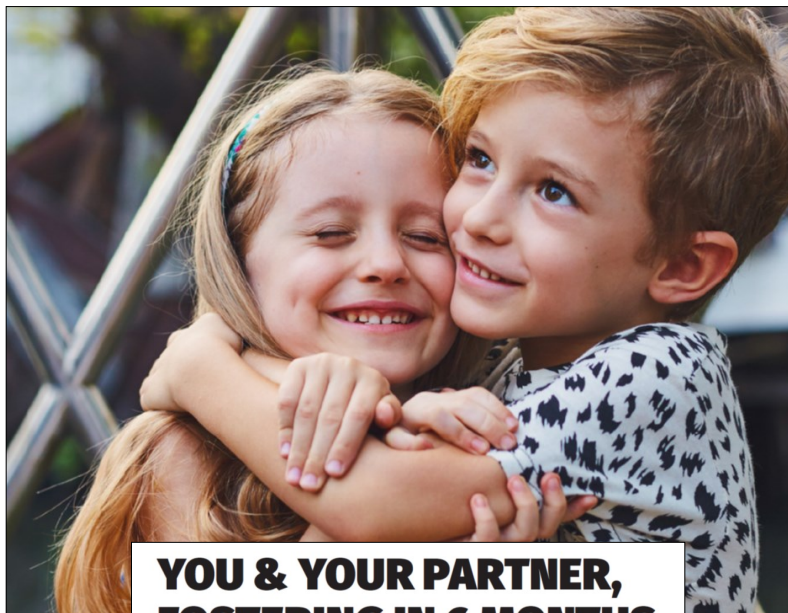
Staff Training Day*	Monday 7th Jan
Children Return to School	Tuesday 8th Jan
Young Voices	Thursday 17th Jan
Half Term	Monday 18th Feb
Staff Training Day*	Monday 25th Feb
Children Return to School	Tuesday 26th Feb
Deadline for Manor Adventure Payment	Friday 12th April
Term Ends for Easter	Friday 12th April

Summer Term 2019

Children Return to School	Monday 29th April
SATS Week	Monday 13th May
Half Term	Monday 27th May
Children Return to School	Monday 3rd June
Manor Adventure Trip	Friday 7th to Monday 10th June
Staff Training Day*	Friday 21st June
Term Ends for Summer	Friday 19th July
Please note Diary Dates may be subject to change.	



Don't forget to log into eSchools to see what is happening on your children's class pages. The eSchools 'app' is available for you to download from the Apple or Google Play stores. The app will allow you to receive text notifications directly from the school to your mobile device. Please ensure you are able to login as the Parents Evening booking window will open in November.



YOU & YOUR PARTNER, FOSTERING IN 6 MONTHS

Find out how soon you could be caring for a sister and brother: text "CHILD" to 62266 today and we'll call you back within 24 hours.



What's On at Wood End Club

26th October is the Children's Halloween Party in the Concert room!

Entrance from 6pm, party from 6.30pm - 9.30pm. This year there will be 2 prizes for best fancy dress. First category will be for children aged 7 years and under, the second will be for children aged 8 years and over. Every child entering the competition will get a free goody bag. There will be a disco with children's games, and hot dogs will be available to buy along with sweets and cakes. Entrance for this event is £2.00 per adult, children get in free.



3rd November is Bonfire Night! Entrance from 5.30pm with firework display commencing at 6.30pm. There will be a BBQ on the night with hot dogs & beef burgers available to buy along with toffee apples & glow sticks. Entrance is £2.00 per adult, children get in free.



14th December is the Children's Xmas Party in the Concert room! No charge for adults or children. Disco & games,



Santa in his grotto, all children get a present.

31st December is the Family New Year's Eve Disco/Party in the Concert room! From 6.30pm, no charge for adults or children.



Last Week's Postcards Home

Hedgehogs = Shannon

Dragonflies = Tia

Badgers = Jamie

This postcard is your invite to our celebration assembly on Friday at 2.40pm in the hall.

Attendance W/E 19/10/18

	Last Week	Year
Ladybirds	95.00%	94.15%
Butterflies	90.80%	92.45%
Hedgehogs	93.21%	93.31%
Dragonflies	93.85%	96.78%
Foxes	95.83%	96.81%
Badgers	94.83%	94.31%

Please ensure you contact the school on every day that your child is unable to attend



Competition Time



Buckingham Group Contracting Ltd, as part of the considerate contractor scheme will be running a competition for our School children.

For KS1 children there is a Colouring Competition. There is a voucher prize for the winner and their entry will be laminated and on display at the Core42 Project, Watling Street.

For KS2 children there is a Safety Poster Design Competition. Again, there is a voucher prize for the winning entry and their poster will go on display at the Core42 Project, Watling Street.

We are thrilled by the organisations offers to help support our children and look forward to seeing how creative you can all be.

Closing Date for entries is Friday 9th
November



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