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Next week

Monday 24th July

9:10 am Class Prize Presentations

Tuesday 25th July

9:10 am Y6 Leavers Service

Please note, no extracurricular clubs will run the first week back in September.



School Money

Over the last couple of weeks in this newsletter we have mentioned that school dinner money should be paid **in advance** and brought up to date. At the last review earlier today there was a total

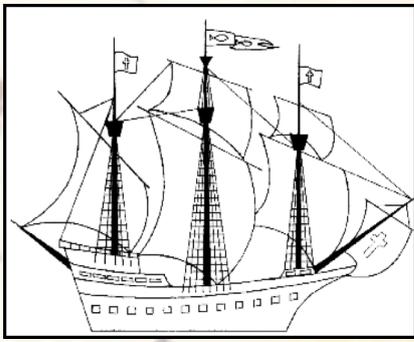
of **£878** outstanding. All parents have been reminded of the need to log in to repay their balance but this large figure still remains overdue. A further reminder to all concerned was sent today by both text and email. If this relates to you please go on-line TODAY and make your payment. Please also include an additional £4.40 to cover next Monday and Tuesday.

This payment facility was set up following requests from parents to make paying easier but if the system fails to be used correctly we may have to reconsider this payment option.

For your information dinner money due on the 5th September for the half term to October will be £74.80 if you wish to pay this in full or £160.60 up until the Christmas break otherwise £11 per week should be paid each Monday (£2.20 a day).

Additionally, if you no longer wish your child to have school dinners or alternatively wish them to go onto school dinners from September please send a

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note into Mrs Parr on Monday. Thank you.

Toast Payments

The amount due for toast for the next term will be £14.60 payable on the first day back (5th September)



FoDS News

thank you!

A huge thank you to everybody who has contributed to FoDS' activities this year – the funds raised really do make a significant difference to the school and we are very grateful.

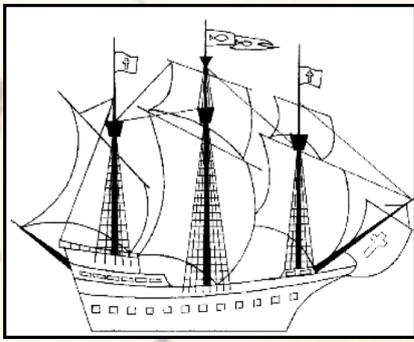
Birthday Calendars

The photographs for the Dawpool School birthday calendar will be taken in early October (date to be confirmed). This year's theme is 'Sports'. All children will be asked to wear their school PE kit on this day unless they have the appropriate kit that relates to the sport allocated to their birthday month (See list below)

January	Skiing/snow sports
February	Rugby
March	Cricket
April	Swimming/Water sports
May	Football
June	Athletics
July	Racquet sports
August	Cycling
September	Horse riding
October	Golf/Hockey
November	Basketball/Netball
December	Dance/Gymnastics/Martial Arts

For example- If your child's birthday is in January they can come to school in ski

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suits/hats/scarfs or bring in ski's or a toboggan or anything more imaginative!

We thought a list now may be helpful so you have plenty of time to prepare. Please do not go to any expense. A letter will be sent in September with further details.

Thank you for your support.

Learning Link Meetings

To start the new school year, we give you the opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher and to learn a little about the year ahead. The dates and times of the meetings are:

F2: Tuesday 19th September at 5:00pm

Year 1: Wednesday 13th September at 5:00pm

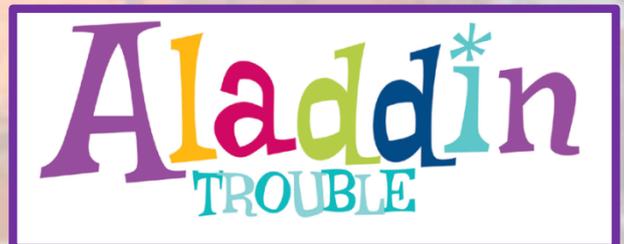
Year 2: Wednesday 13th September at 5:30pm

Year 3: Tuesday 12th September at 5:00pm

Year 4: Tuesday 12th September at 5:30pm

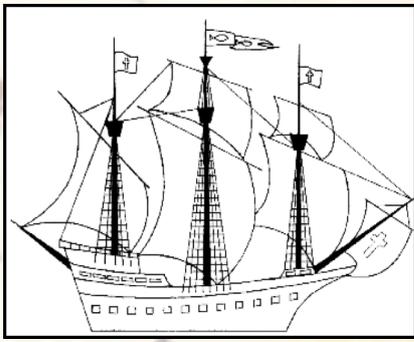
Year 5: Tuesday 12th September at 6:00pm

Year 6: Tuesday 12th September at 6:30pm



Thank you so much for your lovely comments about our KS2 production of 'Aladdin Trouble.' The children rose to a huge challenge and did a wonderful job. Most important of all the children seemed to enjoy performing as much as our audience enjoyed watching it. Well done children, we couldn't be more proud of you!

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Y6 Leavers Service

This will take place on **Tuesday 25th July at 9.10am** in the school hall. All parents of Y6 pupils are invited to attend. Unfortunately, due to limited space we only have room for 2 family members per child.

Netball Tournament

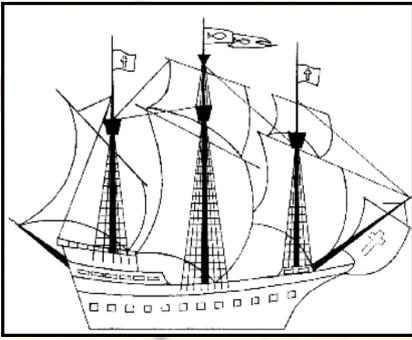
Some children from Years 4 and 5 played exceptionally well in the recent Chester Netball Club tournament. They played ten matches and showed improvement with each match. Thanks to Jenny Edwards and the parents who gave their support on the day.

We are delighted this week to have been awarded with the 'School Games Gold Kite Mark.'

The School Games Mark is a Government led awards scheme to reward schools for their commitment to the development of Sport, Physical Education and competition across their school and into the community.

A big thank you to everyone who has made this achievement possible, particularly Mr Greenop who leads sport across the school.

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Children's Work

Thank you to the parents who attended our open afternoon this week. The children were very proud to show you all of their hard work.

Please don't be concerned if your child does not bring home their books at the end of the year. We have retained the work of some children as evidence of the years' work. The children will receive their books at a later date. Please contact school if you wish to view them.

School Improvement 2017-18

Over recent months, we have actively listened to the views of all stakeholders to support us in moving the school forward. We have done this in several ways:

1. Comissioned an external review of the school's effectiveness.
2. Listened to parents views through face-to-face forums and from responses to a questionnaire.

3. Actively encouraged 'pupil voice' and analysed responses to a pupils' questionnaire.

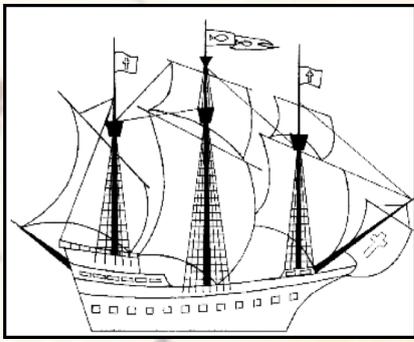
On **Monday 24th July**, we will be writing to parents with an overview of our findings and a summary of our school improvement priorities for 2017-18. If you don't receive a copy, it can be downloaded from our school website from **Tuesday 25th July**.

Building Work.

We are pleased to inform you that the Key Stage One toilet facilities are being refurbished over the Summer holiday. We look forward to seeing the brand new facilities in September.

We have also employed a specialist team of cleaners to deep clean all areas of the school during the holidays. Due to the building work taking place, the cleaning team will return in the October half term holiday to conclude their work.

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Parish Church News



For Church information, please visit
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Saturday Together July 22nd 5.30-6.30pm:

BBQ, games and quizzes at St Chads, everyone welcome. BBQ provided, please bring your own food to cook. Please still come if it is raining – we will cook on the cooker inside!

Sunday services during the Summer:-

July 23rd, 30th, August 6th, 13th, 20th - No Junior Church but families are always

welcome at the 9.30am service at St Chad's

August 27th: 11.15am Service of Holy Communion for All Ages at St

Bartholomew's to celebrate St Bartholomew's Day – All welcome

Saturday 26th August

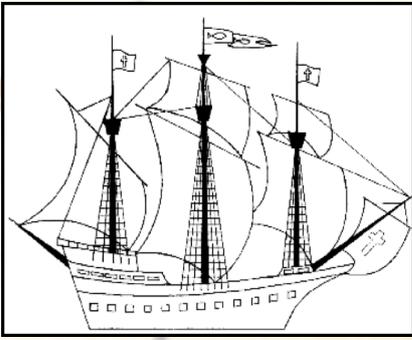
2-4pm – St Bartholomew's Day – Come and join the fun. Bring a Teddy, make a parachute for your teddy and then enjoy watching as your Teddy parachutes from the tower of St Bartholomew's.

Sunday 3rd September
9.30am Family Service

Thank you for your Generosity

All of the staff would like to say a huge thank you to parents and pupils for the kind words and good wishes at the end of the year – your generosity is very much appreciated by us all.

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Goodbye .
{for now}

Next week we say a fond farewell to Mrs Ashton, Mrs Marr, Mrs Perree and Miss Marr. We thank them for their years of dedicated service to Dawpool pupils and their families. I am sure you will join me in wishing our staff leavers health and happiness for the future.



Year 6 Leavers

Next week we also say goodbye to our current Year 6 pupils. During their leavers' service on Tuesday morning,

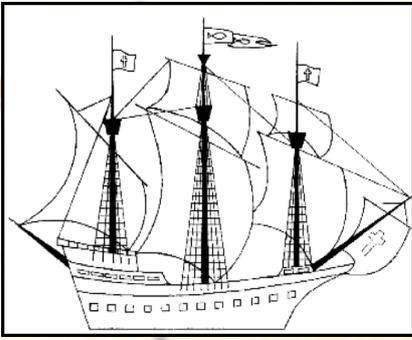
each child will be presented with a certificate, a prayer book and a holding cross:

'The Holding Cross was made in Bethlehem from native olive wood. Each cross has a unique wood grain pattern and colour – just as each person holds it was created to be special and unique. As you hold the cross, remember all that you have learned about God in this place and that God will be with you in the future.'



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We wish our Year 6 pupils every success as they move to their new schools.



As this is the last Dawpool News of the year, I wish to take this opportunity to thank the whole school community for their support during the year. May I share with you the words to a prayer from Worship this week:

Loving God,

We give thanks for all that has been achieved in our school this year. We remember our successes in competitions, as members of teams and as individuals. We recall the

special occasions during the year when we went on visits, took part in a school production, involved visitors and contributed to a fun project.

Let us not forget the new things we have learnt during the year and the friendships we have made.

Prepare us Lord, for all that the next school year will bring by granting our pupils, staff and everyone in our school community a great holiday.



My very best wishes

David Burrows
Head Teacher

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