



DAWPOOL C.E. (AIDED) PRIMARY SCHOOL

... Living the Fruit of the Spirit

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NEXT WEEK

Monday 18th December

2:00pm: Carol Service at St Chad's Church for Year 3, 4 & 5 pupils and parents.

Tuesday 19th December

9:30am: EYFS performance of 'Away in a Manger' for F2 parents

Wednesday 20th December

Non-uniform day for Class Parties
Father Christmas to visit school
3:30pm: Chess club

Thursday 21st December

Pupils finish for Christmas Holiday

Friday 22nd December

INSET Day

The school re-opens on
Tuesday 9th January 2018.

Adult Raffle

The winning tickets for our adult raffle were drawn today and the lucky winners have been notified. The winner of the staff hamper was Richard Young (dad of Sebastian in F1). Congratulations to all the winners.

The raffle is one of our biggest fundraisers from our Christmas activities and this year made £440. Thank you for your support.



Paper Chain Strips

The paper chain was cut on Thursday and the lucky winner of the hamper of goodies was Amy Parker from F2.

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School Calendars

There are still a small number of calendars available to buy. They are on sale at £6 each or £5 if buying 2 or more. Please see Mandy Parr at the school office or Kerry Poole in the playground if you are interested.

Santa Sleigh

The Round Table Santa Carol Wagon visited Irby last Saturday. FoDS will receive a very generous proportion of the overall takings which were £815. It was a great evening and all the helpers really enjoyed themselves.

Following on from this event several parents have made generous personal donations to FoDs for which we are very grateful. Thank you to everybody who got involved.



We hope you enjoyed our F1 and F2 Nativity this week. I am sure you will agree that the standard of acting and singing was brilliant! Our children and staff work so hard to do their very best performance.

We have another performance of this next week for our F2 parent's on **Tuesday 19th December at 9:30am**. We look forward to seeing you.

Christingle



I know that our parents would agree with us when we say how proud we all were of our Y6 pupils on Wednesday night. Every one of them played an important part in leading this very special service at St Bartholomew's Church. Of course they were very well supported by Y3, Y4 and Y5 pupils whose behaviour was exemplary. Thank you KS2 and Rev. Jane for helping us to continue a very special Dawpool tradition.

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Additionally, a special thank you to all those who helped prepare the Christingle oranges.



Parents of pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5 are invited to attend a Carol Service at St Chad's Church on **Monday 18th December at 2:00pm**. The service will be led by pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5. If you haven't already done so, please ensure the reply slip is returned to indicate whether your child is being collected from Church or will be walking back to school.

Christmas Parties

We are sure that the children are going to enjoy their annual Christmas Party event next week, on **Wednesday 20th December**.

Father Christmas will be visiting with a small gift for each child. The children will have some small party goodies (cake, biscuits, crisps and juice). Children are invited to wear their party clothes to school on the day but please remember coats and sensible shoes!

Year 4 Music Concert



We hope you all enjoyed the concert performed by Year 4 on Monday afternoon. They all played beautifully. The next concert will be in the Summer Term.



Save the Children
**CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY**

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Christmas Jumper Day for 'Save the Children'

We had such a wonderful array of Christmas jumpers on display today! Thank you for supporting 'Save the Children'.

School Dinners and Toast

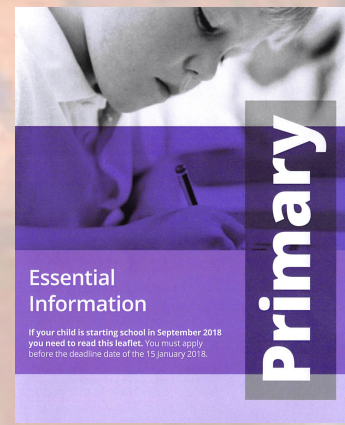
School dinners should be paid weekly in advance (£11 per week). For those who like to pay for the full half term when we return on the 9th January £63.80 will be due or if you wish to pay to Easter £114.40.

Toast will continue to be provided to those on our list in January at the cost of £10.40 to cover up until Easter. If you wish to cancel please let us know before we break up for Christmas. We would appreciate all payments being made promptly. Thank you.

Chess Club

Chess club will continue until the end of term and will recommence on the 10th January. The fee will again be due when we return in January at £22 covering up until Easter.

Foundation 2 Admissions 2018



A reminder that applications for a place in Foundation 2 for September 2018 should be submitted by **Monday 15th January 2018**. Parents should apply online at:

www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions

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Dawpool's Admissions Policy and Supplementary Form can be downloaded from our website under the 'Our Prospectus & Admissions' tab.



Parish Church News

For Church information, please visit

www.thurstaston.org.uk

Sunday 17th December

9.30am Nativity Service at St Chad's
8.00am and 11.15am services at St Bartholomew's as usual.
6.30pm Carol Service at St Chad's

Sunday 24th December – Christmas Eve

8.00am BCP Communion
9.30am Holy Communion at St Chad's
NO 11.15am Service
4.00pm Crib service at St Bartholomew's
5.00pm Crib service at St Bartholomew's

As in previous years, we will run two services exactly the same one after the other. We suggest that the 4pm service is for younger (up to and including Reception) children and that the 5pm service is for older children. If you have children in both age brackets – you choose!

If coming to the 5pm service, please don't arrive until 4.45pm in order for the 4pm service to have cleared church and car parking spaces!

11.15pm First Communion of Christmas at St Bartholomew's

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Monday December 25th – Christmas **Day**

8.00 am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's

10.30am Family Communion at St Bart's

You are invited to bring one of your presents to show to everybody else.

NO OTHER SERVICES TODAY

Sunday December 31st

All services as normal

Sunday January 7th

8.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's

No 9.30am Service

10.30am Irby Methodist Covenant Service – Everyone Welcome

11.15am Holy Communion St Bart's



Next week, we will be presenting certificates to all pupils who have achieved 100% attendance during the Autumn Term. Congratulations to all pupils who haven't missed a day of school all term!

To ensure high rates of attendance, we have included below the term dates until **Summer 2019**. These are also on the website calendar.

Please be aware of the school term dates when booking your family holidays. It is unlikely that family holidays will be granted in term time unless they meet 'exceptional circumstances' criteria. If our pupils are to achieve their potential, good attendance and punctuality is essential. Thank you for your co-operation.

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY 2017

(Finish Thurs 21.12.17)

First Day: Fri 22.12.17

Last Day: Mon 08.01.18

(Return Tue 09.01.18)

SUMMER HOLIDAY 2018

(Finish Tue 24.07.18)

First Day: Wed 25.07.18

Last Day: Mon 03.09.18

(Return Tue 04.09.18)

FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2018

(Finish Fri 16.02.18)

First Day: Sat 17.02.18

Last Day: Mon 26.02.18

(Return Tue 27.02.18)

OCTOBER HALF TERM 2018

(Finish Fri 19.10.18)

First Day: Sat 20.10.18

Last Day: Sun 28.10.18

(Return Mon 29.10.18)

EASTER HOLIDAY 2018

(Finish Thurs 29.03.18)

First Day: Fri 30.03.18

Last Day: Sun 15.04.18

(Return Mon 16.04.18)

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY 2018

(Finish Fri 21.12.18)

First Day: Sat 22.12.18

Last Day: Sun 06.01.19

(Return Mon 07.01.19)

INSET DAY Thursday 3rd May
May Bank Holiday 7th May

SUMMER HALF TERM 2018

(Finish Fri 25.05.18)

First Day: Sat 26.05.18

Last Day: Sun 03.06.18

(Return Mon 04.06.18)

FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2019

(Finish Fri 15.02.19)

First Day: Sat 16.02.19

Last Day: Sun 24.02.19

(Return Mon 25.02.19)

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EASTER HOLIDAY 2019

(Finish Fri 29.03.19)

First Day: Sat 30.03.19

Last Day: Sun 14.04.19

(Return Mon 15.04.19)

SUMMER HALF TERM 2019

(Finish Fri 24.05.19)

First Day: Sat 25.05.19

Last Day: Sun 02.06.19

(Return Mon 03.06.19)

SUMMER HOLIDAY 2019

(Finish Wed 24.07.19)

First Day: Thurs 25.07.19

Last Day: Sun 01.09.19

(Return Mon 02.09.19)

Statutory Assessments 2018

We wish to inform you of the dates in 2018 for the statutory assessments:

Year 6 children will complete their SATs tests during week commencing **Monday 14th May 2018**.

Year 1 will complete the phonics screening assessment during week commencing **Monday 11th June 2018**.



Very Best Wishes

As this will be the last Dawpool News of this year on behalf of the staff may I thank you for all your good wishes. We wish you a very happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

*My very best wishes,
David Burrows
Head Teacher*

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