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NEXT WEEK

Monday 3rd October

3.30-4.30pm Basketball Club

Tuesday 4th October

Lunchtime Cross Country practice

Wednesday 5th October

3.30-4.30pm Chess Club Y3-6

Phonics Meeting 6.00pm

Thursday 6th October

School individual Photos

3.30-4.30pm Football Club Y1 & Y2

Friday 30th September

Harvest Festival in school for children



FoDS AGM

Thank you to everyone who attended the FoDS AGM in school on Monday evening. It was great to welcome so many new faces!

As the majority of committee members wished to step down, we would like to thank Kimmy Green and Emma Parker for all their hard work as Co-Chairs over the last couple of years, especially trying to fundraise during a challenging period with covid restrictions in place.

Extra special thanks must also go to Mandy Parr and Gail Vickers who have acted in the roles of Treasurer and Secretary, respectively, for around 15 years and who have dedicated so much of their time outside of school hours to organise fundraising events for our children. We are really grateful to them all and delighted they are still keen to be involved going forward.

We are very pleased that Rachael Manley will continue her work with the committee this year, now in the role of Co-Chair with Samantha Proctor, alongside Nina Brown and Hetal Mainwaring as Co-Vice Chairs. We also welcome Kim Hope as Secretary and Bryan

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Douglas-Dala as Treasurer.

It was agreed at the AGM that many hands make light work so a new FoDS WhatsApp group has been set up for all parents who would like to be more involved in the sharing of ideas, decision making and event planning. An invite to this group will be sent via class WhatsApp groups next week for anyone else who would like to be more involved but struggles to attend the meetings.

We are all really excited to work together this year to organise fun events and to create memories for our children. A full calendar of planned events for this academic year will be shared with parents shortly! A couple of dates for the diary in the meantime:



AUTUMN DISCO - Friday 14th October A letter for the Autumn Disco should have made its way to you this week so please save the date. We would really welcome help on the night to ensure the children have a great night, so please spare an hour or so if you can. We hope the children are as excited as we are!

DARE TO BE

'DARE TO BE DIFFERENT' - Friday 21st October We are also holding a 'Dare to be Different' day in school on the last day of term as it was so popular last year. More details to follow soon.

We look forward to an exciting, fun-filled year ahead, working together as part of the Dawpool family.

Cake Café for Macmillan Cancer Support

Thank you to all our families for your tremendously generous donations for our Cake Café. The children really enjoyed the afternoon and the cakes were delicious and so creative. There is still time to send in your cash donation if you have not already done so.

There are boxed cakes left over so these will be sold on the playground on Monday for around 50p each.

Many thanks for supporting this event with such enthusiasm.

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School Photographs Thursday 6th October

Our school photographer will be visiting school on the morning of **Thursday 6th October** to take individual photographs. We request that all children **wear their winter uniform** for their photograph with shirts and ties.

Please contact the school office if you would like siblings to be photographed together, otherwise individual photographs will be taken only.



On **Friday 7th October** we will be holding our annual harvest festival in school. This year, we are collecting harvest items for the **Wirral Foodbank**. The latest list of much needed items for 2022 can be found <u>here.</u> Alternatively, you may wish to make a monetary donation which can be made online <u>here.</u>

Please send your donations for our harvest table into school from **Monday 3rd October**. Thank you for supporting this important cause.

Cross Country

If anyone is interested in additional running training sessions these are available by registering at <u>http://www.runwirral.uk/</u>. The sessions are on a Wednesday at 6pm.

Santa comes to Irby

The collaborative group has been meeting during 2022 to make arrangements for this year's event and wish to share with you what has been arranged so far.

1. Funding for the lights

Whilst we were delighted to receive a grant from Wirral Borough Council towards the repair of three of the large lights, the year-on-year costs of having the lights installed professionally and taken down again afterwards (usually £1500 per annum) continues to offer a challenge. We are grateful for donations thus far received from the Shippons Bike Show raffle, the Village Hall/Shippons Beatles tribute night and last year's Go Fund Me appeal. We have planned another "Go Fund Me" appeal so that members of the public may donate directly. We would like to invite contributions towards the cost of the Christmas lights from Irby businesses and Irby organisations by direct transfer to the following account: Barclays Bank plc, Heswall 20 - 29 -50 Account name: Christmas Charity Events

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(ITPAS) Account number: 23736830 The Christmas lights account is responsibly managed by ITPAS and all donations will receive an acknowledgement from the Christmas lights treasurer. If you would like to donate, then please include a reference so that the treasurer may identify the donor.

2. The 2022 event - Friday 2nd December.

Here is a flavour of what is planned for the night so far: Steve Edmunds at the Shippons has kindly offered to build Santa's grotto within the marquee at the rear of the Shippons. Santa will be in situ from 4pm until 5.30 and again, after switching on the lights from 6.15pm. the Grotto will be free.

There will be a hot dog gazebo in the Shippons car park DJ Paul will once again provide seasonal music – he was hugely entertaining last year here will be free Glo sticks for children.

Jenny Barclay will sing as "The Greatest Showman/show woman"

Steve Edmunds is hoping to book the Fire Engine again this year

The Evangelical Church will provide mince pies, teas & coffees.

St Chad's Church will have the children's craft

stall once again.

Full of Beans Holiday Club

Full of Beans are running a half term holiday camp at Pensby Primary in October. Please see the flyer attached with further details and this link will take you to the booking system https://bit.ly/3CjFKTe.

There is an option for individual days and also a discount included for a full week. Places are limited to a maximum of 50 slots.

Church News

For more information about the church, please visit:

Website: https://www.thurstaston.org.uk/ Email: office@thurstaston.org.uk Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/stchadsstbarts/ Twitter: https://twitter.com/StBartsStChads

Have a lovely weekend.

David Burrows Head Teacher

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