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NEXT WEEK

Monday 19th September

Bank Holiday-School Closed

Tuesday 20th September

Lunchtime Cross Country practice

Wednesday 21st September

3.30-4.30pm Chess Club Y3-6

Thursday 22nd September

3.30-4.30pm Football Club Y1 & Y2

Friday 23rd September



You shop. Amazon gives.

Shopping on Amazon

FoDS are registered on 'AmazonSmile' for charitable donations.

We are therefore asking all parents when shopping using Amazon on line to use <u>smile.amazon.co.uk</u> and select 'Friends of Dawpool School' as your charity (charity number 1094453) which will be remembered for future uses.

Additionally, Amazon Smile is now available for use in the regular Amazon shopping App. This may make it easier to use as you do not need to remember to go to the Smile website.

Whichever way you shop on Amazon it is of a great benefit to our school if you select 'Friends of Dawpool School' as your chosen charity. Please see below questions and answers that will hopefully make things clear for you.

What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support a charity of your choice every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at <u>smile.amazon.co.uk</u> you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as amazon.co.uk, with the

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added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your selected charity.

How do I shop at AmazonSmile?

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to <u>smile.amazon.co.uk</u> from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

Which products on AmazonSmile are eligible for charitable donations?

Millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations to charities by Amazon. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for smile.amazon.co.uk" on their product detail pages. Recurring Subscribe-and-Save purchases and subscription renewals are not currently eligible.

Can I use my existing amazon.co.uk account on smile.amazon.co.uk?

Yes, you use the same account on amazon.co.uk and smile.amazon.co.uk. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

How do I select a charitable organisation to support when shopping on AmazonSmile?

On your first visit to smile.amazon.co.uk you need to select a charitable organisation to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. We will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at <u>smile.amazon.co.uk</u> will result in a donation.

How much of my purchase does Amazon donate?

Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. From time to time, we may offer special, limited time promotions that increase the donation amount on one or more products or services or provide for additional donations to charitable organisations. Special terms and restrictions may apply. Please see the relevant promotion for complete details.

Welcome Meetings

It was wonderful to see our parents visiting school this week for our Welcome meetings. We hope you found them informative. The presentation slides for each meeting will be uploaded to the class pages of the website for future reference. Parents are encouraged to visit

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the <u>class pages</u> of the school website for up-todate information about your child's learning.

School Information 2022-23



We have also included on each class page a school information pack, containing helpful information about the school.

Phonics Meeting for parents

Due to national period of mourning and the timing of the additional bank holiday, we have had to move the early reading and phonics meeting to <u>Wednesday 5th October 2022 at</u> <u>6:00pm.</u> Please note this date has moved from Wednesday 21st September.

Parents of pupils in Foundation 1, Foundation 2, Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to attend the meeting and will provide an overview of Dawpool's early reading curriculum and how to support your child with reading at home.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evenings will take place this term as follows:

Foundation 1 Wednesday 28th & Thursday 29th September

Foundation 2 Wednesday 28th & Thursday 29th September

 Year 1

 Tuesday 18th & Wednesday 19th October

 Year 2

 Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th November

Year 3Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th November

Year 4 Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th November

Year 5 Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th November

Year 6Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th November

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Details about booking appointments will be sent home in due course.

The <u>website calendar</u> has been updated to include other key dates this term also.

11+ Information

The 11+ test will take place on **Tuesday 20th September.** Just a reminder that <u>your child must</u> take the Test Day Identity Form with them to the test centre on the day.



School Curriculum

The <u>Curriculum</u> section of the school website has been updated to include additional information about our curriculum offer. There is a **Wisdom, Knowledge and Skills document** for each year group which outline the knowledge vocabulary and skills that we want children to learn at each stage.

There is also a curriculum document for each individual subject. These documents also include an overview of how the subject is delivered in the Early Years' Foundation Stage (EYFS), including links to the EYFS Framework and Development Matters.

If you have any questions about the curriculum, please contact your child's class teacher.

COMMUNICATION

Communication Process

Please initially contact the school office who will endeavour to assist you. They will be able to liaise with the class teacher and pass on any information. If it is felt that an appointment is necessary, they will be able to arrange this for you.

If after initial contact you still feel the matter has not been resolved or you need more advice following these discussions, please contact the school office who will arrange an appointment with a member of our Senior Leadership Team. Questions about Special Educational Needs should be directed to Mrs Redmond, SENCO.

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Child Protection and Safeguarding concerns should be directed to the Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) as follows:

- Mr D. Burrows (Head Teacher)
- Mrs C. McCann (Deputy Head Teacher)
- Mrs E Kenney (School Business Manager)

Queries regarding letters, admin, attendance, school dinners, wraparound care, clubs, and school money payments should be directed to the school office 0151 648 3412 (option 4)

Concerns that have not been previously resolved by speaking with other staff members as listed above, should be directed to Mr Burrows, Head Teacher.

Email Communication

Due to the high volume of emails received in school each day, it is not always possible to respond quickly. As a school our first priority is to deliver high quality teaching and learning which is more difficult if staff are monitoring and responding to email.

We will strive to respond to email as quickly as possible. Please use

schooloffice@dawpool.wirral.sch.uk email in the first instance. However, if you require a timely response, please telephone the school and speak with staff directly. Thank you.

School Lane Parking

Road Safety Officers have recommended the following procedure for people using vehicles on School Lane:

Park facing down School Lane

Vehicles should not attempt to turn around half way up School Lane. Car users are to proceed to the turning bay and turn their cars facing down School Lane before parking. This means that once the children have been dropped off or picked up, all cars should be able to leave School Lane without interfering with oncoming traffic. At no time should cars park on the zig-zag lines, across the school gates, use the car park entrance or Lane as a turning area.

Thank you for your support.

Secondary School Admissions Arrangements – September 2023

The online application process for children who are due to start Year 7 in September 2023 is now open.

Children in Year 6 have brought home a leaflet to explain how to apply for a secondary school place. The deadline for applications is Monday 31st October 2022.

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WIRRAL

Apply online at

Please visit

http://www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions for more information about the application process or phone 0151 666 4600.

Please contact the secondary schools directly for information about open events and admissions arrangements.

Flu Immunisation

As you may be aware, the NHS offers the free flu vaccine to all primary school pupils in years F2 to 6.

The flu vaccine is the best protection we have against this virus and has an excellent safety

record.

This vaccination will help to protect young people, their families and friends from flu at a time when COVID-19 is also likely to be circulating.

The vaccine will be given in school on Wednesday 19th October.

If you would like your child to have the free flu vaccine, please ensure you have given your consent by Monday 3rd October – this has been sent by email in the form of an **NHS e-consent**.

If you chose to take your child to the GP for a flu vaccination, please return the consent form confirming this.

Please note that the flu vaccination will not be administered in school unless the e-consent has been completed.

You can find more information about the flu vaccine for primary school children at:

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/chil d-flu-vaccine/

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the School Age Immunisation Team on 0151 514 2510.

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Wirral Schools' Junior Choir

Every Wednesday between 5.00-615pm children are invited to St John Plessington Catholic College to have a free trail for the Wirral Schools' Junior Choir. This is for students 7-14 years old.

Community Event

Please see below details of a local community event that may be of interest.



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

A reminder that Dawpool will be closed this **Monday 19th September** for the funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

School reopens on Tuesday 20th September.

Yours sincerely

David Burrows Head Teacher

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