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Welcome back to the new school year. We hope you had an enjoyable holiday. The pupils have settled into their new classes and have enjoyed being back with their friends and teachers.

A special welcome to all of the new pupils and parents who have joined us this week. Thank you to our Year 6 special friends who have helped the F2 children to settle in and feel at home.

EDUCATION SUNDAY

2019: Form and Flourish - to re-form



To mark the start of the new school year, all Dawpool families are invited to attend the Education Sunday Service at St Chad's Church this **Sunday 8th September at 9:30am.**

Education Sunday is a national day of prayer and celebration for everyone involved in the world of education.

Some of our pupils will be helping to lead the service. It would be lovely to see lots of families there.

Thank you for supporting us with this important occasion and for making a special effort to attend.

NEXT WEEK

Monday 9th September

Tuesday 10th September

4:30-5:00pm: Year 6 Parents' Meeting
5:00-5:30pm: Year 1 Parents' Meeting
5:30-6:00pm: Year 2 Parents' Meeting

Wednesday 11th September

3:30-4:30pm Bats and Balls Club
5:00-5:30pm: Year 3 Parents' Meeting
5:30-6:00pm: Year 4 Parents' Meeting

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6:00-6:30pm: Year 5 Parents' Meeting

Thursday 12th September

3:30-4:30pm Netball Club for Y3/4

Friday 13th September

3:30-4:30pm Netball Club for Y5/6

Chess club will recommence on 18th
September



Parents' Meetings

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

Year 1: Tuesday 10th September at 5:00pm

Year 2: Tuesday 10th September at 5:30pm

Year 3: Wednesday 11th September at 5:00pm

Year 4: Wednesday 11th September at 5:30pm

Year 5: Wednesday 11th September at 6:00pm

Year 6: Tuesday 10th September at 4:30pm

F1 and F2: Monday 30th September at 6:00pm

Please note that the date of the Year 6 meeting is different to previously advertised.

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Building Work



During the Summer holiday, we had many of the internal doors replaced and installed new cloakroom units. We have also installed new fire sensors and security access controls. Work to replace flooring in the corridors will commence during the October half term holiday.



We have worked with a graphic designer to create artwork that depicts the school's curriculum in corridors and classrooms. More information about the school's curriculum can be found under the 'Curriculum' tab of the school website.



UNIFORM

The children look so smart returning to school. Thank you!

We believe that there is a strong link between good behaviour and high standards of uniform and presentation. We encourage all pupils to take pride in

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their appearance and we ask that they wear the correct school uniform at all times. School shoes should be worn (not trainers). Hair accessories for girls should be discrete and match the uniform. Boys should not have designs shaved into their hair or dyed unnatural colours. I am sure you will appreciate the importance of emphasising these requirements. Thank you for helping us to enforce the high expectations we expect.



A reminder that pupils should be provided with a healthy snack for playtimes such as fresh or dried fruit. Alternatively, pupils can pay for a slice of toast. Pupils should not consume crisps or sugary snacks during playtimes. Pupils will be reminded regularly of this instruction.

Toast Payments

Toast payments are now made online via Schoolmoney and those who are on our toast list will have received an email/text advising them payment is now due and should be made by Monday 9th September. Thank you.

Wraparound Care Payments/ Extra Pre School sessions

Payments for the above mentioned sessions are paid online via Schoolmoney. All sessions until 27th September have now been added and are to be paid by 11th September. An email/text advice has been sent so any new parents will receive the details of the website to log into and their password.

Lunchtime payments for Pre School

These sessions are also paid for via Schoolmoney but are not yet on the system. We are awaiting an update and once they are active you will receive an email/text advising you to go online and

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make the payment. We apologise for the delay with this and the deadline to make these payments will be extended accordingly.

School Dinners

The total payment due for School dinners for this half term is £81.40. With effect from this term payment should be made in full within the first 3 days of the start of term. On this occasion payment should be made by 11th September. As previously mentioned if you have difficulty either on a one off or regular basis paying in advance please let Mr Burrows know. Additionally if your child has a meal on a Friday, payment should be made by the previous Thursday evening. Thank you for your cooperation.

Leave of Absence Requests

Parents are discouraged from withdrawing their children from school in term time for family holidays. Head Teachers may only authorise holidays in term time in exceptional circumstances. Parents who believe their circumstances

are exceptional are asked to complete an **Application for Leave of Absence form** which is available from the school office. This form should be returned to the school at least 2-weeks before the proposed leave. Parents who withdraw their child for unauthorised holidays in term time may be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice

Arrivals and Departures

**ARRIVALS +
DEPARTURES**

The school opens at **8:45am** each morning. The doors on the main playground will **close at 8:55am**. Children arriving after 8.55am must come into school via the front reception door and register with staff at the school office. Please note that pupils arriving in the classroom **after 8:55am** will receive a late mark.

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Our school policy is that pupils in Foundation Stage, Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 should not walk to or from school on their own or be left on their own on the school premises either before or after school. Pupils in these year groups must be collected at the end of the school day.

Parents of pupils in Years 5 and 6 may decide that their child can walk home alone. Your child will be prevented from doing so if permission has not been given in writing. A separate letter has been sent home to Year 5 and 6 parents with further information.

We would particularly like to hear from you if you are able to stand for one of the following roles:

Chair
Vice Chair
Secretary
Treasurer

Please contact Mr Burrows by **Friday 20th September** if you are interested.

Please come along to the meeting to find out how you can help FoDS during this year. We look forward to seeing you.



FoDS News

FoDS AGM

We would like to invite you to FoDS' Annual General Meeting (AGM) which will take place at the school on **Thursday 26th September at 7:00pm.**

Parent Governor Vacancies

There are currently two vacancies for elected parents to join our school's Local Governing Body. A letter will be sent home on **Monday 9th September** with further information.

Music Tuition

Many of our Key Stage 2 pupils will be starting music tuition next week. Miss

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Laird is in school on Monday afternoons to deliver brass tuition. Mr Thomas is in school on Fridays delivering woodwind tuition and Miss Poldevaart and Mr Walsh will be teaching Guitar, Piano and Keyboard on Monday and Tuesday.

Tour of Britain Cycle Event



You may be aware that the Tour of Britain Cycle Race will be taking place across Wirral on **Wednesday 11th September**. Between 11:00am and 4:00pm a number of roads will be closed under a rolling road block for approximately 45 minutes during this time period to ensure the safe passage of the Tour of Britain race. Road closures will come into effect approximately 15 minutes before the lead riders. Estimated timings for road closures around Dawpool is **1:40pm-2:40pm**. We are not therefore expecting significant disruption at the start and end

of the school day and **Dawpool will remain open as usual.**



From Friday 20th September to Friday 27th September, children in Years 1 to 6 will be working with iSingPOP on an exciting singing, recording and performing project. The children will be learning a number of specially written songs which support our school values as well as the children's learning in a range of subjects, including Music, RE and Citizenship. On **Thursday 26th September** the children will be recorded so that we can create our very own school album and there will be two concerts at St Chad's Church on **Friday 27th September**. A letter with further information will be sent home next week.

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Aldi's 'Kit for Schools'



Spend £30 in any Aldi store to receive a Team GB Sticker.



Take your stickers to school to help complete your poster.



Send the completed poster back to us to receive your sports kit and to be in with a chance to win £20,000!

From 6th September, Aldi's Kit for Schools promotion is giving 20 primary schools the chance to win £20,000 to kick-start a health legacy for their school. Every school who enters by completing their Aldi's Kit for Schools poster will receive an exclusive school sports kit.

Every time you spend over £30 in any Aldi store, they will give you a Team GB sticker. Please send your stickers into school to help complete our poster. Once complete with 300 stickers, we will send the poster back to receive our sports kit and to be in with a chance to win £20,000 for school. Thank you for your help.

Autumn Term Dates

The following dates can be found on the school website's calendar. Further dates will be added once finalised.

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 8th September

9:30am: Education Sunday Service at St Chad's Church. Everyone welcome.

Tuesday 10th September

4:30pm: Year 6 Parents' Meeting

5:00pm: Year 1 Parents' Meeting

5:30pm: Year 2 Parents' Meeting

Wednesday 11th September

5:00pm: Year 3 Parents' Meeting

5:30pm: Year 4 Parents' Meeting

6:00pm: Year 5 Parents' Meeting

Monday 23rd September

11+ Examination

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Thursday 26th September
7:00pm: FoDS AGM in school

Friday 27th September
2pm & 5pm: iSingPOP Concerts at St Chad's Church.

w/c 30th September
Year 5 Swimming Week

Monday 30th September
6:00pm: F1 & F2 Parents' Meeting

October

Wednesday 2nd October
AM: Harvest Festival in school

w/c 7th October
Swimming Week for selected Y5/6 pupils

Thursday 10th October
Individual Portrait Photographs

Sunday 20th October
9:30am: Year 5 to lead Family Service at St Chad's Church

Thursday 24th October
School Closes for Half Term

Friday 25th October
INSET Day: School closed to pupils

November

Tuesday 12th November
15:40: Parents' Evening

Wednesday 13th November
15:40: Parents' Evening

Class Assemblies

Parents are invited to watch their child take part in a class assembly during the year. The dates are as follows:

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Foundation 1
Wednesday 6th May at 9:10am

Foundation 2
Wednesday 25th March at 9:10am

Year 1
Wednesday 12th February at 9:10am

Year 2
Wednesday 24th June at 9:10am

Year 3
Wednesday 5th February at 9:10am

Year 4
Wednesday 29th January at 9:10am

Year 5
Wednesday 22nd January at 9:10am

Year 6
To be confirmed

The remaining INSET Days for 2018-19
are as follows:

Friday 25th October 2019
Thursday 7th May 2020
Monday 20th July 2020

Statutory Tests

Please note that Year 2 and Year 6 pupils will sit their statutory National Curriculum Tests week commencing **Monday 11th May 2020**. Year 1 pupils will take the Phonics Screening Check and Year 4 will take the Multiplication Tables Check during week commencing **Monday 8th June 2020**

Inset Days

To ensure high rates of attendance, we have included term dates until **Summer 2021** on the website calendar. Please be aware of the school term dates when

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booking your family holidays to avoid taking days off school.

The term dates can also be found on the Wirral Council website:

<https://www.wirral.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-holidays-and-term-dates>



Parish Church News

For Church information visit
www.thurstaston.org.uk

Sunday 8th September

9.30am EDUCATION SUNDAY -

Family Worship

8.00am and 11.15am services at St Bartholomew's as usual.

We hope to see you at the Education Service on Sunday.

My very best wishes as always,

*David Burrows
Head Teacher*

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