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NEXT WEEK

Monday 16th December

10:00am Christmas Carol Concert for
Years 3, 4 & 5 at St Chad's

Tuesday 17th December

2:00pm Y1/Y2 Performance of
'Christmas Recipe'

Wednesday 18th December

9:30am Y1/Y2 Performance of
'Christmas Recipe'
12:30pm: Pro-Skill Football Club
3:30pm-4:30pm Chess Club
3:30pm-4:30pm Last Art Club

Thursday 19th December

Non-uniform day for Class Parties
Father Christmas to visit school
3:30pm -4:20pm Last Yoga Club

Friday 20th December

Pupils finish for Christmas Holiday

The school re-opens on
Monday 6th January 2020



FoDS News



Paper Chain Strips

The lucky winner of the hamper from the selling of the paper chain strips was Lillie-Mae Staneke, Year 6.



Christmas Bazaar / Raffle

Many thanks to everyone who attended our Bazaar last Friday. We have so far made £989 but there are still the proceeds of the adult raffle to add into

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this. Tickets are still on sale, in the playground, from Mandy Parr at the School Office and at the productions next week. Please buy some tickets to try to win one of many fantastic prizes available. The draw will take place next Friday and winners advised that day. Thank you to everybody who helped ensure that all our Christmas events were a great success!

Birthday Calendars

Our birthday calendars are for sale at a cost of £6 each or £5 if buying 2 or more. We only have a limited number of calendars and they will therefore be sold on a first come first served basis. Thank you for your support.



As previously mentioned in January 2020 we will be launching a new school menu. The menu has been devised in consultation with all pupils and the

school's catering consultants. A copy of this menu can now be found on our website under 'Parent information' then 'School Meals'.

The cost of the meals remains the same at £2.20 per day (£11 per week) which we think represents excellent value.



We are sure that the children are going to enjoy their annual Christmas Party event next week, **Thursday 19th December**. Father Christmas will be visiting with a small gift for each child. The children will have some small party goodies (cake, biscuits, crisps, lolly ice and juice). Children are invited to wear their party clothes to school on the day but please remember coats and sensible shoes!

F1/F2 performance of 'The Nativity'

We hope you enjoyed our F1 and F2 Nativity this week. I am sure you will

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agree that the standard of performing and singing was brilliant! Well done to all the children and staff.

Chess Club

Chess club will recommence on the 15th January. The fee will again be due when we return in January at £36 covering up until Easter.

School Dinners and Toast

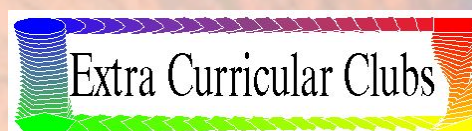
School dinners should be paid for the half term and are due within 3 days of the request for payment. ie/ For January this will be by Wednesday 8th January. The figure until February half term is £66 (provided you have a clear balance).

Please can all school dinners be brought up to date with online payments by next Wednesday 18th December. Thank you.

Toast will continue to be provided to those on our list in January at the cost of £12 to cover up until Easter.

Payments should be made by 10th January. We would appreciate all payments being made promptly via Schoolmoney.

If you wish to cancel please let us know by Tuesday 17th December. Thank you.



Extra-Curricular Clubs

We will be writing to parents during the first week back with details about the extra-curricular clubs on offer during the Spring Term 2020. For your information, no clubs will run week commencing 6th January 2020.



The school choir will be singing at the Peace Proms concert at Liverpool's M&S Bank Arena on **Saturday 18th January**. Tickets are now on sale for the concert from the M&S Bank Arena website.

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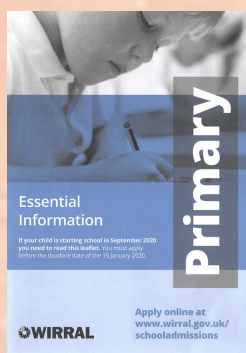
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Foundation 2 Admissions 2020



It has been wonderful to see so many prospective parents visiting school over the last few weeks. A reminder that applications for a place in Foundation 2 for September 2019 should be submitted by **15th January 2020**. Parents should apply online at:

<https://www.wirral.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/apply-primary-or-secondary-school-place>

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

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 and of course they were very well supported by Y3, Y4 and Y5 pupils. Thank you KS2 for helping us to continue a very special Dawpool tradition. Additionally, a special thank you to Mrs Preston and Mrs Evans who helped prepare the Christingle oranges.



Parents and carers of pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5 are invited to attend a Carol Service at St Chad's Church on **Monday 16th December at 10:00am**. The service will be led by pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5. We intend to walk the children to the church

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after morning registration, and back again at the end of the service. Please let the school office know if you can support with the walk to church and we will reserve you a seat at the service.

Christmas Jumper Day for 'Save the Children'

Thank you all for taking part in 'Christmas jumper Day'. Everyone looked fabulous! We raised £124.55 for Save the Children.

Christmas Recipe

We are looking forward to next weeks' performances of 'Christmas Recipe' for the parents and carers of pupils in Year 1 and Year 2. There will be two performances as follows:

Tuesday 17th December at 2:00pm

Wednesday 18th December at 9:30am

Class Assemblies 2020

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

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

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**Year 6
To be confirmed**

Inset Days

The remaining INSET Days for 2019-20
are as follows:

**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**

TERM DATES

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 booking your family holidays to avoid taking days away from school.



Parish Church News

For Church information visit
www.thurstaston.org.uk

Sunday 15th December, 9.30am Junior Church - Nativity Rehearsal.

Sunday 22nd December, 9.30am Junior Church Nativity Service
3.00pm Carol Service at St Bartholomew's - everyone welcome.

Tuesday 24th December, Christmas Eve

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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

Wednesday December 25th –
Christmas Day
8.00am BCP Communion at St
Bartholomew's

10.30am Family Communion
You are invited to bring one of your
presents to show to everybody else.
Junior Church will recommence on
Sunday 12th January 2020

Sun 29th December 9.30am Morning
Worship
No Junior Church but families welcome at
this service.

NO 9.30am Service - please join us at
10.30am at Irby Methodist Church for
Covenant Service.



As this is our last Dawpool News of the
year may I and the staff take this
opportunity to wish you all a happy and
peaceful Christmas and New Year.

My very best wishes.

David Burrows
Head Teacher

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