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NEXT WEEK

Monday 17th July

Tuesday 18th July

Y1 Visit to Royden Park Y6 Art Exhibition 3.30-5.00pm

Wednesday 19th July

Thursday 20th July

9.30am Y6 Leavers Service (Y6 families to attend)

Last Day of Term

Monday 4th September

INSET Day

Tuesday 5th September

INSET Day

Wednesday 6th September

Pupils return to school



FoDS News



Thank you for all your support this term! With funds raised, we are able to upgrade the school's IT equipment and purchase 30 new laptops and 30 iPads for the benefit of all the children.





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During this academic year, FoDS have run a large number of events for the children, families and our local community and the committee are delighted with our overall fundraising total for 2022/23 of £14,674.45. None of these events are possible without the muchneeded help from parents and staff so any help you have given, big or small, is greatly appreciated.

We wish you all a lovely summer holiday and look forward to continuing our fundraising next year to add play equipment and resources to the outdoor area.

Best wishes. Rachael, Sam and the entire FoDS committee.

School Dinners

Next week is week 1 of our school dinner menu therefore, as mentioned recently, any children on packed lunches who would like hot dog (or any of the other options that day) on **Wednesday** let the class teacher know on the day.

School Menu

In September, we will be introducing a new mouth-watering lunch menu. This will be available to view on the in <u>School Meals</u> section of the website.

School Money Payments

It is important that all Schoolmoney payments are paid promptly as we come to the end of the academic year. Please clear any outstanding sums by Monday 17th July. The office staff are particularly busy at this time of year and do not have time to personally ring those with payments overdue. Please help by paying when requested. Please contact Mandy Parr if you have any queries regarding these payments or problems making payments by this date. Thank you for your support with this important matter.

Year 6 Leavers 2023

Next week we say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 pupils as they move onto their secondary schools. We hope to





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be able to make their final days at Dawpool very special.

On **Tuesday 18**th **July**, Year 6 families are invited to join us for a wonderful exhibition of Art and other work that the Y6 pupils have completed this year. Invitations have been sent to Year 6 families who are welcome to visit the exhibition anytime between **3:30-5:00pm**. We look forward to celebrating all of the children's achievements with you. Refreshments will be provided.

There is a special leavers service on Thursday 20th July at 9.30am. All parents of Y6 pupils are invited to attend.



All of the information about this year's Summer Reading Challenge can be found online:

https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/

Pupils can participate either online or at a local library. Wirral Libraries have also produced a short video about the Reading Challenge and how to get involved:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zkw 7cUSjrcU

EYFS Pirate Party



EYFS had a wonderful Pirate Party this week, filled with lots of storytelling, singing, performing and handling artefacts. It was great fun!

Year 5 Art Gallery Visit

Year 5 had a wonderful morning today visiting the Williamson Art Gallery in





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Birkenhead. They went to see the 'Apollo' Remastered' photography exhibition which will help them with their 'Earth and Space' topic. Year 5 had lots of fun, learnt so much and were superb ambassadors for our school.

Year 3 Stone Age Day



Year 3 had the most wonderful time taking part in a very special Stone Age workshop on Thursday. They dressed up in amazing Stone Age costumes and took part in a number of different exciting activities including role play, quizzes and even creating their very own Stone

Henge. A huge well done to Year 3 for a fabulous day!

Football Competition

All children in KS1 and KS2 have had the opportunity over the last couple of weeks to participate in an inter-school football tournament.

The nail-biting final was played this week with the last two teams drawing on penalties. It was a wonderful end to a fantastic tournament. Congratulations to all children who participated.



Dawpool's daily act of collective worship is viewed as an integral and important part of school life. Through this and in the general ethos of the school we seek to promote our vision:

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Worship is a time where we come together to share our love of God and celebrate our achievements together. The worship of the school is based on promoting the **Person**, **Love and Work of Jesus** which permeates the ethos of the school. Worship is when we meet to acknowledge and reflect in God's word and the teachings of Jesus.

Work of Jesus (Our Learning Values)

Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord. "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

This half term the children have explored the values of **Imitation & Love.** The children have used the teachings of Jesus to reflect on these values:

John 3:1-21
Jesus teaches Nicodemus

Paul's Letters:

- Letter of Paul to the Romans.
- First and Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians....
- Letter of Paul to the Galatians.
- Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.
- Letter of Paul to the Philippians.
- Letter of Paul to the Colossians.
- First and Second Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

Person of Jesus (Our Christian Values)

Galatians 5:22-23

'The Fruit of the Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Generosity, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-Control.'

This half term the children have explored the values of **Faith** and **Trust**.

What is faith?

The story of baby Moses in the basket

Faith in action

The story of the walls of Jericho

Growing in faith

The story of Daniel and the Lion's Den

Faith & Trust - What's the Difference?





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The story of Paul being shipwrecked

Trust – What did you see?
The encounters between Mary & Jesus

Trust – What did they hear?

Jesus heals the centurion's servant

Trust – The Big Picture
The signs and miracles of God

Love of Jesus (Our HeartSmart Actions)

Matthew 22: 36:40

'Love the Lord God with all your heart with all your soul and with all your mind. Love your neighbour as yourself.'

This half term, the children have reflected on our **HeartSmart Actions** through the Relationships and Health Education Curriculum.

HeartSmart is a scheme of work that we use to build character, emotional health and resilience in children. It equips them with foundational principles, skills, habits and a mindset that will improve their mental health, relationships and

academic achievement. HeartSmart is delivered around 6 key topics:

- Get Heart Smart
- Don't forget to let love in
- Too much selfie isn't healthy
- Don't rub it in, rub it out
- · Fake is a mistake
- No way through, isn't true

For more information about our HeartSmart Curriculum, please go to our website here.

Soundtrack to Worship

Dawpool loves to sing! We sing a wide repertoire of songs in Collective Worship covering many musical styles and genres, both traditional and modern. A selection of songs that we sing during Worship is available on our school website here for families to enjoy at home.

BRITISH VALUES





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In Worship each week, Dawpool pupils focus on a big question, based on a current news story, which relates to one of the fundamental British Values: Democracy, Rule of Law, Individual Liberty, Mutual Respect, Tolerance of Different Faiths and Beliefs.

This half term, pupils have focused on the following questions:

- Can your local area be even more inclusive?
- Is it better to reuse or recycle?
- What is the best way to show your support?
- How has travel changed our lives
- What is bravery?
- Should everyone learn the countryside code?
- Should you always want to win?
- What makes art valuable?

For more information about our British Values Curriculum, please go to our website here.

Celebration Worship

Each Friday, we present awards to pupils who have displayed our school values in action:

- Learning Values Award
- Fruit of the Spirit Award
- Dawpool Special Mention

Congratulations to all pupils who have received awards this half term.



During celebration worship each week, we present a range of special mention awards to children who have participated in a wide range of activities both in and out of school. For example today we presented awards to many children for participating in:

Dance shows





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- Theatre shows
- Gymnastics Tournaments
- Cricket Matches
- Football competitions
- Running events
- Swimming lessons
- Beaver and Brownie activities

Such a lot to celebrate! All of the special mentions are put into a book which is displayed in the school corridor for all to proudly see!



CHURCH NEWS

For more information about St

Bartholomew's Thurstaston and St Chad's Irby, please visit:

Website:

https://www.thurstaston.org.uk/

Email:

office@thurstaston.org.uk

Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/stchadsstbarts/

Twitter:

https://twitter.com/StBartsStChads

Forthcoming Church Services

EVERY Wednesday 10.30am HC at St Chads

Sun 16th July

9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's
10.30am Morning Worship at St Barts

Sun 23rd July

9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's
10.30am Communion at St Chad's (Junior Church doesn't meet during school holidays but families are welcome at the service)

Sun 30th July

9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's
10.30am Holy Communion at St Bart's

Staffing 2022-23

As this week's Dawpool News is the last one for this year, it is accompanied with a separate letter with important information for the new academic year, including the staffing arrangements.





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On behalf of the entire staff at Dawpool, I extend my warmest wishes for a joyous and restful summer break.

David Burrows Head Teacher.

