

# DAWPOOL C.E. (AIDED) PRIMARY SCHOOL

*... Living the Fruit of the Spirit*

## DAWPOOL NEWS ISSUE 38th December 2016

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### Next Week

#### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December

AM: Y1 Visit to St John's Church, Meols  
2:30pm Y4 Music performance  
3:30pm: Forest School Club  
3:30pm: STEM Kids Club

#### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Non-uniform day for Class Parties  
Father Christmas to visit school

#### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December

3:30pm: Chess club  
Pupils finish for Christmas Holiday

#### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

INSET DAY

#### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

INSET DAY

School closes for the Christmas Holiday next **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December**. We re-open on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017**.

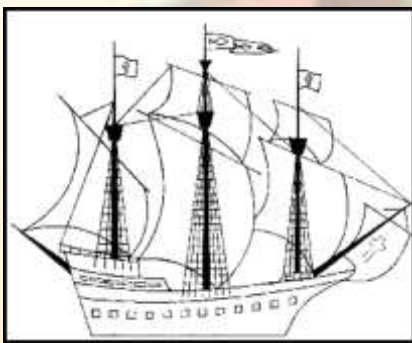
#### Important Notice



Earlier this year, we had been advised that Dawpool would not be used as a Polling Station in May 2017. This week, we have been informed that the school will be required after all. This is a request that the school has to comply with. Therefore, the INSET day, scheduled for **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017**, will now **move to Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017**.

We are informing you of this change at the earliest convenience to enable you to make plans for the children being off school.

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We have also put this change of date onto the website calendar.

Therefore, the forthcoming INSET days for 2016-17 are now:

### INSET Days

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2016

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2016

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017



### 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 2017. For your information, the following clubs will run week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017:

#### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January

**3:30 – 4:45pm: Forest Schools (the final session for the current group, rescheduled due to a cancelled session this term).**

**No STEM Kids Club**

#### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January

**No Tennis Club**

#### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January

**3:30 – 4:30: Chess Club**

**3:30 – 4:30: Golf Club**

#### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January

**No Clubs today**

#### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January

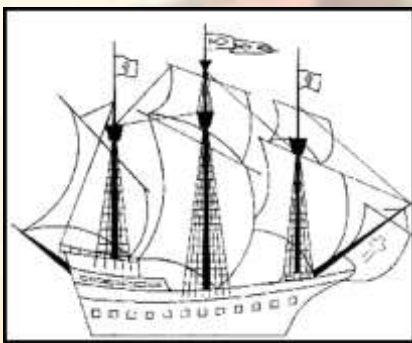
**3:30 – 4:30: Spanish Club**

**No Netball Club**

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### Class Assemblies

Our parents are invited to watch their child perform in a class assembly during the spring term. The dates are as follows:

#### **Year 6**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 9:10am**

#### **Year 5**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 9:10am**

#### **Year 4**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 9:10am**

#### **Year 3**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 9:10am**

#### **Year 2**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 9:10am**

#### **Year 1**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 9:10am**

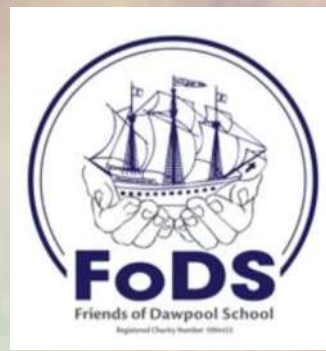
#### **Foundation 2**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 9:10am**

#### **Foundation 1**

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 9:10am**

We have added these dates to the calendar on the school website.



### Adult Christmas Raffle

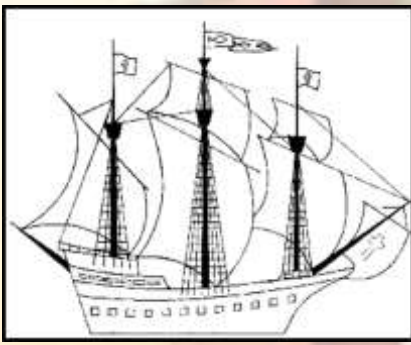
Thank you to everyone who supported FoDs by buying tickets for our adult raffle. We made £567 from the raffle alone! The winner of the first prize of the hamper was Mrs Byrom (mum of Nancy in F2) & the fabulous cake made by Mrs Crocker was won by Mrs Hughston (grandmother of Holly Y1 and Lucy Y6). There were many other prizes and the lucky winners have been notified. Many thanks for your support.

### Paper Chain Hamper.

The children's hamper was won by Max Granton in Y3. Congratulations, Max.

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#### Santa Sleigh

The Round Table Santa Carol Wagon visited Irby last Saturday. FoDS will receive a very generous proportion of the overall takings which were just over £800. It was a great evening and all the helpers really enjoyed themselves.



#### F1 Nativity

We hope you enjoyed our F1 Nativity this week. I am sure you will agree that the standard of acting and singing was brilliant! Our children and staff work so hard to do their very best performance. It is great to see our hall full to bursting with proud parents and grandparents. Thank you children for making our Christmas so special.



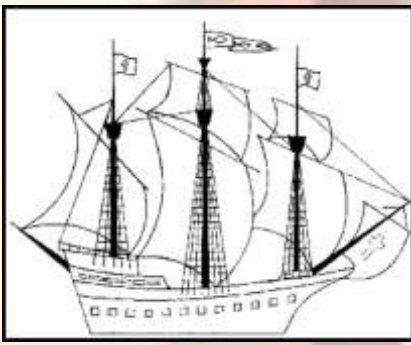
#### Christingle Service

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. Of course they were very well supported by Y3, Y4

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and Y5 pupils whose behaviour was exemplary. Thank you KS2 and Rev. Jane for helping us to continue a very special Dawpool tradition.

Additionally, a special thank you to the parents who helped prepare the Christingle oranges.



### Year 4 Music Concert



A reminder that our Year 4 parents are invited to a musical concert at **2:30pm on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December**. The children will be performing with their ukuleles and singing songs. We hope you can join us.

### Christmas Parties

We sure that the children are going to enjoy their annual Christmas Party event next week, **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**. Father Christmas will be visiting with a small gift for each child. The children will have some small party goodies (cake, biscuits, crisps and juice). Children are invited to wear their party clothes to school on the day but please remember coats and sensible shoes!

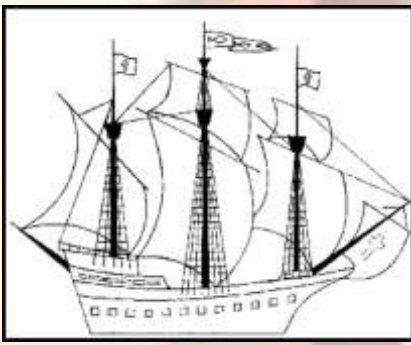
### Christmas Jumper Day for 'Save the Children'

We had such a wonderful array of Christmas jumpers on display today! Thank you for supporting 'Save the Children'.

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### Sporting Provision at Dawpool

From January 2017, we are pleased to welcome 'TBS Sports' to the Dawpool Team. TBS Sports are a specialist provider of physical education and sport. They will be working in school to deliver the following initiatives:

- Specialist PE teaching each week to Foundation 2, Year 1 and Year 2.
- A carousel of sporting activities and active play for all pupils every lunchtime.
- An after-school football club for Foundation 2, Year 1 and Year 2.

TBS Sports join a growing team of sports providers at Dawpool: Clare Mount Specialist Sports College, Pro-Skill Soccer & CLS Coaching.



### School Venture 2017

#### Information for Year 5

We are pleased to offer a new and exciting opportunity to our Year 5 pupils in March 2017. Dawpool is one of nine local Church Primary Schools partnering with CPAS Ventures to offer Year 5 pupils the chance to have a weekend away at Barnstondale. The weekend will involve indoor and outdoor activities, games, crafts, campfire and focused time together, helping the children to make their own conclusions about a truly

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peculiar event in history . . . the disappearance of Jesus!

Year 5 children have brought home a leaflet today with more information. There will be a meeting for interested Year 5 parents and pupils after school on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 3:40pm.** The meeting will give parents the opportunity to find out more and to ask any questions you may have. More information can be found at:

[www.ventures.org.uk/schoolventures](http://www.ventures.org.uk/schoolventures)



#### Peace Proms

The choir had an amazing time this week at the Echo Arena, practising for the Peace Proms concert on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>**

**January 2017.** A special thank you to our parent helpers!

Tickets for the concert are available via the Echo Arena website.

#### **Thank you!**

A big thank you to Mr Richards (father of Jude F1 and Eva Y1) who visited our Key Stage Two pupils today to demonstrate a miraculous piece of technology – a robotic skeleton that enables people with physical disabilities to walk again. The children really enjoyed the presentation and seeing the robot in action.

#### E-Safety Day



The children enjoyed the school's E-Safety day on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December.** During the day the children

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completed a range of activities to raise their awareness of Internet safety.

You can listen to our school E-Safety radio broadcast on the school website. It can be found under the 'Our classes and curriculum' tab and click on 'E-Safety.'

<http://www.dawpool-ce.eschools.co.uk/website/e-safety/227187>

It is our duty to report to you any matters of concern regarding online safety. Some of our pupils have reported:

- **Communicating with people they don't know through social media, video games and Apps.**
- **Having unregulated access to the internet, including Youtube.**
- **Viewing age inappropriate material through Video Streaming sites, e.g. 'Netflix' and Catch-up TV.**
- **Having a social media account.**

Parents have a responsibility to monitor and educate the on-line lives of children. Over the Christmas period,

please take the time to review your child's use of the Internet to ensure they are completely safe.

The link below provides a great resource for parents to keep children safe online. It is from the Parents' section of the 'ThinkuKnow' CEOP site:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/How-to-guides/>



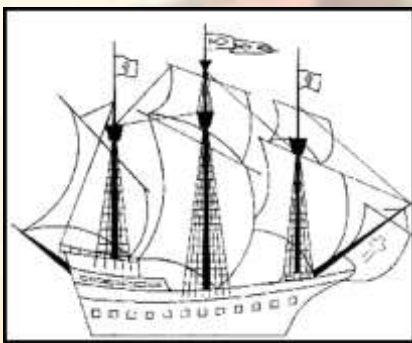
We have included again the school holiday dates from Christmas 2016 to Summer 2018. Please pay close attention to the dates when booking holidays.

Given the change of INSET day mentioned earlier, we have now adjusted the return day for Summer half term 2017.

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### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY 2016

*(Finish Wed 21.12.16)*

**First Day: Thurs 22.12.16**

**Last Day: Sun 08.01.17**

*(Return Mon 09.01.17)*

### SUMMER HOLIDAY 2017

*(Finish Tue 25.07.17)*

**First Day: Wed 26.07.17**

**Last Day: Mon 04.09.17**

*(Return Tue 05.09.17)*

### FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2017

*(Finish Thurs 16.02.17)*

**First Day: Fri 17.02.17**

**Last Day: Sun 26.02.18**

*(Return Mon 27.02.17)*

### OCTOBER HALF TERM 2017

*(Finish Fri 20.10.17)*

**First Day: Sat 21.10.17**

**Last Day: Sun 29.10.17**

*(Return Mon 30.10.17)*

### EASTER HOLIDAY 2017

*(Finish Fri 31.03.17)*

**First Day: Sat 01.04.17**

**Last Day: Mon 17.04.17**

*(Return Tue 18.04.17)*

### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY 2017

*(Finish Fri 22.12.17)*

**First Day: Sat 23.12.17**

**Last Day: Sun 07.01.18**

*(Return Mon 08.01.18)*

### SUMMER HALF TERM 2017

*(Finish Fri 26.05.17)*

**First Day: Sat 27.05.17**

**Last Day: Sun 04.06.17**

*(Return Mon 05.06.17)*

### FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2018

*(Finish Fri 16.02.18)*

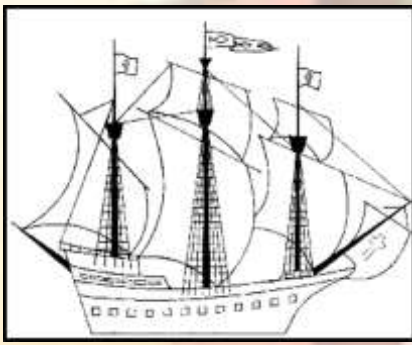
**First Day: Sat 17.02.18**

**Last Day: Sun 25.02.18**

*(Return Mon 26.02.18)*

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#### EASTER HOLIDAY 2018

(Finish Thurs 29.03.18)

**First Day: Fri 30.03.18**

**Last Day: Sun 15.04.18**

(Return Mon 16.04.18)

Additionally toast will again be due at £10.40 for the term to Easter.



#### SUMMER HALF TERM 2018

(Finish Fri 25.05.18)

**First Day: Sat 26.05.18**

**Last Day: Sun 03.06.18**

(Return Mon 04.06.18)

#### Y Bible

#### Y Bible is a Diocesan Initiative for Sept 2016-Sept 2017.

Its aim is mutual encouragement in which we help one another with our use of the Bible.

In our parish we will be

- reading through Luke's Gospel from Advent 2016 - Easter 2017 - booklets available in church – or ask Revd Jane ([rector@thurstaston.org.uk](mailto:rector@thurstaston.org.uk) or telephone 648 1816)
- Dawpool school worship will have covered the entire Bible from Sept 2016 - July 2017.

#### SUMMER HOLIDAY 2018

(Finish Tue 24.07.18)

**First Day: Wed 25.07.18**

#### School Dinner Money/ Toast

When we return in January for those who like to pay in advance for dinner money the amount due to February half term will be £63.80 or £118.80 to Easter.

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- there will be a series of sessions (Multi-Sensory Bible) working through the epic story of the whole Bible from January - June 2017 – if you would like catch up with your child and cover the entire Bible in 15 sessions then ask Revd Jane to send you the information.

And the Diocesan Website has "52 Thoughts" - one for each week of the year.

[www.chester.anglican.org/dev/docs/ministry/52%20Thoughts.pdf](http://www.chester.anglican.org/dev/docs/ministry/52%20Thoughts.pdf)

Revd Jane also has copies of this in booklet form – please ask for a copy.

**52 Thoughts**

**Parish Church News**



**For Church information, please visit**  
[www.thurstaston.org.uk](http://www.thurstaston.org.uk)

### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

9.30am **Nativity Service** led by Junior Church at St Chad's

8.00am and 11.15am services at St Bartholomew's

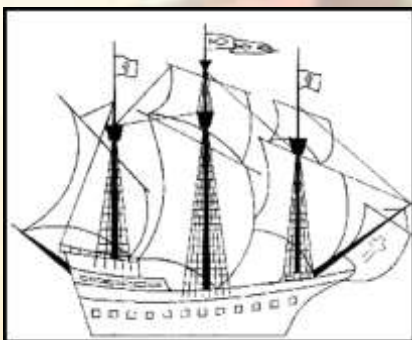
6.30pm Joint **Carol Service** at Irby Methodist Church

### **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Eve**

4.00pm Crib Service at St. Bartholomew's.

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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

#### **Sunday December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day**

8.00am BCP Communion at St  
Bartholomew's

10.30am Family Communion at St  
Chad's (You are invited to bring one of  
your presents to show to everybody  
else.)

**NO OTHER SERVICES TODAY**

#### **Sunday January 1<sup>st</sup> 2017**

8.00am BCP Communion at St  
Bartholomew's

10.30am Communion Service at St.  
Bartholomew's

**NO OTHER SERVICES TODAY**

#### **Sunday January 8<sup>th</sup> 2017**

10.30am Joint Covenant Service at Irby  
Methodist

8.00am as normal.

NO 9.30am or 11.15am service.

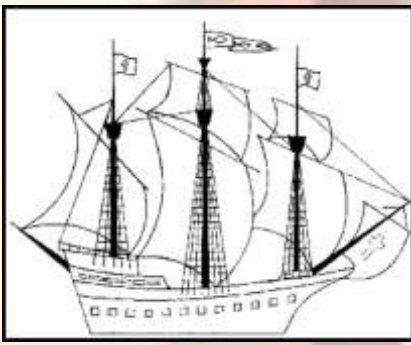
#### **Learning Hero Awards Friday 16th December 2016**

Congratulations to the following pupils  
who have demonstrated outstanding  
effort during the week and have applied  
our learning powers:

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Foundation 2  
Zak Harrison

Year 1  
Charlie Webster  
&  
Oliver Barker

Year 2  
Henry Johnson

Year 3  
Mackenzie Roberts

Year 4  
Rubini Ariaraj

Year 5  
Emilia Sedgwick

Year 6  
Theo Redwood

### Fruit of the Spirit Awards

#### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December



Thank you to the following pupils who have shown our 'Fruits' in action during this week:

Foundation 2  
**Charlotte Millensted**

*For showing all of the Fruits of the Spirit in everything that she does. An excellent role model!*

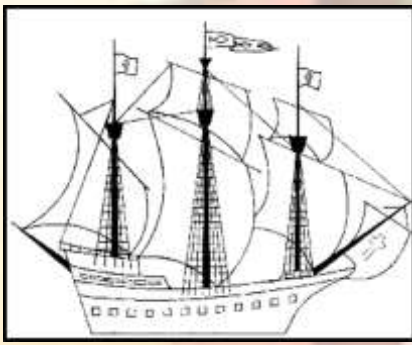
Year 1  
**Jacob Dodd**

*For always thinking about others! Jacob brought an extra Christmas jumper in case someone didn't have one. Good boy!*

&  
**Eli Nolan**

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*For always being gentle, peaceful and showing self-control. What a super boy!*

Year 2.

**Ella-May McDermott**

*For always being kind and gentle with the other children.*

Year 3

**Joshua Stirling**

*For showing self-control and love in the playground and joy in the classroom.*

Year 4

**Phoebe Morgan**

*For demonstrating gentleness and kindness to others. Well done!*

Year 5

**Josh Anderson**

*For showing kindness and patience to all those around him. Thank you, Josh.*

Year 6

**Joe Cass**

*For goodness, love and kindness to Year 3 when they play football. Thank you, Joe.*

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**All of Year 6**

For bringing joy to us all during our Christingle Service. We are very proud of you!



### Very Best Wishes

As this will be the last Dawpool News of this year on behalf of the staff may I thank you for all your good wishes. We wish you a very happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

*My very best wishes,*

*David Burrows  
Head Teacher*

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