

# DAWPOOL C.E. (AIDED) PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## DAWPOOL NEWS ISSUE 37 9th December 2016

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### Next Week

#### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December

3:30pm: Forest School Club  
3:30pm: STEM Kids Club

#### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

9:15am F1 Nativity  
12:30pm School Choir at 'Peace Proms'  
Rehearsal (Echo Arena, Liverpool)  
3:30pm: Tennis club  
3:30pm: KS2 choir

#### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

3:30pm: Chess club  
6:00pm Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6 Christingle  
Service at St Bartholomew's Church

#### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December

E-Safety Day

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

9:00: Christmas jumper day for 'Save the Children.'

12:00 School Christmas Dinner  
3:30pm: Netball Club  
3:30pm: Spanish Club



#### Christmas Bazaar



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Many thanks to everyone who attended our Bazaar last Friday. We made the fantastic sum of £1204 and that will increase further once our Adult raffle has been completed. Photographed are our wonderful team of helpers – thank you so much to everybody who helped make the day a huge success!



### Adult Christmas Raffle

Tickets for our adult raffle are still on sale at 50p each or £2.50 per strip. They will be on sale in the playground before and after school.

If you do not get up to the school and wish to buy some tickets please send in a note with how many tickets you require

and payment in an envelope marked 'FoDS Adult Raffle' and your tickets will be sent home to you. There are some fabulous prizes including a hamper of Christmas goodies donated by the Dawpool staff and a Christmas Cake made by the very talented Mrs Crocker. The draw will take place at assembly on the **16<sup>th</sup> December** and the lucky winners notified later that day.

### Santa Sleigh

The Round Table Santa Carol Wagon will be in the Irby area on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December between about 6.30pm and 8.30pm. We would love to see you supporting us so come outside and give us a wave and a donation!

FoDS receive a very generous percentage of the funds collected. Thank you for your support.



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#### The 'Not Now' Nativity!

It was lovely to see so many parents and family members at the KS1 nativity this week. The children have had such a wonderful time performing it and we hope you enjoyed it.



#### F1 Nativity

We look forward to welcoming Foundation 1 parents to the nativity next **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.**

Our pupils work very hard to prepare for the Christmas Nativity and it is only fair that they allowed to perform without disruption. For this reason, we ask that

you make alternative arrangements for younger children.

We also ask parents not to photograph their child during the performances. We will provide an opportunity for parents to take photographs at the end of each performance.

Many thanks for your cooperation in these matters.



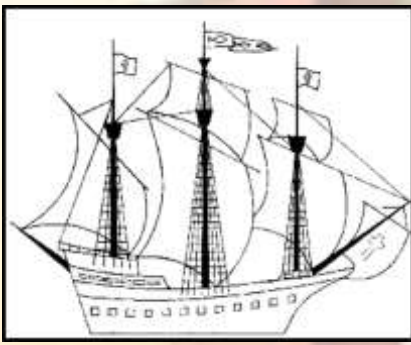
#### Christingle Service

Our traditional Christingle Service will be held at St Bartholomew's Church on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm.**

All pupils from years 3, 4, 5 and 6 should arrive at the church for **5.45pm**. Please car share wherever possible. Due to

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limited space in church, parents of Year 6 children should attend only.

The children should be collected from church at **6:45pm**.

### Year 4 Music Concert



Today all children in KS2 have brought home a Christingle collection envelope. Please help to support the 'Children's Society' by putting a monetary donation inside the envelope. Your child is asked to bring the envelope to church for the Christingle Service on **14<sup>th</sup> December**.



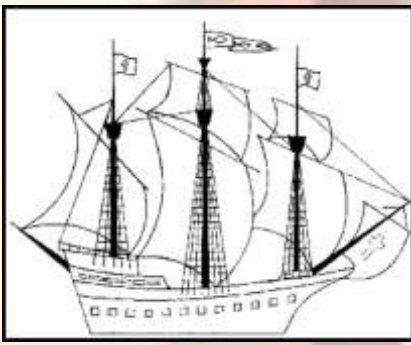
A reminder that our Year 4 parents are invited to a musical concert at **2:30pm on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December**. The children will be performing with their ukuleles and singing songs. We hope you can join us.

Thank you for your generosity



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

Next Friday, **16<sup>th</sup> December**, we invite all children (parents and staff included!) to come to school in a Christmas jumper (or other Christmas-themed top). We're looking forward to it! We ask that the children bring £1 to support 'Save the Children.'



### Library Books

Please ensure that school library books are returned regularly so that all children get the best experience from our wonderful library. Many thanks.



### Uniform

We strive for the highest standards in every aspect of the school, including our children's uniform. Between the months of October and April, all pupils should be wearing the school's winter uniform as follows:

#### **BOYS:**

*White shirt, royal blue and white striped tie, grey trousers, grey socks and navy blue V-necked jumper.*

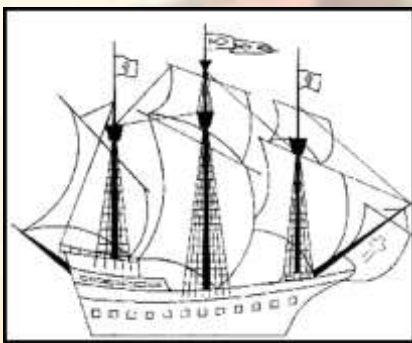
#### **GIRLS:**

*White blouse, royal blue and white striped tie, navy skirt, trousers or navy pinafore, white socks and navy blue V-necked cardigan.*

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A uniform order will be submitted next **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December** so if you need any items of uniform please send in your request as early as possible next week.

### **WoW – Walk Once a Week Initiative**

All pupils who have walked to school at least once per week during the month of November were today presented with the third pin badge which is called 'Lollipop People.'



All pupils who walk to school at least once a week for the month of December will be awarded with the next pin badge called 'Local Parks' on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December**



### *December: 'Local Parks'*

Local parks are central to our neighbourhood and a fixture in most of our childhoods. A place for children to play, spend time with friends and get some fresh air.

During the Christmas holiday, please reflect on your travelling habits and try to plan more 'walk to school' or 'park and stride' days in the New Year.

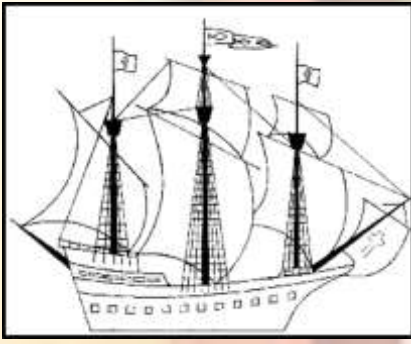
Thank you for supporting our walk to school initiatives.

### **Breakfast/After School Club**

Can we remind those who use our wrap-around care that an invoice was again

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due for payment on the 5<sup>th</sup> **December** and would be grateful to receive this next **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**. Thank you.

### **School Dinner Money/ Toast**

Please can we ask that all school dinner money and toast payments are brought up to date by the end of next week? Many thanks.

If your child wishes to start having school dinners or stop having them from January please let the school office know next week.



### **St Chad's Christmas Fair**

Message from Reverend Jane

'THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Christmas Fair on Saturday 26th November. We raised the fantastic sum of £1100 which will be a great help in enabling us to continue to fulfil our mission statement of "Serving Christ in Thurstaston and Irby".

*God Bless*

*Revd. Jane*



### **Trampolining Competition**

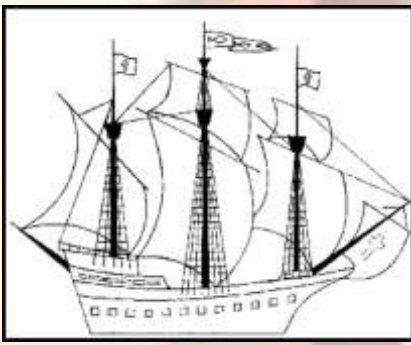
Congratulations to our pupils who took part in the trampolining competition last week. The day was a great success. Dawpool came away with 3 medals:

Olivia Poole (Y6) GOLD Medal  
Megan Cross (Y5) SILVER Medal  
Ted Tobyn (Y5) SILVER Medal

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James Jones (Y5) and Chris Green (Y6) performed two excellent routines with somersaults at the end of the routine! James came 4<sup>th</sup> and Chris came 5<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to all children who participated – they were a real credit to the school.

### School Games Silver Kite Mark



We are delighted this week to have been awarded with the 'School Games Silver Kite Mark.'

The School Games Mark is a Government led awards scheme to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community.

We are already on schedule to achieve the Gold Award at the end of this academic year.

### E-Safety Day



As part of our commitment to raising awareness of E-Safety, we will be having an E-Safety day in school on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**. Further information about E-Safety can be found on our school website under the 'Our Classes and Curriculum' tab. The following websites are also an excellent source of information:

### Kid Smart

<http://www.kidsmart.org.uk>

### CEOP

<https://www.ceop.police.uk>

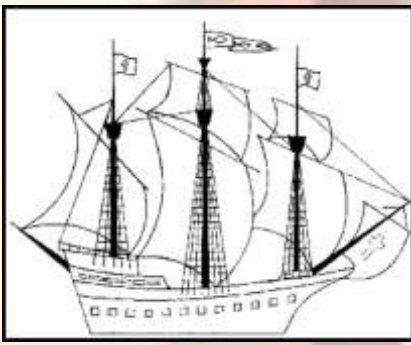
### Childnet

<http://www.childnet.com>

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### **NSPCC**

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

### **Safety Net Kids**

<http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk/personal-safety/staying-safe-online/>

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

The website below is an excellent tool for parents to monitor age related apps, websites, videos and games.

### **Common Sense Media**

<https://www.common Sense Media.org>

There is a sliding scale at the top of the website, which filters age related material. It is a website used by Avon and Somerset Police and Merseyside Police to inform parents.



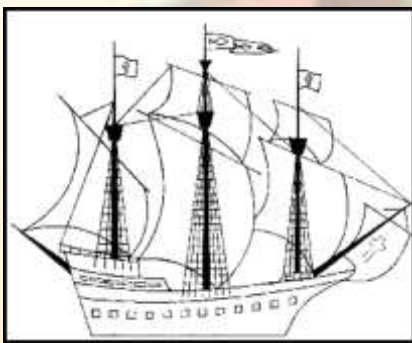
### **Attendance**

A huge thank you to parents for ensuring your child is punctual each morning and attends regularly. Our weekly attendance figure is consistently above 98% which is excellent.

May we remind parents that holidays in term time will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. To help you plan your holidays we have included below the holiday dates from Christmas 2016 to Summer 2018. Holidays may be booked between the first and last days listed.



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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 26.02.17**

*(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: Mon 05.06.17**

*(Return Tue 06.06.17)*

### FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2018

*(Finish Fri 16.02.18)*

**First Day: Sat 17.02.18**

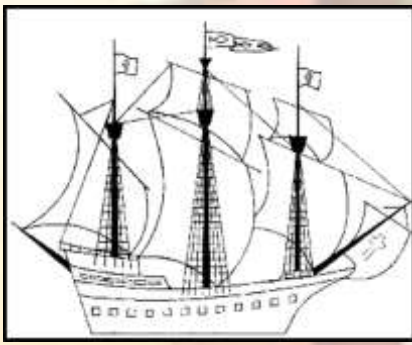
**Last Day: Sun 25.02.18**

*(Return Mon 26.02.18)*

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(Finish Thurs 29.03.18)

**First Day: Fri 30.03.18**

**Last Day: Sun 15.04.18**

(Return Mon 16.04.18)

#### 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)

#### SUMMER HOLIDAY 2018

(Finish Tue 24.07.18)

**First Day: Wed 25.07.18**

#### INSET Days

INSET days that are currently confirmed are:

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

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

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

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

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

#### Parish Church News



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

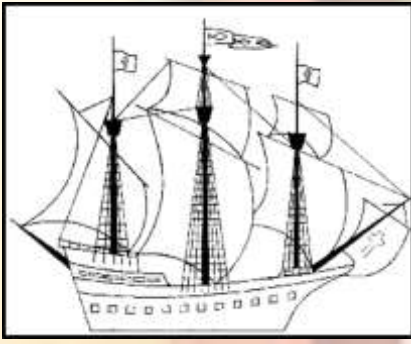
#### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December

9.30am Holy Communion and Junior Church (Nativity Rehearsal) at St Chad's.

8.00am and 11.15am services at St Bartholomew's

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#### Learning Hero Awards Friday 9th December 2016



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

Foundation 2  
**Krithik Bavikatte**

Year 1  
**Harry Paget**  
&  
**Fern Hobbs**

Year 2  
**Rose Phillips**

Year 3

**Ella Bibby**

Year 4  
**Georgia Stoll**

Year 5  
**William Cooper**

Year 6  
**Lila Lynn**

#### Fruit of the Spirit Awards Friday 9th December



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

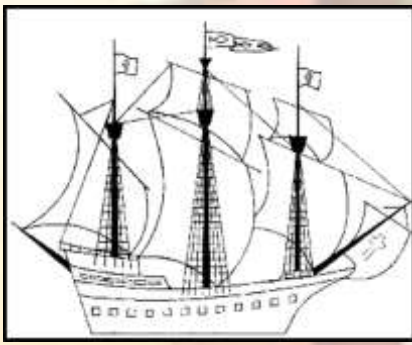
Foundation 1  
**Jacob Smith**

*For showing love and kindness to other people.*

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Foundation 2

**Nancy Byrom**

*For demonstrating all of the 'Fruits' every day. What a super star!*

Year 1

**Joseph Cheeseman**

*For being so gentle, kind and patient with others. Good boy!*

Year 2

**Sam Matthews**

*For always showing consideration and kindness to others. Well done.*

Year 3

**Joshua Stirling**

*For showing love and self-control in the playground. Thank you.*

Year 4

**Ruby Peacock**

*For being such a kind member of the class and a good role model.*

Year 5

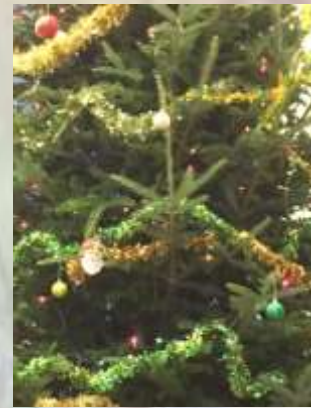
**Emily Fennah**

*For always demonstrating generosity and kindness to others.*

Year 6

**Frankie Webb**

*For showing self-control and a mature attitude to work. We are so proud of you.*



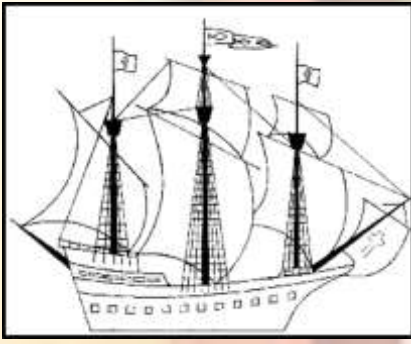
### Worship

This week the children were introduced to the prophet Jeremiah to which God shared the words in our School Bible verse:

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***(Jeremiah 29:11)***

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Next week the children will conclude their journey through the Old Testament with the stories of Daniel and Jonah.

During the Christingle service next week, Reverend Jane will explore the children's knowledge of the Old Testament through the theme of advent and we conclude the Autumn term at the beginning of the New Testament with the Birth of Jesus.

*Enjoy your weekend,*

*My good wishes as always,*

*David Burrows  
Head Teacher*

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