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NEXT WEEK

Monday 18th September

11+ Examinations

3.30-4.30pm Performing Arts Club Y3-6

4.30-5.00pm Welcome meeting Y4 5.00-5.30pm Welcome meeting Y5 5.30-6.00pm Welcome meeting Y6

Tuesday 19th September

4.30-5.00pm Welcome meeting Y1 5.00-5.30pm Welcome meeting Y2 5.30-6.00pm Welcome meeting Y3

Wednesday 20th September

3.30-4.30pm Chess Club Y3-6

Thursday 21st September

3.30-4.30pm Performing Arts Club Y1 and Y2

Friday 22ndSeptember

Welcome Meetings

We look forward to seeing you at the welcome meetings for Y1-6 parents next week.

Parents' Evenings for Foundation 1 and Foundation 2 children will take place on Tuesday 3rd October and Wednesday 4th October between 3:30-6:00pm. Details about how to book an appointment will be sent to parents shortly. Parents evenings for Years 1-6 will take place after half term and more details will follow soon.

Parent Governor Vacancies

There are currently two vacancies for elected parents to join our school's Local Governing Body. A letter was sent home on **Monday 11**th **September** to invite nominations and to provide more information. They can also be found on our school website here.



To support excellent attendance of pupils, all of the Term Dates until **Summer 2025** can be found on the council website and on the School Calendar.

Please note that family holidays will not be authorised in term time. This includes leaving school early on a Friday to facilitate weekend breaks. Unauthorised holidays will be reported to the local authority and a fixed penalty notice issued.





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All non-emergency appointments, including routine dental appointments, should be made out of school hours.



FoDS News



.School Lane Parking

Road Safety Officers have recommended the following procedure for people using vehicles on School Lane:

Park facing down School Lane

Vehicles should not attempt to turn around half way up School Lane. Car users are to proceed to the turning bay and turn their cars facing down School Lane before parking. This means that once the children have been dropped off or picked up, all cars should be able to leave School Lane without interfering with oncoming traffic. At no time should cars park on the zig-zag lines, across the school gates, use the car park entrance or Lane as a turning area.

Thank you for your support.

HEALTHY SNACKS

We remind parents/carers that children should avoid bringing sweets, cakes or sugary snacks into school. Playtime snacks should be healthy options only. We have a <u>lunchbox policy</u> on our website that we ask parents to follow.





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On **Monday 25**th **September** we will be holding our annual harvest festival in school. This year, we are collecting harvest items for the **Wirral Foodbank**. Please send your donations for our harvest table into school from **Monday 18**th **September**. More information about the Wirral Foodbank can be found on their website here. Thank you for supporting this important cause.

Changes in Weather

The weather is gradually getting colder so please ensure your child has a school jumper/cardigan. Additionally, we are committed to ensuring that your child has 30-minutes of physical activity each day. Please therefore provide your child with a coat to ensure that outdoor activities can continue during rainy weather. Thank you.

School Photographs Thursday 5th October

Our school photographer will be visiting school on the morning of **Thursday 5**th **October** to take individual photographs. We request that all children **wear their winter uniform** for their photograph with shirts and ties.

Please contact the school office if you would like siblings to be photographed together, otherwise individual photographs will be taken only.

11+ Information

The 11+ test will take place on **Monday 18th September.** Just a reminder that <u>your child must</u>
<u>take the Test Day Identity Form with them to the test</u>
centre on the day.

School Admissions

Applications for Foundation 2 and Year 7 school places in September 2024

If your child is due to move up to Foundation 2 in primary school or Year 7 in secondary school in September 2024, and you are a Wirral resident, the online application process opened on 1 September 2023.

For Year 7 in September 2024 the deadline for applying is **31 October 2023**, and for Foundation 2 the deadline is **15 January 2024**.

For more information about the application process go to:

http://www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions or phone 0151 666 4600.

Please contact schools directly for information about open events and admissions arrangements.

Flu Immunisation

As you may be aware, the NHS offers the free flu vaccine to all primary school pupils in years F2 to 6.





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The flu vaccine is the best protection we have against this virus and has an excellent safety record.

This vaccination will help to protect young people, their families and friends from flu at a time when COVID-19 is also likely to be circulating.

The vaccine will be given in school on **Thursday 30**th **November.**

Please note that the flu vaccination will not be administered to your child unless the consent has been completed. Further details about how to provide consent will be shared with parents shortly.

You can find more information about the flu vaccine for primary school children at:

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the School Age Immunisation Team on 0151 514 2510.

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

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Morning Prayer St Chad's Prayer Room 9.00am MOST Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays (check with Revd Jane for cancellations due to other meetings or commitments)

EVERY Wednesday 10.30am HC at St Chads

Sun 17th September

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

Sun 24th September

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

Sun 1st October

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

HARVEST FESTIVAL 24TH SEPTEMBER

9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's **10.30am** Communion at St Chads

Have a lovely weekend

David Burrows Head Teacher.

