



# DAWPOOL C.E. (AIDED) PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### FoDS News

#### Bag2School

Our next collection from Bag2School has been booked for **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June** so please hold onto any old clothes, shoes etc that can be recycled using this scheme. Any bags can be used but we cannot accept them at school until the 23<sup>rd</sup> June due to limited storage space. We will remind you again nearer the time.

We are hoping to be able to run a few small fundraisers before the end of Summer term. Watch this space!

In the meantime, if you would like to donate to FoDS, please visit our [FoDS Money Giving](#) page. Many thanks.

#### Toast /School Lunch Payments

Toast payments until the end of the Summer term and school lunch payments for this half term are again now due for payment on SchoolMoney. Many thanks.

#### Chess Uniform

Please could the parents of any children who represented our school at chess competitions have a look around home for any Dawpool chess uniform. We are very short of our t-shirts and fleeces. Please could any that are found be washed and returned to school as soon as possible. Thank you.



Please note that the term dates to **Summer 2024** can be found on the [website calendar](#). Please make sure that family holidays are not booked in term time as they will not be approved and will be recorded as unauthorised absence and may incur a fixed penalty notice.

#### INSET Days

We can confirm that Wednesday **1<sup>st</sup> September 2021** will be an INSET day and school will be closed to pupils. The children will return to school after the Summer holiday on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**. The remaining INSET days for the new academic year will be confirmed shortly.

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Please note that school will be closed to pupils on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021** for the Local Elections.

### OPEN EVENTS

#### Year 4/5 Parents

Most of the secondary schools are now promoting their open events for entry in September 2022 and 2023. Please visit the websites of individual schools for more details.

### Wirral Lifelong Learning Service

The Wirral Lifelong Learning Service offer a selection of FREE courses for parents and carers through the Family Learning Programme. The courses are designed to help with supporting your children in school and helping with both their education and personal development. There are courses running throughout the Summer term in a range of subjects, including Reading, Phonics, Spelling, Grammar, Maths and Fractions. Full descriptions of all the courses can be found on: <http://www.wirral.gov.uk/lifelonglearning> and we have provided an overview of the summer term courses on our website. For bookings and further information call 0151 666 3330 / 07789 922 542 or email [lifelonglearning@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:lifelonglearning@wirral.gov.uk)

### Little People, BIG DREAMS

Be Bold, Be Brave, DREAM BIG!

As all of the pupils return to face-to-face education after the lockdown, there is a danger that schools begin to fixate on a deficit model of learning and narrow the curriculum for pupils. At Dawpool, we want to look towards a positive future for all children and help them move towards their dreams and aspirations with determination and confidence.

This half term, we are focusing on a whole-school project entitled 'Little People - Big Dreams' and we have written to parents today with more information. During the project, we will be exploring the theme of equality and diversity in the world. During the next two weeks, class teachers will be dedicating some of their curriculum time to explore the lives of significant people. Each class will be using books from a collection called 'Little People - Big Dreams'. These books teach the children about the lives of significant people (past and present) from designers and artists to scientists and activists. All of them achieved incredible things, often through great adversity, by making discoveries, breaking boundaries, highlighting injustice and

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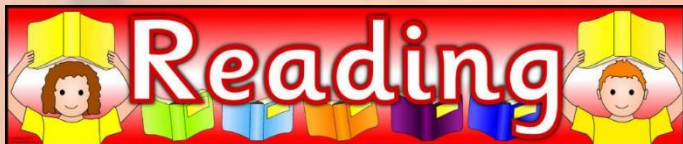
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paving the way for the way we live our lives today.

### **Little People Big Dreams Dress Up Day!**

In celebration of our learning, we invite pupils to dress up (optional) on the theme of 'Little People Big Dreams' on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April**. Pupils are encouraged to dress as a significant person who has overcome adversity and made a difference to the world we live in today (past or present). If you need some inspiration, the 'Little People Big Dreams' website lists many significant people: <https://littlepeoplebigdreams.com/>. Please don't go to any expense to buy costumes.



During the Summer term, we will be focusing on reading across the curriculum. We will be listening to your child read on a 1:1 basis using a benchmarking tool to accurately identify the best reading level and book band for your child based on both their fluency and comprehension. Your child will then be provided with a reading book from the new whole-school reading scheme which has been kindly purchased by FoDS.



To support our focus on reading and aspirations, a virtual book fair will also be taking place during the next two weeks. We have partnered with our local Usborne representative Liz Neale to set up this fundraising opportunity for school. Liz will be promoting books on the following themes: equality and diversity, curriculum books to support your child's learning and reading for pleasure books. A Facebook page has been set up and regular updates and offers will be posted throughout the two-week period. Your purchases from this book fair will enable school to buy new books for our classroom libraries. Please click the following link to join the page.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1565534843837676/>

Parents who do not use Facebook can browse books on Liz's website [www.lizslvelybooks.co.uk](http://www.lizslvelybooks.co.uk). However, if you wish to place an order, you will need to contact Liz by email [lizslvelybooks@gmail.com](mailto:lizslvelybooks@gmail.com) or send a message to 07793033998. This will ensure that any sales are added to the school's total, enabling us to buy books for our classrooms.

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Thank you for supporting us with these projects.

### PE Days

On PE days, pupils should arrive at school wearing their PE kit. Please note that the school PE kit is as follows:

- Navy PE Shorts / Skorts
- White PE T-Shirt (Plain or Dawpool Logo)
- Trainers.

In cooler weather, your child may wear their school jumper or cardigan over the top of their T-Shirt and wear dark, plain tracksuit trousers. Items of PE kit may be purchased from school (see [website](#) for more details) or from your preferred supplier. Your child's PE day is as follows:

F1: Wednesday  
F2: Friday  
Y1: Thursday  
Y2: Thursday  
Y3: Thursday  
Y4: Thursday  
Y5: Tuesday  
Y6: Wednesday

### Reporting to Parents

In the next few weeks, we will be sending home a brief report for your child with some

recommendations based on our observations and formative assessments. These recommendations will help your child to secure the essential expectations for their age in preparation for transition to the next year group. There will be an opportunity to discuss these recommendations with your child's class teacher during a telephone meeting which will take place w/c 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> May. We will write to parents shortly with more information.

### Church News



Please visit <https://www.thurstaston.org.uk/> for information about this week's services.

You can also visit the [Church Facebook Page](#).

#### **Website:**

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

#### **Email:**

[office@thurstaston.org.uk](mailto:office@thurstaston.org.uk)

#### **Facebook:**

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

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<https://twitter.com/StBartsStChads>

### **Weekly Awards**

The list of pupils who have received the weekly awards and certificates is available to view online. Please visit our [Values Award Winners](#) page on our website for a list of the latest recipients.

Have a lovely weekend.

David Burrows  
Head Teacher

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