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NEXT WEEK

Monday 10th October

3.30-4.30pm Basketball Club

Tuesday 11th October

Lunchtime Cross Country practice

Wednesday 12th October

3.30-4.30pm Chess Club Y3-6

Thursday 13th October

3.30-4.30pm Football Club Y1 & Y2

Friday 14th October

FoDS Discos



FoDS WEEKLY UPDATE

We are currently putting together a calendar of

planned events for this academic year and are looking forward to sharing more details with you all shortly. We have set up a new FoDS WhatsApp group and have sent the invite for you all to join, using a link, on the class WhatsApp groups. We are grateful that so many of you have already joined the group and, if you haven't already, please do so if you wish. Everyone is very welcome!



AUTUMN DISCO – Friday 14th October

The Autumn Disco is fast approaching. Thank you to those of you who have already paid for your child/children and for all the offers of help. Please could any outstanding disco money and forms be returned to school on **Monday**.



<u>'DARE TO BE DIFFERENT' - Friday 21st</u> October

On **Friday 21st October**, FoDS are inviting the children to participate in our 'Dare to Be Different' day. Your child should come to school

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in their uniform as normal, but should dare to be different, for example by styling their hair differently; wearing brightly coloured socks, jazzy tights, a temporary tattoo or a bright tie. The choice is theirs and they are welcome to choose more than one way to be different. We hope they have fun and enjoy celebrating diversity and originality in school. We are asking for a £1 donation please, which should be brought in in an envelope on the day.

CALENDAR

We are very excited to be planning a 2023 calendar for all the children to take part in and to make available for purchase. There will be a letter with more details and a consent form sent home soon.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The children have all been given the opportunity to design their own Christmas card once again this year. The proof of your child's design and an order form will be sent home soon.



There are still many payments for wraparound care and school dinners overdue. If you are having any difficulty please get in touch.



Today we held our annual harvest festival in school. We shared the story of Ruth & Boaz (Ruth 2-4). In the story, Boaz had a plentiful harvest so he was able to give some to those in need. In the same spirit, we thank you for the harvest items you have donated to the **Wirral Foodbank.**

Flu Immunisation

We have received notification that the flu nasal spray will be administered to pupils in F2-Y6 on **Wednesday 19th October.** The flu immunisation is only administered with parental consent which should have been made by **13th October.**

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Phonics Workshop



Thank you to all who attended our phonics workshop on Wednesday. We hope you found the information useful.

There is a new section on our school website under the 'Curriculum' tab entitled <u>A Parent's</u> <u>Guide to Reading</u>. This page provides parents and carers with information relating to phonics and early reading, including the presentation and handouts from the meeting and a range of videos:

Video 1: An overview of phonics and how parents can support their child's reading development.

Video 2: A guide to reading comprehension and how to develop these skills at home.

Videos 3 and 4: A helpful guide to producing the correct 'pure' sounds and an explanation on how

to blend these sounds together to read words.

Parents and Carers can also find Dawpool's recommended reading lists on our website <u>here.</u>

Staffing Update

You will be aware that Mrs Redmond (Year 1 teacher and SENCo) is leaving Dawpool at October half term to begin a new job.

Lam delighted to inform you that **Mrs Fiona Barrick** has been appointed to the position of SENCo and Inclusion Manager. Mrs Barrick is currently SENCo at St Andrew's CE (Aided) Primary School in Bebington, a position she has held for over twenty years.

Mrs Barrick is looking forward to joining the Dawpool community, reaching out and stepping alongside pupils, parents and staff to ensure they are well supported in all aspects of SEN and Inclusion.

Mrs Barrick will be working closely with Mrs Redmond before she leaves to ensure a smooth transition of duties.

We will be writing to Year 1 parents next week to share the staffing arrangements for Year 1 after half term.

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CDAT Update

At a recent meeting of the North West Advisory Board, the Regional Schools' Commissioner (RSC) approved Dawpool's application to join the Chester Diocesan Academy Trust (CDAT). Dawpool is now in receipt of the Academy Order and a copy can be found on our website here, information together with all from the consultation. The Academy Order will enable the conversion to proceed over the coming months, with a conversion date likely to be in the Spring Term. We will continue to keep parents and carers updated as we move through the conversion process.

Church News

For more information about the church, please visit:

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

Email: office@thurstaston.org.uk

Facebook:

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

Twitter: https://twitter.com/StBartsStChads

This is no trick! You're in for a treat! Bring a pumpkin to carve and we'll have sweets to eat!

PUMPKIN PARTY

St Chad's Church Monday 31st October 2022 6.00-7.30pm



FAMILY FUN, PARTY GAMES, PUMPKIN CRAFTS, TREATS and a CAMPFIRE

€2.00 per child - payable on the night

Please bring a small pumpkin per family and tools with which to hollow and carve your pumpkin.

Please phone 648 8169 or e-mail office@thurstaston.org.uk by Fri. 21st October to let us know you are coming.

No witches, wizards, ghouls or other scary costumes – Thank You!

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Forthcoming 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 9th Oct
 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am All Age service at St Chad's

 Sun 16th Oct
 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's

Sun 23rd Oct 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am Communion with Junior church at St Chad's

Have a lovely weekend.

David Burrows Head Teacher

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