

DAWPOOL NEWS ISSUE 21 11th December 2020

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Christmas Fundraising

If you would like to donate to FoDS, please visit our FoDS Money Giving page.

Thank you for your support.

Christmas Adult's and Children's Raffle

Thank you so much for the support we have received in buying raffle tickets. We have made approximately £750 from this. The raffle will be drawn on Monday and winners notified as soon as possible next week.

Food Bank Support/Mission Christmas

Thank you so much to families who have donated grocery items to the Wirral Foodbank. The groceries will be gratefully received by families across Wirral.

We have now been advised that they have received more than enough supplies so we are no longer collecting for the Foodbank but instead the wheelie bin will be used to receive any children's (including teenagers) unwrapped Christmas presents. Jane Illes, Mum of Ben Y3 and Sam Matthews Y6, is going to empty this daily until the 17th December when they will be delivered to the Mission Christmas Headquarters in Birkenhead. Please do what you can to support this worthy cause. Some gifts have already been received, see <u>Twitter</u> for a message of thanks.



Christmas Jumper Day for 'Save the Children'

We had such a wonderful array of Christmas jumpers on display today! If you weren't able to bring a £1 donation to school today, you can make a donation <u>online</u>. Thank you for supporting 'Save the Children'.

Christmas Party

Christmas Party Day for all classes will take place on **Wednesday 16th December**. Children may come to school in their own party clothes and will enjoy party games and activities. Party food will be served during the afternoon and Father Christmas will be visiting school with a gift for every child. Could anyone who has still not returned the reply slip and payment do so by **Monday** at the latest. Thank you.

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School Dinners and Toast

School dinners should be paid weekly in advance (£11 per week). For those who like to pay for the full half term when we return on the 5th January £63.80 will be due or if you wish to pay to Easter £118.80. Please can all school dinner' payments be brought up to date by next Wednesday 16th December. Thank you.

Toast will continue to be provided to those on our list in January at the cost of £10.80 to cover up until Easter. If you wish to cancel please let us know before we break up for Christmas.



F1& F2: Carols Around the Christmas Tree
Y1: Christmas Concert:
Y2: The Story of Babushka
Y3,4 & 5: iSingPOP Christmas Watch Party
Y6: Christingle Concert.

These will be available to download in full from the <u>Christmas Performance Downloads</u> page. We will email the passwords to parents on **Wednesday 16th December**. You may find that download speeds will be slower at first, due to the volume of interest. Please note that the performances will be available to download until mid-January, so you may find it easier to download the performance at a quieter time. Thank you for your patience as we share Christmas with you in a very different way to usual. We hope you enjoy the performances.

Unfortunately, we were unable to film the Year 4 performance today as planned. We will do this on **Monday 14th December**. Year 4 pupils should come to school in uniform as normal, but can bring a Christmas jumper / hat / accessory to wear for the performance.

Admission to Dawpool 2021

Unfortunately, due to the current COVID restrictions, we are unable to host our usual open afternoons for prospective parents. Please visit the <u>Admission to Dawpool</u> tab on the school website which contains lots of information for prospective parents, including a virtual tour of the school.

Admissions to our Foundation Two class are administered by the Local Authority. Applications for September 2021 should be made online at: <u>http://www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions</u> by 15th January 2021.

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Admissions to our Foundation One class (preschool) are administered by the school. We are now accepting applications for September 2021. Please telephone 0151 648 3412 or email <u>schooloffice@dawpool.wirral.sch.uk</u> to register an interest.

Dawpool's Admissions Policies and Procedures are available on our website. Please contact the school office if you need any support with the application process.

The remaining INSET Days for 2020-21 are as follows:

Inset Days

Monday 4th January 2021 Thursday 6th May 2021 Monday 19th July 2021 Tuesday 20th July 2021

Please note that some media reports have suggested that schools will be closed on Friday 18th December. Dawpool will be open as usual.

Benty Farm

Due to the increased volume of parking on School Lane, Benty Farm are struggling to receive deliveries and have their refuse collected. Please be mindful that vehicles are trying to access the farm between 8-10am on a Monday. Please park considerately at all times to enable access. Thank you.

Church News

| This Week at St Bartholomew's and St Chad's | |
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| Sunday 13th | December |
| You need to be | ook a seat in church for all Services |
| 9:30am <u>Holy</u> | Communion at St Chad's |
| 11:15am <u>Mo</u> | ning Worship at St Bartholomew's |
| 6:30pm Even | ing Prayer by ZOOM |
| Wednesday 16th December | |
| 10:15am <u>Cor</u> | nmunion Service at St Chad's |
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Evening Service to include Carols by Zoom 6.30pm Sunday 20th December details from rector@thurstaston.org.uk At time of going to print the exact format of this service is to be decided, but it will definitely include some Carols!



Christmas Eve Crib Service by Zoom 4.00pm Thursday 24th December details from rector@thurstaston.org.uk Why not dress as one of the Crib characters? Here are some ideas:-



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Please click <u>here</u> for more information about the Church Christmas Services Please visit <u>https://www.thurstaston.org.uk/</u> for information about this week's services. Twitter: <u>@StBartsStChads</u> Facebook: <u>stchadsstbarts</u> Email for Revd Jane: rector@thurstaston.org.uk



A Nativity Trail has been installed in the grounds of St Bartholomew's Church. Please go and explore. Can you find all the characters from the Nativity? There are 7 to discover!

Fruit of the Spirit' and 'Learning Values' Awards Plus our' Lunchtime Award'

The list of pupils who have received the weekly awards and certificates is available to view online. Please visit our <u>Values Award Winners</u> page on our website for a list of the latest recipients. Please note that this page may not be updated until the end of the school day.



Next week, we will be sending out a letter to parents on behalf of the governing body. We will also be posting a Christmas blessing on <u>Twitter</u>. We wish to thank our families for your support during a challenging term for everyone. We continue to pray that 2021 will be a good year for us all. As this is our last Dawpool News of the year may I and the staff take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year. The school reopens for pupils on **Tuesday 5th January 2021**.

My very best wishes.

David Burrows Head Teacher

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