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It is with the deepest sadness that we hear the news of the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. Her Christian faith shone through her character throughout her reign, as she faithfully served her country and God as monarch over the last seventy years.

We share a prayer from the Church of England remembering and giving thanks for our Queen, may she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Gracious God,
We give thanks for the life
Of your servant Queen Elizabeth,
For her faith and her dedication to duty.
Bless our nation as we mourn her death
And may her example continue to inspire
us;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

We have now entered a period of national mourning that will continue until the end of the State Funeral.

Guidance providing the public, businesses and institutions with advice on the period of national mourning will be issued by the Cabinet Office shortly.

Please understand that we may need to postpone some of our planned activities and events in response to national mourning.

Over the coming days, we will be conducting special activities and holding assemblies to reflect the period of national mourning and commemorate the life of Her Majesty.

For more information about the mourning period and to sign the digital book of condolence you can visit the Palace's website: www.royal.uk.



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NEXT WEEK

Monday 12th September

3.30-4.30pm Basketball Club Y3-6

Tuesday 13th September

Lunchtime Cross Country practice

Wednesday 14th September

3.30-4.30pm Chess Club Y4-6

Thursday 15th September

3.30-4.30pm Football Club Y1 & Y2

Welcome Meetings

To start the new school year, we give you the opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher(s) and to learn a little about the year ahead. The dates and times of the meetings are:

Year 1:

Monday 12th September at 5:00-5:30pm

Year 2:

Monday 12th September at 5:30-6:00pm

Year 3:

Monday 12th September at 6:00-6:30pm

Year 4:

Wednesday 14th September at 5:00-5:30pm

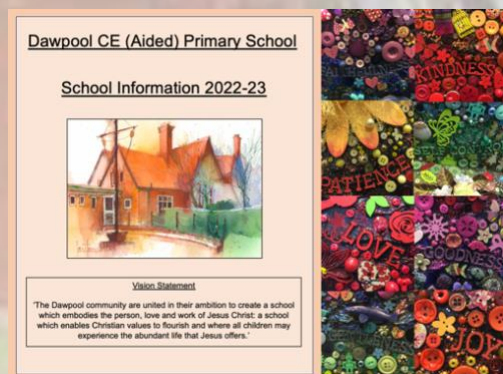
Year 5:

Wednesday 14th September at 5:30-6:00pm

Year 6:

Wednesday 14th September at 6:00-6:30pm

School Information 2022-23



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Please read the **School Information pack** that we have sent you today with this newsletter. It contains lots of helpful information about the school.

PE Timetable

The children will have PE lessons on the following days:

Foundation 2: Friday

Year 1: Wednesday

Year 2: Tuesday

Year 3: Monday

Year 4: Wednesday

Year 5: Thursday

Year 6: Thursday

Children may come to school on their PE day wearing their PE kit:

- Navy shorts or skorts
- White t-shirt (with or without school logo)
- Plain navy tracksuit (in colder weather)
- Trainers

Children should not wear 'own clothes' or

football kits on their PE day. It is important that all pupils adhere to the items of PE uniform listed above.

TERM DATES

To ensure high rates of attendance, we have included all term dates until **Summer 2024** on the [website calendar](#). Please be aware of the school term dates when booking your family holidays. As schools should only grant leaves of absence in exceptional circumstances, it is unlikely a leave of absence will be granted for the purposes of a family holiday. We ask all parents and carers to familiarise themselves with the [School Attendance Parental Responsibility Measures](#).

Inset Days

The remaining INSET Days for 2022-23 are as follows:

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Monday 19th December 2022
Tuesday 20th December 2022
Thursday 4th May 2023

Phonics Meeting for parents

Parents of pupils in Foundation 1, Foundation 2, Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to attend a meeting about Dawpool's early reading and phonics curriculum on **Monday 19th September at 6:00pm.**

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evenings will take place this term as follows:

Foundation 1

Wednesday 28th & Thursday 29th
September

Foundation 2

Wednesday 28th & Thursday 29th
September

Year 1

Tuesday 18th & Wednesday 19th October

Year 2

Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th November

Year 3

Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th November

Year 4

Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th November

Year 5

Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th November

Year 6

Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th November

Details about booking appointments will be sent home in due course.

The [website calendar](#) has been updated to include other key dates this term, including:

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- FoDS AGM in school on Monday **26th September at 7:30pm**
- Macmillan Coffee Afternoon in school (led by Year 6) on **Wednesday 28th September**
- Individual Portrait Photographs will be taken on **Thursday 6th October**
- The Harvest Festival will take place in school on **Friday 7th October.**
- Flu Immunisations will take place on **Wednesday 19th October** The flu immunisation is only administered with parental consent and the relevant forms and information will be sent home shortly.
- Finish for half term on **Friday 21st October**

More information about activities and events will be sent home in due course.

FoDS News

The AGM for FoDS (our PTA) is going to take place on **Monday 26th September at 7.30pm** at school. This will be a crucial meeting for the future of our PTA and everyone is most welcome.

All committee positions are up for election/re-election at the AGM but any help you can offer is always greatly appreciated, no matter how small.

The meetings are an opportunity to share fundraising ideas and decide on how the money raised is to be spent. Previous purchases have included a new reading scheme, the playground trim trail and iPads but, more recently, the school have expressed an interest in FoDS' help to fund improvements to the school's outdoor environment, including a nature trail, sun canopy and outdoor classroom which will become our new focus.

Our aim is for the children to have the

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very best primary school experience, both in terms of the memories made at our fundraising events and how they benefit from what the money raised is spent on.

Being an active member of FoDS is a fun and really worthwhile role so please consider getting involved.

For further information, please speak to any of the existing committee members which currently include Mandy Parr at the school office if you are unsure who they are. Additionally, your FoDS year group rep will be able to point you in the right direction.

Wraparound Care Payments/Pre-school / Lunchtime payments & School dinners

Payments for all of the above are paid online via SchoolMoney and you should have received a text and email requesting payment. Wraparound care, pre-school and lunchtime sessions are payable for the month and school dinners for the half term. Payments should be by the date indicated, which is normally

within 3 days of the request for payment. Any problems please contact Mandy Parr at the School Office on option 4 or by email at mparr@dawpool.wirral.sch.uk.

Building Work

Our Key Stage Two toilet facilities have been refurbished over the summer holiday and are looking amazing! The replacement of the pitched roof is ongoing and is expected to be completed in the next few weeks.



Our new KS2 toilet facilities

Competition Winner!

Several staff had the pleasure of visiting

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The Southport Flower show in August where they saw Chloe Stirling's winning entry in the 'Design-a-Garden' competition. Chloe attended a special presentation at the Flower Show and meet Adam Frost, award winning garden designer and presenter of BBC Gardener's World. She was also interviewed for Granada Reports by Victoria Grimes.

Well done, Chloe. We hope you enjoyed your special day.



Rock of Joy Fundraising Event

Bethany Penn an ex-pupil of St. Peter's CE Primary and also a member of Youth Fellowship at St. Peter's Church Heswall is taking part in a Rock of Joy youth trip

to Uganda in 2023.

Whilst visiting Uganda, she will be based at 3 different schools and partake in a range of activities including educating the children about dental and menstrual health, delivering malaria prevention and going into the communities. For the trip £1,300 per person needs to be raised. To help achieve this a fundraising event 'A Family Farm Funday' has been organised for this Saturday. Please see the separate flyer with details.

Church News

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A message from Revd Jane

As we begin a new Academic Year, I wanted to take the opportunity to say what an enormous privilege it is to have such a wonderful church school within the parish. I am regularly in school and it is a pleasure to work with the children in

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classrooms, to share in visits to church and to be a part of the governing body.

I am available to every member of the school family, so please don't hesitate to make contact if you think that I may be able to help.

God Bless,

Revd Jane

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>

**Thank you to Mrs Karen Robson,
Chair of Governors**



Mrs Karen Robson, Chair of Governors, has written to all parents this week with the news that she is stepping down from her role as Chair of Governors after many years of dedicated service. A copy of the letter can be found on our [website](#).

Mrs Robson writes *"It has been a huge privilege to be involved in the great work that takes place in Dawpool as we seek to enable all of our children and staff to flourish and experience life in all its fullness."*

We are sure you will join us in expressing sincere gratitude to Mrs Robson for serving the Dawpool community with such care, compassion and commitment. We wish her every success and happiness for the future.

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Mrs Robson's final meeting with the governing body is next week. We will write to all parents shortly with an update on governance for the new academic year.

Yours sincerely

David Burrows
Head Teacher

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