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FoDS News

Link to the [FoDS Money Giving Page](#)

Children's Christmas Cards/Gifts

Next week the children will be designing their Christmas cards in school and on Friday they will come home with the design and a covering letter advising you how to order.

There is a tight deadline around any orders which need to be back in school by Friday 9th October at the latest in order to ensure receipt from the company in good time.



Shopping on Amazon

FoDS are registered on 'AmazonSmile' for charitable donations.

We are therefore asking all parents when shopping using Amazon on line to use smile.amazon.co.uk and select 'Friends of

Dawpool School' as your charity (charity number 1094453) which will be remembered for future uses.

Additionally, Amazon Smile is now available for use in the regular Amazon shopping App. This may make it easier to use as you do not need to remember to go to the Smile website.

Whichever way you shop on Amazon it is of a great benefit to our school if you select 'Friends of Dawpool School' as your chosen charity. Please see below questions and answers that will hopefully make things clear for you.

What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support a charity of your choice every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.co.uk you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as amazon.co.uk, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your selected charity.

How do I shop at AmazonSmile?

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.co.uk from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to make it even easier

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to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

Which products on AmazonSmile are eligible for charitable donations?

Millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations to charities by Amazon. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for smile.amazon.co.uk" on their product detail pages. Recurring Subscribe-and-Save purchases and subscription renewals are not currently eligible.

Can I use my existing amazon.co.uk account on smile.amazon.co.uk?

Yes, you use the same account on amazon.co.uk and smile.amazon.co.uk. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

How do I select a charitable organisation to support when shopping on AmazonSmile?

On your first visit to smile.amazon.co.uk you need to select a charitable organisation to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. We will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.co.uk will result in a donation.

How much of my purchase does Amazon donate?

Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. From time to time, we may offer special, limited time promotions that increase the donation amount on one or more products or services or provide for additional donations to charitable organisations. Special terms and restrictions may apply. Please see the relevant promotion for complete details.



On **Monday 28th September** we will be launching the **remote learning** section of the school website which will replace the current class and home learning pages. There will be a webpage for each year group which will contain the following information:

- How to contact your child's class teacher.

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- A weekly message from the class teacher with an overview of current learning, topics and homework expectations.
- A presentation for parents providing key information about the year group.
- A weekly timetable including objectives, recommended activities, links to videos, websites and downloadable resources for every lesson.
- An overview of reading expectations and a recommended reading list.
- Some helpful links and resources: curriculum expectations, spelling lists, access to our 'Purple Mash' online space, link to the government's Oak National Academy and useful websites.

The Remote Learning pages are designed to enable your child to continue learning at home if they are required to self-isolate whilst the rest of their class are in school. In the unfortunate event that a whole year group is required to self-isolate, we will be extending this offer to allow interaction, assessment and feedback each day with the class teacher. More information about this will be provided when required.

Attendance

Please be aware that the law around compulsory school attendance is now back in force since the start of the Autumn Term. This includes the regulations around leave of absence during term time. There continues to be no entitlement for parents to take their child out of school during term-time, unless this is completely unavoidable. Children have already lost so much teaching and learning time due to the coronavirus, and the priority now is for us to work together in the best interests of all children's education.

All schools within Wirral work closely with the Council on school attendance matters. The Council is fully committed to making sure that all children attend school and make the best possible progress. Unauthorised holidays taken during term time can result in Penalty Notices being issued by the Council. As a school, this is something that we would wish to avoid and ask that any holidays be planned for school holiday periods. Thank you for your understanding.

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 to avoid requesting days away from school.

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Lesson Times

Thank you for helping us to reduce overcrowding by adhering to the staggered arrival times. We wish to maximise all of the teaching time we have available so please make sure your child is in school to start their lessons on time.

08:30-08:40: Pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 (including their siblings in younger year groups)

*Please note that lessons for pupils in Years 4, 5 & 6 start at **08:40**. If your child arrives later than this, they will miss important learning each day.*

08:40-08:50: Pupils in Years 1, 2 and 3 (including their siblings in F1 & F2)

*Please note that lessons for pupils in Years 1, 2 & 3 start at **08:50**.*

08:50-09:00: Pupils in F1 and F2 without siblings.

Flu Immunisation Forms

Flu immunisations for pupils in Foundation 2 to Year 6 will take place on **Friday 25th October**. Please could all remaining forms regarding the flu immunisations be sent in on **Monday 21st September, whether you wish your child to receive this or not** - we do require the

completed form returning. Thank you.

Changes in Weather

The weather is gradually getting colder. To ensure there is good ventilation throughout the school, we will need to open the windows during the day so please ensure your child has a school jumper. Your child may also wish to wear an additional underlayer on colder days.

We are committed to ensuring that your child has 30-minutes of physical activity each day. Please provide your child with a light-weight cagoule to ensure that outdoor activities can continue during rainy weather. Thank you.

Toast Payments

Toast payments are now made online via Schoolmoney and are available for payment now. Thank you.

School Photographs Thursday 8th October

Our school photographer will be visiting school on the morning of **Thursday 8th October** to take individual photographs. We request that all children **wear their winter uniform** for their photograph with shirts and ties.

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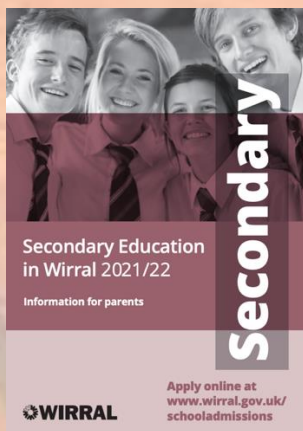
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Please note that this year we are unable to offer photographs with siblings.



Secondary School Admissions Arrangements – September 2021

The arrangements for Year 6 pupils selecting their secondary schools for September 2021 are different this year. Year 6 parents should visit our [Secondary School Admissions Page](#) for the following information:

- Presentation about Secondary School Admissions – September 2021
- Secondary School Admissions Booklet 2021
- Letter regarding 11+ arrangements for 2020.

The dates of the examinations for selective schools have moved from September to October this year. Year 6 parents who have enrolled their child for selective examinations should have received a letter from the Local Authority explaining the arrangements. Further information is available on our [11+ Page](#).

Pupils who are enrolled to sit the 11+ should return their **Test Day Identity Form** to school as soon as possible for Mr Burrows to verify your child's photograph with a school stamp. We will then return the ID form to you and your child must take the form with them to the test centre on the date of their examination to confirm their identity.

Any questions about the secondary school admissions process should be directed to <http://www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

Parent - Teacher Meetings

We will be writing to parents next week with information about our Autumn Term parent / teacher meetings. These would normally be held in school across two evenings. However, due to COVID restrictions, we will be organising these differently this year. These meetings will take place before we break for half term and will be an opportunity to discuss how your child has settled back into school.

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Inset Days

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

Monday 4th January 2021
Thursday 6th May 2021 (Local Elections)
Monday 19th July 2021
Tuesday 20th July 2021

Please note that school will be closed to pupils on these days.

Learning Values Awards

Friday 25th September

We have had a great week of learning and the following awards were presented in school today.



Congratulations to the following pupils who have demonstrated outstanding effort during the week and have applied our learning values:

Foundation 2
Reuben Neermul

Year 1
Megan Willerton
&
Scott Burnett

Year 2
Rose Marley
&
Noah Garfitt

Year 3
Kian Pengelly

Year 4
Charlie Bibby

Year 5
Jack Poole

Year 6
Ethan Baker Nicolls

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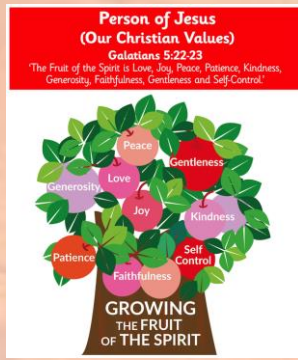
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Fruit of the Spirit Awards **Friday 25th September**

Thank you to the following pupils who have shown our 'Fruits' in action during this week:

Foundation 1
Noah Taylor
&
Alexander Davies

Foundation 2
Imogen Hope

Year 1
Leo Heseltine
&
Heidi Ewbank-Smith

Year 2
James Williams
& *Ottie White*

Year 3
Olivia Lupson

Year 4
Mara Lamb

Year 5
Kaylee Blakemore

Year 6
Joseph Booth

Wishing you a great weekend,

David Burrows
Head Teacher

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