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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a good week. As always, it has been a pleasure to spend time around school and see the children so engaged in their learning and school life. I have enjoyed being in classrooms this week observing English lessons and seeing the development of our new English scheme. The children have been highly motivated by the new texts and seeing their enthusiasm has been wonderful.

I would like to begin by thanking the parents and carers who have expressed an interest in joining our Parent Forum for school dinners. We are very grateful for your willingness to share your views and work in partnership with us as we continue to develop our provision. Your feedback is invaluable, and we look forward to working closely with representatives as plans move forward.

As part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring the very best for our children, we are also reviewing our behaviour policy. In order to gather parent and carer views, I would strongly encourage you to complete the short online survey that has recently been shared. Your thoughts and perspectives are extremely important to us and will help to inform future

developments in this area.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers of the importance of children wearing the correct school uniform each day. A consistent approach to uniform helps to promote a sense of belonging, pride in our school and readiness for learning. Over the coming weeks, staff will be reminding children of our uniform expectations and supporting them to meet these consistently. We are very grateful for your continued support in ensuring children arrive at school dressed appropriately and ready to learn.

Keeping our children safe, both in and out of school, remains a key priority. With this in mind, I would like to draw your attention to some important information regarding online safety, particularly in relation to Roblox. Roblox is used by many children from a very young age, with a particularly large number of players aged between 8 and 12. There is no fixed minimum age to play, and children can find themselves sharing games and social spaces with much older users. Combined with user-generated content and social features such as chat and voice chat, children's experiences can vary widely.

What helps most in practice includes having regular, open conversations with children about

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what they enjoy playing, who they play with and what they notice online. It is helpful when adults show curiosity by watching or even playing alongside children, so that online gaming is not seen as a secret or separate world. Children also benefit from a clear understanding of personal information, knowing why chats should stay focused on the game and when it is important to tell an adult. Reassuring children that any worries should always be shared – whether that be upsetting content, unkind behaviour or inappropriate language – is vital. Supporting children to confidently use block and report tools, alongside making active use of safety settings such as age-appropriate controls, chat restrictions and parent account oversight, can all help to create a safer online experience.

Further information about Roblox safety can be found here: <https://corp.roblox.com/safety-by-age>

I would like to draw parents/carers' attention to the recent publication from the Children's Commissioner - A guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives [cc-what-i-wish-parent-guide.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/childrens-commissioner-parent-guide) This is a very useful resource and offers practical advice to support families in navigating the online world safely.

Thank you, as always, for your continued

support and for the positive partnership we share. We are very grateful for the time you take to engage with school life and help us to provide the best possible experiences for our children.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Warm regards,

Mrs Helen Griffiths

NEXT WEEK

Monday 19th January

3.30-4.15pm Drama Club

Tuesday 20th January

3.30-4.30pm Y3/4 Arts and Crafts Club

Wednesday 21st January

3.30-4.30pm Chess Club

Thursday 22nd January

3.30-4.15pm Choir

3.30-4.15pm Drama Club

3.30-4.15pm Y5/6 Netball Club

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Friday 23rd January



There is no Forest School next week.



Monday-Lunchtime Chess Club
Monday-Drama Club
Tuesday-Y3/4 Arts and Crafts Club
Wednesday - KS2 Chess Club
Thursday-KS2 Choir Club & Y5/6 Netball Club& Drama Club



FoDS News

Our next meeting is taking place on Wednesday 28th January; 7pm start at the Anchor.

We would love to see as many of you there as possible to discuss ideas for fundraising events for this term and talk about the plans that our wonderful Junior FoDS team have come up with.

We are on the right as you come in the main entrance – see you there.

We are still running a gift amnesty - so if you've got any unopened duplicated/unwanted gifts (kids/adults, even chocolates and sweets) we'd love to put them to great use for our school fundraising.

If you have, please drop them into the office by Friday 23rd January. Thanks so much.

Wirral Coding Club

Wirral Code Club is a series of Free volunteer led sessions allowing children aged 8 – 13 to learn how to code.

Over the sessions, your young coders can choose to follow either Scratch, Python, Microbit, HTML & CSS project pathways.

Where: Birkenhead Central Library

When: Thursdays 5.30 til 6.30

Book for free via: WirralCodeClub.org

Amateur Swimming Club

Please see details below of a swimming club who swim at Calday Pool.

The club is Swim England affiliated. All DBS checked volunteers run the club so prices are very competitive.

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WEST KIRBY
AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

SWIM AT CALDAY POOL

Beginners Friday 18.30 - 1 Hour

Improvers Thursday 19.30 & 20.15 - 45 Mins

Non Competitive - Fully Inclusive of All Abilities

ONLY £70
A TERM!

Email: westkirbyasc@gmail.com



COME AND HAVE FUN

Friday 23rd January 2026
7.00-9.30pm

**St Chad's Church,
Roslin Rd, Irby, CH61 3UH**

BOARD G2ame NIGHT!

Everyone Welcome. Tea and Coffee will be available. Games to include: Azul, Kingdominoes, 6 Nimmt, Scrabble or bring your favourite with you. There will be people on hand to help you discover new games or enjoy traditional ones.



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CHURCH NEWS

Forthcoming Services

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

Sunday 18th Jan 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am 10.30 am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's

Sunday 25th Jan 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Communion at St Chad's with Junior Church

Sunday 1st Feb 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am 10.30 am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

For more information about Services and events at St Bartholomew's Thurstanston and St Chad's Irby, please visit:

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

Email:

office@thurstanston.org.uk

Facebook:

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Twitter:

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