

DAWPOOL NEWS ISSUE 10 18th September 2020

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It's been a while since we published the Dawpool News so it's wonderful to bring you the first copy for 2020-21. Thank you once again for your continued support at the start of term and helping us to settle the children into school.



FoDS News

Firstly, **Thank You** to everyone who contributed towards our fundraising page in lieu of the Summer Fair taking place. We really were so grateful for your donations during a tough period. It's not too late to make a donation, please go to the <u>FoDS Money</u> <u>Giving</u> page. We have so far raised £1080.

This is the time of year where we would usually hold our AGM. Due to the ongoing situation, we have consulted our constitution and are therefore sadly cancelling our AGM this year. Unless anyone would like to come forward, the current committee have kindly agreed to stay on for another year. The accounts will be available online from the end of September for those who wish to view them.

We are looking to arrange a virtual FoDS meeting within the next few weeks where we can discuss fundraising ideas going forward for this year, we already have some great ideas in mind and we can't wait to share these with you and hear of any ideas you may have too. We will be in touch very soon with a date and hope that as many of you can attend from the comfort of your own home!

FoDS communication will continue to be shared through your FoDS class rep, on the noticeboard as you come into school and through the Dawpool News. We will also soon have a drop off post box where you can return any letters to us when needed or post us some ideas.

If anyone wants to get in contact with us, our details can be found on the <u>school webpage</u>.



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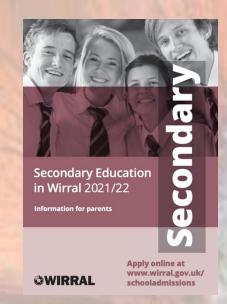
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On **Monday 28th September** we will be launching our new **remote learning** section of the school website which will replace the current class and home learning pages. Remote learning is designed to support a class, group or small number of pupils who need to self-isolate. Here you will find all the information about your child's class, current learning, homework, lesson planning and remote education resources so that learning can continue if children are required to stay at home. We will provide you with more information about this next week.



At this time of year, we would normally have parents' meetings to talk about the year ahead. Unfortunately, schools are advised that these meetings should not take place in school. We will therefore provide all of this information on the Remote Learning section of the website from 28th September which you can refer to at any time.

We are also unable to organise parents' evenings and open days for prospective F1 & F2 parents in their usual format. We will let you know soon how these events will operate this year.



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 <u>Secondary School Admissions Page</u> for the following information:

- Presentation about Secondary School Admissions – September 2021
- Secondary School Admissions Booklet 2021

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• Letter regarding 11+ arrangements for 2021.

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+ examination have today brought home a **Test Day Identity Form** and test familiarisation leaflet. The purpose of the leaflet is to familiarise the children with the appearance of the assessment and how to answer the questions on the answer sheet. The electronic version is available online at www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

The ID forms should be completed by the parent and returned 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 <u>your child must take the form with them to the test centre on the date of their examination to confirm their identity.</u>

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



On **Wednesday 7th October** we will be holding our annual harvest festival in school. We are not asking for harvest donations to be brought into school, but you can still donate to the Wirral Foodbank by visiting their <u>webpage</u> for more information.

TERM DATES

To ensure high rates of attendance, we have included all term dates until <u>Summer 2024</u> on the <u>website calendar</u>. Please be aware of the school term dates when booking your family holidays to avoid requesting days away from school.

Inset Days

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

Monday 4th January 2021

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

HEALTHY SNACKS

Healthy snacks

We remind parents/carers that children should avoid bringing sweets, cakes or sugary snacks into school. Playtime snacks should be healthy options only. We have a <u>lunchbox policy</u> on our website that we ask parents to follow.

Wraparound Care Payments/ Lunchtime payments for Pre School

Payments for lunches and wraparound sessions are paid online via SchoolMoney. All sessions until 2nd October have now been added and should be paid immediately. An email/text advice has been sent so any new parents should have received the details of the website to log into and their password. Any problems please contact Mandy Parr at the School Office.

School Dinners

The total payment due for School dinners for this half term is £83.60. The payment should be

made in full within the first 3 days of the start of term or receipt of the initial text requesting payment. As previously mentioned, if you have difficulty either on a one off or regular basis paying in advance please let Mr Burrows know. Additionally, if your child only has a meal on a Friday, payment should be made by the previous Thursday evening. Thank you for your cooperation.

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We will be providing updates throughout the week on our Twitter feed @DawpoolCofE.

We have recently posted on twitter:

- COVID-19 absence: A quick guide for parents / carers.
- COVID Symptoms: Is it a cold, flu or coronavirus?

All of the latest updates regarding coronavirus can be found on our <u>website</u>, including a copy of our risk assessment. We have today emailed a separate letter to all parents from the Director of Public Health. As of Monday 21st September, <u>all parents and carers in Wirral should wear</u> <u>face coverings when collecting and</u> <u>dropping off their children at school</u>.

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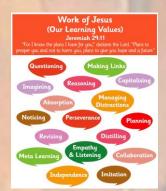
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As an additional safeguard for our school community, parents and carers are also encouraged to wear face coverings when walking on School Lane as the footpaths can also become busy.

We really appreciate all that you are doing to keep our school community safe and for your vigilance. Please continue to help us by following the government's guidance and limiting your social interactions so that we can keep all children learning in school. Thank you.

Learning Values Awards Friday 18th 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

Ben Young For never giving up when he found writing his name tricky. Well done, Ben!

Year 1 Teddy Perree For some super reading and great sounding out. Keep up the good work, Teddy.

Jack Reevell For some creative ideas in PE. He found lots of different ways to balance. We loved the banana balance!

Year 2

For being absorbed in all of his work, making links in his learning and giving 100% to everything he does. Well done.

Issy Crawford

For being totally absorbed in her work and being much more confident in her own abilities. Great work, Issy.

Darcy Durbin

For perseverance with her work, listening carefully and working hard all of the time. We are very proud of you, Darcy.

> Year 3 Ben Matthews

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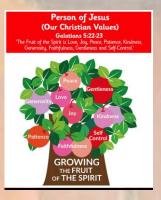
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For really listening and being absorbed in his description writing this week. Well done, Ben.

Year 4 Sam Ariaraj For being absorbed in his Maths work. Keep it up, Sam.

Year 5 Lucas Hassall For superb work in all areas. Keep it up, Lucas. We are so proud of you.

Year 6 Ella McDermott For distilling, listening and perseverance. Wonderful work, Ella.



Fruit of the Spirit Awards Friday 18th September

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

Foundation 1

Sadie Nutman For being a role model in the classroom and demonstrating all the fruits of the spirit

Will Hardy Showing others how to tidy as well as being a great tidier himself.

Foundation 2

Tom Brown For always being kind and showing love to his friends. Thank you, Tom. Year 1

Pippa Huntley For showing such peace and self-control in the classroom. Well done, Pippa.

Jake Swain For showing such gentleness and self-control when taking part in the forest school. Thank you, Jake.

Year 2 Ava Johnson For showing all of the fruit of spirit all of the time and always being so kind and well mannered.

Lawrence Kenny For patience, kindness and self-control since coming back to school. You are a superstar, Lawrence!

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Year 3

Amy Parker For showing kindness to everyone around her. Well done for settling back so well, Amy.

Year 4

Delphine Cross For settling into Year 4 in a calm and peaceful way. Well done, Delphine.

Year 5

Sophia Crocker For being gentle and kind. Thank you, Sophia. Year 6 Jared Cross For bringing the fruits of Joy, Kindness and Peace to the Year 6 team. Well done, Jared.

Wishing you a great weekend,

David Burrows Head Teacher

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