



DAWPOOL CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

... The Abundant Life that Jesus Offers

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed the chance to spend precious time with family and loved ones. I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year and warmly welcome everyone back to school. It was a pleasure to see the children return so enthusiastically, and we were certainly relieved that the snow and ice did not prevent us from starting the new term together.

I am pleased to share that we are further enhancing our extra-curricular offer this term. Following discussions with children and also signing up to the Wirral Primary School Netball Pledge, alongside some familiar favourites, this half term we are introducing a number of clubs including Arts & Crafts, Netball and Drama. These opportunities allow children to develop new skills, build confidence and enjoy learning beyond the classroom, and we are very much looking forward to seeing the children take part. Over the coming terms, more clubs will be offered to different year groups.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to Mrs Millensted, who is now working with us as a Teaching Assistant in Key Stage 1. Many

children and parents will already know Mrs

Millensted well, as she has supported Dawpool for many years through her work as a midday supervisor and within our wraparound care. We are delighted to have her join the KS1 team, and I know the children are already benefiting from her enthusiasm and caring approach.

This week, I met with RPJ3 Catering to explore ways of continuing to improve our school dinners. As a result of these discussions, menus will now include greater detail about ingredients, highlighting where nutritional value has been added to meals. We will also be working closely with RPJ3 to run sessions within classes, giving children the opportunity to learn about food, as well as to make and taste a range of dishes. This will help to encourage children to try new foods and develop a positive relationship with healthy eating.

In addition, we are planning to invite parents from F1 to Year 2 to a special Valentine's lunch on Thursday 12th February. This will provide a lovely opportunity for parents to enjoy lunch with their child, while also seeing and tasting the food that is offered to the children each day. Further information about this event will be shared soon.

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We would also like to start a Parent Forum for parents to be able to share their thoughts about our school dinners and future menus. We are looking for one to two representatives from each class. Please contact the school office if you would like to express your interest and be part of this.

Year 6 have made an excellent impression during their first week with their new teacher. I had told Mrs Croft what a fantastic class she should expect and they have been perfect Dawpool Ambassadors as always.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are very much looking forward to the term ahead.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Warm regards,

Mrs Helen Griffiths

NEXT WEEK

Monday 12th January

Tuesday 13th January

3.30-4.30pm Y3/4 Arts and Crafts Club

Wednesday 14th January

3.30-4.30pm Chess Club

Thursday 15th January

3.30-4.15pm Choir

3.30-4.15pm Y5/6 Netball Club

Friday 16th January



Forest School on Wednesday will be Y2.
Forest School on Thursday will be Y4



Monday-Lunchtime Chess club

Tuesday-Y3/4 Arts and Crafts Club

Wednesday - KS2 Chess club

Thursday-KS2 Choir Club & Y5/6 Netball Club

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WINTER WEATHER

It has been wonderful to see the children enjoying our outdoor spaces this week despite the cold weather.

In the event of severe snow or ice first thing in the morning, please check to see if the school is open before travelling:

- A message will be posted on the homepage of the school's website from 7:30am.

If extreme weather develops during the school day, we will aim to remain open until the end of the normal school day. However, this may not always be possible. Parents should check to see if the school will remain open:

- A message will be posted on the homepage of the school's website.

- An email will be sent to the primary contact. Parents are expected to check the website, and emails when it is clear that a closure is a possibility.

A copy of the school's Adverse weather policy can be found on our school website. https://dawpool-ce.eschools.co.uk/cms_manage/edit_page/718373

Happy New Year!

We hope you've had a wonderful Christmas break.

We are running a gift amnesty over the next few weeks - 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.

We look forward to planning our next events and will confirm details of our next meeting very soon.

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 11th Jan 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am All Age Worship at St Chad's

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

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



FoDS News

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