



DAWPOOL C.E. (AIDED) PRIMARY SCHOOL

... Growing the Fruit of the Spirit

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Thank you so much for supporting our virtual book fair and readathon. The book orders and sponsor money received has secured **£856.00 of free books for school!** This is a wonderful achievement and we really can't thank you enough for your support.

A big thank you for supporting the school's **Little People Big Dreams** project. Last Friday, the children looked amazing dressed as their chosen person who had overcome adversity and made a real difference to the world we live in today. We have posted lots of photographs of the project on our [Twitter Feed](#).

Online Safety



Wirral schools have been alerted this week to a concern about children's safety whilst online. Pupils of primary school age have disclosed that they have accessed a web-based chat service

called **Omegle**. It links up random people for virtual video and text chats. OMEGLE advertises itself as follows: "The Internet is full of cool people; **Omegle** lets you meet them. When you use **Omegle**, we pick someone else at random so you can have a one-on-one chat."

Pupils in some Wirral primary schools have reported being exposed to graphic sexualised content and are being encouraged by strangers to participate. **Omegle** is widely promoted on other popular platforms used by children, such as **YouTube & Tik Tok**. It has no age restrictions and is not moderated well.

Here is a news article from the BBC regarding **Omegle** and there is an informative short video if you would like to find out more.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-56085499>

Social networking is hugely popular with children. Many young people are sophisticated in the way they use social media apps and websites, tailoring their communication for different audiences, and accessing them from a range of devices including smartphones, tablets, and games consoles.

Our best single bit of advice is to be curious about what your children are doing online, take an interest in their activities and regularly check what they are doing.

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Our school website has a comprehensive [online safety](#) section to support parents with the daunting task of keeping up to date with what children are doing online. It contains useful hints and tips, helpful links and resources and a range of safety fact sheets for the following platforms: **Facebook, Instagram, Kik, Snapchat, Tik Tok, Twitch, WhatsApp, & YouTube.**

Parent - Teacher Meetings

Next Friday, **14th May**, your child will bring home a short report card with some recommendations based on our observations and formative assessments. We will be working on these recommendations for the remainder of the Summer term to help your child secure the essential expectations for their age in preparation to transition to the next year group. There will be an opportunity to discuss these recommendations with your child's class teacher during a telephone meeting as follows:

Year Group	Teacher	Date
6	Mrs Lee	Monday 17 th May
4	Mr Greenop	Tuesday 18 th May
5	Mrs Hall	Wednesday 19 th May
3	Miss Venables	Thursday 20 th May
2	Mrs Young	Monday 24 th May
1	Mrs Poston	Tuesday 25 th May
F2	Mrs Heron	Wednesday 26 th May
F1	Mrs Almond	Thursday 27 th May

We have written to parents today with more information. Please return the proforma to school by next **Wednesday 12th May**.

Fuel Support

With many of us staying home during Covid, fuel bills have gone up. Citizens Advice Wirral can help if you are struggling to pay. **Up to 20 June 2021** Citizens Advice can apply, on your behalf, for a Fuel Grant from Wirral Borough Council to help reduce or clear your gas or electricity debt, if the debt is due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

Citizens Advice can also help with benefit problems and other debts. You can call Citizens Advice Wirral direct on **08082 78 78 48**.

11 + Registration – Year 5 Pupils

Please note that online registration for pupils to sit the 11+ examination in September 2021 will open on 1st May. Please register at <https://www.wirral.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions>. We have sent home leaflets to parents with more information. Please note that the registration window closes on **31st May**. If parents are unable to register online, they can obtain paper forms by calling the Call Centre on 0151 666 4600.

Parents who do not wish their child to sit the 11+ examination do not need to register. Upton Hall

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School, St Anselm's College and Birkenhead High School Academy have their own testing arrangements and parents should contact the schools directly for more details. For information the secondary timeline for entry in September 2022 is as follows:

Request for 11+ assessment leaflets given out
w/c 26.04.21

Online 11+ registration opens
01.05.21

Online 11+ assessment registration deadline
31.05.21

Upton Hall Assessment Date
To be advised

11+ Test Dates
20.09.21 & 21.09.21

St Anselm's Assessment Date
17.09.21

Birkenhead High School music aptitude test
09.10.21

11+ results to parents sent by
21.10.21

Preference form deadline
31.10.21

Secondary allocation day

01.03.22

If you have any questions about registering for the 11+ or the selective testing process, please contact mainstream admissions on 0151 666 4600



Church News

Please visit <https://www.thurstaston.org.uk/> for information about this week's services. You can also visit the [Church Facebook Page](#).

Website:

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<https://www.facebook.com/stchadsstbarts/>

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MAY 2021 SERVICE PATTERN

ZOOM Services:-

*Joining details available
by emailing the Rector*

May 2nd 6.00pm All-Age Service

May 9th 6.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 13th May (Ascension Day)

8pm Evening Prayer

May 16th 6.30pm Evening Prayer

May 23rd 6.30pm Evening Prayer

May 30th 6.30pm Evening Prayer

ZOOM Coffee and Chat:-

Wednesday mornings 10.15-11.00am

5th May, 12th May, 19th May

*Joining details available
by emailing the Rector*

No agenda just turn up and chat
with whoever else appears

SERVICES IN CHURCH:-

Assuming Step 3 of the Govt Roadmap happens on 17th May we will return to "in person" services. **YOU WILL NEED TO BOOK FOR THESE SERVICES - details on the website and in the parish magazine.**

Sun 23rd May 9.30am HC at St Chad's
11.15am HC at St Bart's

Wed 26th May 10.15am HC at St Chad's

Sun 30th May 8.00am BCP HC at St Bart's
9.30am MW at St Chad's

Have a lovely weekend.

David Burrows
Head Teacher

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