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NEXT WEEK

Monday 24th January

3.30-4.30pm Gymnastics Club Y3-6

Tuesday 25th January

Wednesday 26th January

3.30-4.30pm Chess Club Y3-6

Thursday 27th January

3.30-4.30pm Cheerleading Club Y1 & 2

Friday 21st January

Mrs Bernie Filer

It is with great sadness that we inform you that this week, Mrs Bernie Filer, our highly respected and much-loved school cook has passed away. Following a brave fight with cancer, she had become increasingly poorly over the last few weeks and in the end died peacefully,

with her family at her side. On behalf of the school community, we have expressed our sympathy to Bernie's family. I hope in the weeks to come we will find an appropriate way to mark the significant contribution she has made at Dawpool for over 20 years. She will be sadly missed by us all.



FoDS News

Gift Amnesty Box

FoDs are currently collecting unwanted/duplicated children and adult's Christmas gifts. If you have anything to contribute, we have a box by the school office for the next two weeks only that you could pop anything into. If you do not come up to school, please send anything in with your child and hand it into the school office. Many thanks.

Covid Rules

Some reminders:



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People who test positive for COVID-19 are now able to leave self-isolation after a further **5 full days** subject to having two negative LFT results, 24 hours apart.

The day symptoms begin, or you test positive, is day zero. The next day is day one of your isolation period.

You can take your first test on day five. If it is negative, you can take another test 24-hours later on day 6. Assuming this is also negative – and you do not have a temperature – you can immediately leave isolation.

These new rules apply if you are vaccinated or not.

- Please inform school immediately if your child tests positive for COVID-19.
- Adults who are fully vaccinated and all children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 are strongly advised to take a LFD test every day for 7 days and continue

- to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result.
- Children under 5 years who are identified as close contacts are exempt from self-isolation and do not need to take part in daily testing of close contacts.
- Children under 5 are advised to take a PCR test if the positive case is in their household
- People who are asymptomatic and receive a positive LFD test result for COVID-19 are not required to take a confirmatory PCR test and must self-isolate immediately.



As part of the stakeholder consultation between Dawpool and Chester Diocesan Academy Trust (CDAT), parents and carers are invited to attend a meeting on Monday 24th January at 5:30pm to find out more information and to answer any questions you may have.



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The meeting will take place on Zoom and the invitation has been emailed to parents with this week's Dawpool News.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, you can read the information on the Dawpool consultation website, http://www.dawpoolacademyconsultation.co.uk/ which will be regularly updated to include the answers to frequently asked questions.

An online survey is available at: https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZTQJ
M66 and we would be grateful if you could use the survey to submit to us any questions, comments, or concerns you may have by Friday 11th February 2022.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting on Monday.

Health & Safety Announcement

In response to health and safety concerns regarding traffic and parking, the Governing Body will enforce the following procedures from Monday 24th January.

- 1. The gates to the school car park will be locked before the start and end of the school day.
- 2. Parents, carers, child-minders, or anyone else dropping off or collecting children must not park in the car park under any circumstances at any time of day.
- 3. Dogs must not be brought onto the school premises (except guide dogs and assistance dogs).

Child safety is paramount. These instructions are designed to keep our school community safe.

Blue badge holders may park closer to school as they are legally permitted to park on double and single yellow lines.

Further guidance on safer parking on School Lane can be found on our website. Please make sure that anyone who comes to school on your behalf (grandparents, child minders etc.) are aware of these procedures. Thank you.



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WINTER WEATHER!

In the event of severe snow or ice first thing in the morning we will always do our best to stay open. However, 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.
- A message will be posted on the school's twitter feed 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.
- A message will be posted on the school's twitter feed.
- An email will be sent to the primary contact.

A copy of the Adverse Weather policy can be downloaded from the policies section of the school website.

Parents Evenings

We want to give parents plenty of notice that parents' meetings will take place in school after half term.

Meetings will take place over a two-week period as follows:

Tuesday 8th &
Wednesday 9th March 2022
Parents' Evenings for F1, Y1, Y3 & Y5

Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th March 2022

Parents' Evenings for F2, Y2, Y4 & Y6

Unfortunately, we are unable to offer creche facilities in school during the meetings, so we hope that by providing plenty of notice parents can organise child-care arrangements so that children do not attend the meetings.



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Further information will be sent home before half term.



SERVICE DETAILS

Sun 23rd January

9.00am BCP HC at St Barts 10.30am HC at St. Chads with Junior Church

> Sun 30th January 9.00am BCP HC at St Barts 10.30am HC at St Barts

Sun 6th February 9.00am BCP HC at St Barts

10.30am HC at St Barts

Wednesdays 10.30am HC at St Chad's

ZOOM Services:-Sundays 6.30pm Evening Prayer Joining details from Revd Jane

For Church news and information about services, please visit:

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Have a lovely weekend,

David Burrows

Head Teacher