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... The Abundant Life that Jesus Offers

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It has been another special and memorable week here at Dawpool, filled with moments that have reminded us of the compassion, creativity and sense of community that make our school such a wonderful place to learn.

Monday morning surprised the children when they arrived to see the launch of national Anti-Bullying Week. The theme of *"Power for Good"* enabled the children to recognise that we all need to use our powers for good. The children have explored how each of us can make a positive difference in the lives of others, both in school and beyond.

Across the week, children have:

- Taken part in role plays to explore kindness and empathy;
- Written songs and poetry to express how we can use our voices and actions to stand up for what is right;
- Discussed different points of view and reflected on how understanding others links to our Christian values of respect, friendship, and compassion.

It has been wonderful to see the children wearing their odd socks to celebrate that we are all unique. They have been engaged and thoughtful, showing a real understanding that even small acts of goodness can make a big difference.

I would also like to say thank you to all of our families who took part in Mrs Barrick's family challenge. We saw some fantastic, creative superhero masks but more importantly, some really important messages being shared.



"Thank you for promoting such an important message. We loved reading the messages on the balloons and footprints." Parent

"We've had great fun with the family challenge of making our superhero masks. We've all made one."

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Parent

"I've used my 'Power for Good' by making sure I am kind and that other people are too." Flo Y1

"It's really important because we have to think about how people might feel because of our actions." Ben Y5

"We've learnt to use our power to always be kind and not to hurt others." Pippa Y6

On Tuesday, our school came together for our Remembrance Service. The children showed great respect and maturity as we reflected on the courage and sacrifice of those who have served and continue to serve our country.

A particularly moving moment was when Rory, from Year 6, played The Last Post on his trumpet. His performance was incredibly poignant and helped us all to pause and remember in silence. We are so proud of him and of all the children for the reverence they showed throughout the service.

"I felt nervous at the start but once I started to play I felt confident. I wanted to play to show my respect because my dad fought in Afghanistan. When I walked in my classroom everyone clapped which made me feel happy because everyone enjoyed it."
Rory Y6



Some of our Year 2 pupils had an exciting opportunity to represent the school at a local dance festival this week. They performed with great enthusiasm, confidence, and teamwork. Well done, Year 2 – you were brilliant ambassadors for Dawpool!

Our second Open Morning allowed us to welcome many more parents, grandparents and children to visit our wonderful school. Yet again, all of the children made me extremely proud and I have to share the following quote from a grandparent who thoroughly enjoyed their tour.

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"You have been fantastic tour guides. Your mums and dads must be so proud of you." Grandparent visitor

It has been a busy week so I wish you all a restful weekend.

Warm regards,

Mrs Helen Griffiths

NEXT WEEK

Monday 17th November

Tuesday 18th November

Wednesday 19th November

Forest School for Year 4

3.30-4.30 pm Chess Club

Thursday 20th November

Year 5 visit to the Walker Art Gallery

Friday 21st November

Lunchtime Violin Club

Dates for your Diary

The Y1 Christmas Nativity performances are to be held on 3rd December at 9.30am and 2.30pm in the School Hall.

Y2 will be performing their play on Tuesday 9th December at 9.30am and 2.30pm

F1 will be holding a Christmas tea party for parents on the 17th December at 2pm-3pm.

F2 will be holding a Christmas tea party for parents on 18th December at 2pm-3pm.

More details will follow.



Year 6 showed that rain does not spoil the fun. They had a soggy but fun time in the forest this week being creative with tarps, pots and pans. Mrs Ham admired their resilience and enthusiasm.

Next week it is the turn of Year 4



Monday-Lunchtime Chess club

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Wednesday - KS2 Chess club
Thursday-KS2 Choir Club.
Friday-Cross-country lunchtime club Y4 5 & 6.
Friday-Violin Club Y3-6



We know it's a busy time of year for parents, so we wanted to send out a few Save the Dates again this week. If you can volunteer to help with any of our forthcoming events, please use the sign-up link below. We couldn't run any of these events without your help, so thank you for your continued support:

<https://signup.com/go/zthnnZb>

Friday 21st November – Non-Uniform Day

On Friday the 21st November there will be a special non-uniform day in exchange for donations for this year's rainbow hampers. The hampers will be used for our popular Christmas Raffle. Each class has a different colour; a letter with more information has been sent on email. If you are able to volunteer to help with the rainbow hampers, please use the link above.

Friday 21st November - Krispy Kreme Sale

Pre-order your Krispy Kreme Doughnuts to collect at Pick-Up on Friday 21st November. A limited number are available, so buy yours now using the below link:
<https://friends-of-dawpool-school.sumupstore.com/product/krispy-kreme->

[glazed-ring-doughnuts](#)

Thursday 27th November – Wreath making

We are hosting a Wreath Making evening. For more information and to book a place online, please use the link below:

<https://friends-of-dawpool-school.sumupstore.com/product/christmas-wreath-workshop>

Friday 5th December – Christmas Bazaar

One of the school's biggest fund-raising events, the Christmas Bazaar, will take place during the school day on Friday 5th December. We will need assistance on the day as well as donations of cakes, teddies, lucky dip toys, chocolate and sweet, so anything you are able to spare is much appreciated. Buy tokens for your children to use at the Bazaar online now:

<https://friends-of-dawpool-school.sumupstore.com/product/christmas-bazaar-tokens-10-or-20>

Tuesday 16th December - Elfridges

We are hosting Elfridges again this year to enable all children to choose gifts for their loved ones. More information to be shared soon.

Friday 12th December- Santa Dash

During the school afternoon, all the children are invited to grab their Santa or festive hat and take part

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in Dawpool's first ever Santa Dash! The cost of this event is £4 and can be paid for using the link below

Whilst F1 and F2's run will take place in the school grounds, we are excited to be taking years 1-6 out into the woods where they can run through the trees, solving clues to win a prize.

Parents and carers are invited to join in the festive fun between **3.15pm and 3.45pm** on the playground with music from the DJ, school choir performance and refreshments for families (included). All children will receive a medal and chocolate prize.

<https://friends-of-dawpool-school.sumupstore.com/product/santa-dash>

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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 16th Nov	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
Safeguarding Sunday	10.30am 10.30 am All Age service at St Chad's
Sunday 23rd Nov	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
	10.30am 10.30 am Communion with Junior church at St Chad's
Sunday 30th Nov	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
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For more information about Services and events at St Bartholomew's Thurstaston and St Chad's Irby, please visit:

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

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office@thurstaston.org.uk

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