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## FoDS News

### Christmas Fundraising

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, we are unable to hold our annual Christmas Bazaar. If you would like to donate to FoDS the money that you would normally spend at the fair, please visit our [FoDS Money Giving](#) page.

Thank you for your support.

### Christmas Adult's and Children's Raffle

To help towards fundraising we are still having a Christmas raffle. This year we are combining the raffles and raffle tickets will be soon sent home to sell to family and friends. In the meantime we are looking for any donations towards this. If you have anything that might be suitable please leave at the School office door and we will take them in each day. Many thanks for your support.



### Amazon Smile

If you shop Amazon Black Friday Week deals from 20th - 30th November, you can do more than discover great deals: Simply shop at [smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1094453-0](https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1094453-0) or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon Shopping app, and AmazonSmile donates to Friends Of Dawpool School at no extra cost.



### Paper Chain Strips

Paper chains are now being sold at lunchtimes at 50p each. The paper chain will be cut on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December**. The winner will receive a hamper of children's goodies.

### Christmas Jumper Day for 'Save the Children'



Save the Children  
**CHRISTMAS  
JUMPER DAY**

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On **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**, we invite all children (parents and staff included!) to come to school in a Christmas jumper (or other Christmas-themed top).

If you do not have a Christmas top, please do not worry. Children are still welcome to come to school in non-uniform as it is the donation to 'Save the Children' that is important. Children should bring £1 into school on the day.



#### Food Bank Support.

Thank you so much to families who have donated grocery items to the Wirral Foodbank. The groceries will be gratefully received by families across Wirral.

As we approach Christmas, the foodbank is particularly keen to receive **selection boxes**. If you would like to donate one, please drop into the collection point on the pedestrian path. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity.

You may also wish to offer your support by participating in this year's Wirral Foodbank [Advent Calendar](#).



#### Shoebox Appeal.

We know that many families enjoy filling a shoebox with gifts at this time of year to bring joy to someone less fortunate. This year we are collecting shoeboxes for the 'Teams4u' charity and further information can be found on their website:

<https://teams4u.com/shoebox-appeal/>

Shoebboxes can be left next to the foodbank collection point and will be collected on a daily basis. The date of the last collection is **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November**.



We are pleased to bring you news of our Christmas festivities for 2020. It has been such a hard year for everyone, so we want to make

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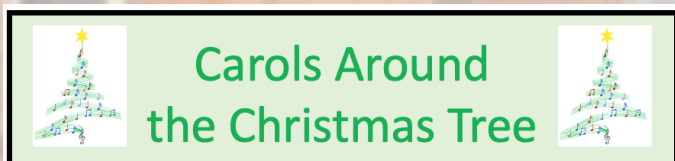
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sure that Christmas is enjoyable for all of the children.

We have included below the details of the Christmas performances which the children are preparing this year. Unfortunately, we are unable to invite families into school to watch the children perform, but we want to bring some festive cheer to our families by recording all of the productions and making them available to securely download from the school's 'We Transfer' page. These files will be password protected and the passwords will be issued to parents w/c 14th December.

We will need to seek parental permission for the pupils to be filmed. Next week we will send home a permission form to be signed and returned to school.

We are unable to mix our class bubbles for Christmas productions, so each class will record their own performance as follows:



Foundation 1 and Foundation 2 pupils will be performing 'Carols Around the Christmas Tree'.



Year 1 pupils will be recording their own Christmas Concert.



Year 2 pupils will be recording their own musical performance of the Story of Babushka.



Year 3, 4 and 5 pupils will each record their own iSingPOP Watch Party comprising 4

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iSingPop Christmas Songs, animated nativity, pupil videos, vox pop and narrations.

a gift for every child. We will send you more information about Christmas Party Day soon.



Year 6 pupils will be recording a Christingle Service. This recording will be shared as part of the Church Christingle Service on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December** (further details to follow) and will also be available to download from w/c 14<sup>th</sup> December.



Our school kitchen will host a Christmas Buffet on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December** for all pupils. Children may bring a festive hat for wearing during lunchtime. Further information will be provided soon.



Christmas Party Day for all classes will take place on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**. Children may come to school in their own party clothes. They will enjoy party games and activities. Party food will be served during the afternoon and Father Christmas will be visiting school with

We ask this year that the children do not bring into school Christmas cards for all of their friends. Instead, your child may like to bring into school one card for the whole class which will be displayed in the classroom.

The children will be making Christmas cards and calendars to bring home as usual.

### Year 2 Phonics Check

The Department for Education (DfE) have instructed schools to administer the Phonics Screening Check to Year 2 pupils before the end of term. Pupils would normally complete

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this assessment at the end of Year 1, but due to COVID-19 it was not possible this year. The Year 2 pupils will complete this assessment with Mrs Young next week and we will inform parents of the outcome before the end of term.

### Payments for Wraparound Care and Lunchtime sessions

We remind parents that payments for wraparound care and lunchtime sessions are due monthly and in advance and should be made within 3 days of the due date. We have many payments still outstanding. Could we ask that all payments are brought up to date by the end of this weekend please?



### Church News

Due to National Lockdown from 5th November - 2nd December there will be no services in church, but church will be open for people to come and pray.

Please visit <https://www.thurstaston.org.uk/> for information about this week's services.

### This Week at St Bartholomew's and St Chad's

#### Sunday 22nd November

10:00am - 11:00am [St Chad's will be open if you wish to pop in and pray.](#)

11:00am - 12:00pm [St Bartholomew's open if you wish to pop in and pray.](#)

6:30pm [Zoom Online - Evening Prayer](#)

You can also visit the [Church Facebook Page](#).

The [Church & Worship](#) page of the school website also has links to the latest parish magazine and weekly notice sheets.



### Fruit of the Spirit' and 'Learning Values' Awards Plus our' Lunchtime Award'

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The list of pupils who have received the weekly awards and certificates is available to view online. Please visit our [Values Award Winners](#) page on our website for a list of the latest recipients. Please note that this page may not be updated until the end of the school day.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend

David Burrows

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