



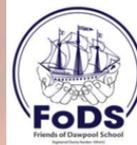
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FoDS News

We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas. The children have settled back into school very well and it's been lovely hearing all about the exciting Christmas time they all had.

FoDS are delighted to be treating the children to a pantomime by M&M Theatrical Productions in school on **Friday 13th January**. There will be two performances of 'Beauty and the Beast' for all year groups to enjoy.

NEXT WEEK

Monday 9th January

3.30-4.30pm Football Club Y3-6

Tuesday 10th January

Wednesday 11th January

3.30-4.30pm Chess Club Y3-6

Thursday 12th January

3.30-4.30pm Multi Skills Club F2 Y1 & Y2

Friday 13th January

Beauty and the Beast Panto for all pupils

Our next FoDS meeting will be held at The Anchor on **WEDNESDAY 18th January at 7.30pm** and we would love to see you there. We will be discussing upcoming events for this term. If you are unable to attend but would like to get involved, please let your class rep or one of the committee members know.

Save the Date! Our adult **Quiz Night** is back on **Saturday 11th February!**

All the details will be shared next week.

Contact us

friendsofdawpoolschool@gmail.com

FoDS WhatsApp Group:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/EWsX6Mv7TA8C2R-Gfxpym4p>.

Share your ideas and opinions

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Staffing News

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Fiona Barrick to Dawpool as **SENCo & Inclusion Manager**.

Mrs Barrick has over 25-years' experience as a leader, classroom teacher and SENCo in church school settings. She will work Monday – Wednesday on a permanent basis supporting pupils and families in all aspects of SEN and Inclusion.

Mr Greenop (Year 4 Teacher) is currently absent from school to receive medical treatment. We wish him well for a speedy recovery. We are pleased to welcome Mr John Cushion to Dawpool as Year 4 class teacher until Mr Greenop returns to school. Mr Cushion is no stranger to Dawpool having taught here before. It is lovely to welcome him back.

Back-to-school advice issued to North West parents amid high levels of flu, COVID-19 and scarlet fever circulating

As pupils and students return to school following the Christmas break this week, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) is reminding people that winter illnesses continue to circulate at high levels, but following simple steps can help protect children, minimise the spread of illness in education and childcare settings and protect wider communities.

Flu and coronavirus (COVID-19) are currently circulating at high levels ([see here](#)) and are likely to continue to increase in coming weeks. High numbers of scarlet fever, which is caused by group A streptococcus, also continue to be reported ([see here](#)).

Prof Susan Hopkins, Chief medical Adviser at UKHSA, said: *“It’s important to minimise the spread of infection in schools and other education and childcare settings as much as possible. If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better and the fever has resolved.*

“Helping children to learn about the importance of good hand hygiene is also key, so practice regular handwashing at home with soap and warm water. Catching coughs and sneezes in tissues then binning them is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading.

“Adults should also try to stay home when unwell and if you do have to go out, wear a face covering. When unwell don’t visit healthcare settings unless urgent or visit vulnerable people.

“Remember that flu vaccination is still available for all eligible groups and is the best protection against the virus. We have seen good uptake in older age groups but vaccination among young children remains low. Flu can be very unpleasant and, in some cases, can lead to more serious

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illness. Getting your child vaccinated protects them and those they come into contact with and it's still not too late."

Dr Merav Kliner, UKHSA North West Deputy Director, said: *"As we see more cases of flu across the North West, we can all play a part in reducing infections spreading by following simple measures. It is important to remember that catching flu or other infections for more vulnerable people can be far more serious.*

"Taking sensible measures to stop bugs spreading is something we all can and should do. These include practicing good hygiene, taking up vaccinations when offered and not mixing with vulnerable other people when you are poorly yourself."

Children eligible for the vaccine include:

- Children aged 2 and 3 on 31 August 2022
- All primary school-aged children
- Some secondary school-aged children

You can get more information about [getting your child vaccinated against flu here](#).

Communication

Regular communication between home and school is one of the most positive ways in which children can be supported through their school

years, and we seek to encourage this dialogue wherever possible. We very much value your support and interest in your child's education.

Staff, including senior leadership, are present on the school gate each morning to greet families and to answer any questions. Parents and carers will continue to receive letters and email messages to keep you informed at the most appropriate time. For urgent messages we will use our text messaging service. We also have our school [website](#), [Twitter](#) feed and online [calendar](#) showing the latest information about school activities and events.

The Dawpool News is published every Friday and previous copies are archived on the school website [here](#).

Information about the curriculum and your child's current learning can be accessed through the [Curriculum](#) and [Class Pages](#) section of the school website.

All parents and carers are welcome to attend school social and community events and invitations to these events will come via newsletter, email, social media messages or correspondence from Friends of Dawpool School (FoDS).

Parents can contact their child's class teacher via the school office (telephone 0151 648 3412

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or email
schooloffice@dawpool.wirral.sch.uk. Staff will do their best to make contact with you as soon as possible within their working hours.

Due to the high volume of emails received in school each day, it is not always possible to respond quickly. We will strive to respond to email as soon as possible. However, if you require a timely response, please telephone the school and speak with staff directly.

All pupil absences / appointments should be directed to the school office on 0151 648 3412 (option 1).

Parents' evenings will take place after half term and we will confirm the dates with parents shortly.



Class Assemblies

We are looking forward to sharing class assemblies with parents during the Spring and Summer terms. These will take place in school on the following dates:

Foundation 1

Thursday 29th June 2023 at 2:15pm

Foundation 2

Thursday 16th March 2023 at 9:15am

Year 1

Thursday 16th February 2023 at 9:15am

Year 2

Thursday 9th February 2023 at 9:15am

Year 3

Thursday 2nd February 2023 at 9:15am

Year 4

Thursday 26th January 2023 at 9:15am

Year 5

Thursday 19th January 2023 at 9:15am

Year 6

Leavers' Service & Activities – Date(s) to be arranged



CDAT Update

Dawpool's conversion to join the Chester Diocesan Academy Trust (CDAT) continues to

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run to schedule. We expect to join the Trust on **1st February 2023.**

We are delighted that Dawpool will be moving into a strong and growing academy trust that is rooted in the Church of England's Vision for Education, retaining, protecting and further enhancing our Church of England context, ethos, culture and distinctiveness for generations to come. We are looking forward to working together as a strong family of Church schools with a shared common goal in seeking to provide the very best education for every child: one that enables all children to experience the *'abundant life that Jesus offers'* (John 10:10).

We are excited for the new and enriching opportunities that this collaboration will provide, whilst retaining all that is special and unique about our wonderful school.

Healthy Snacks

We remind parents/carers that children should avoid bringing sweets, cakes or sugary snacks into school. Playtime snacks should be healthy options only. We have a [lunchbox policy](#) on our website that we would ask parents to be aware of. Thank you for your help.

Church News

For more information about St Bartholomew's

Thurstaston and St Chad's Irby, please visit:

Website:

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

Email:

office@thurstaston.org.uk

Facebook:

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

Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/StBartsStChads>

Forthcoming Church Services

	EVERY Wednesday 10.30am HC at St Chads
Sun 8th January	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's 10.30am All Age service at St Chad's
Sun 15th January	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's 10.30am Morning Worship at St Barts
Sun 22nd January	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's 10.30am Communion at St Chad's

This week we marked the celebration of Epiphany, when we think about the journey the Magi took to find Jesus. We enjoyed collective worship this week, learning more about these wise men from another land and how this shows us that Jesus came as a gift for all people.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year

David Burrows, Head Teacher

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