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## **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

**20 September 2023**

**'A friend loves at all times.'**

**Proverbs 17:17**

The format of the Newsletter is as follows:

<b>Section 1</b>	Individual Class Dates for the following week. Any actions you need to take will be in red font. Whole school events for the following week. FODS and Parent Council dates for this half term.
<b>Section 2</b>	News Items (general school information)
<b>Section 3</b>	Other News – parents are welcome to contribute to this section. Please send any items to Mrs Hyslop
<b>Section 4</b>	Standing Items (always in blue font) Useful reference information.

## **SECTION 1 DATES**

### **TABLE 1 CLASS EVENTS**

**25-29 September**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Oaks and Jack</b>		
<b>Eaton Y1</b>		

<b>Firthfields Y1 and 2</b>		
<b>Fountain Y2</b>		
<b>Pavilions Y3</b>	Year 3 visit to temple (Letter will be uploaded to GC )	
<b>Mere Y3 and 4</b>	Year 3 visit to temple (Letter will be uploaded to GC)	
<b>Mount Pleasant Y4</b>		
<b>Green Y5</b>		
<b>Charles Y5</b>		
<b>Hartford Y6</b>	Come Join Us 2.15pm – 2.45pm Family Service 2.45pm	Fri 29th
<b>London Y6</b>		

**Please note new times and format for Come Join Us and Family Service.  
Please use the main door to enter school.**

**TABLE 2  
WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS NEXT WEEK 25-29 September**

<b>Monday</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	FODS Happy Circus (see letter sent out)
<b>Thursday</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	

**TABLE 3  
FODS AND PARENTS COUNCIL MEETINGS**

<b>FODS</b>	6 November
<b>PARENT COUNCIL</b>	7 November

## **SECTION 2 NEWS**

### **EDUCATION SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER**

You are all warmly invited to a special service to be held at **Saint Wilfrid's Church on Sundy 24 September at 11.00am**. Education Sunday is a special day where we celebrate the links we share with our local church. Our new Reception children will also be presented with a Bible as part of the service.

## COMMS

Having discussed communication with Parent Council, we will...

- Continue to send texts for urgent messages (this may include a text to say that a letter has been emailed out as this was requested by some parents via Parent Council).
- Continue to use the Newsletter as the main platform for general information and the diary for the week ahead.
- Continue to send letters via email (School Spider). **However, any letters with specific class information will now also be uploaded to Google Classroom.** If you want to check any information about any class event – trip / theme day etc. then please refer to Google Classroom.

## WEBSITE

We are currently in the process of updating our Website and will add a calendar to this once complete.

We will also add a quick link to forms such as medical forms, holiday forms etc. and a quick link to the Newsletter.

## PAYMENTS

In terms of payments, we have to use two different platforms for this, as the money needs to go to different bank accounts.

General payments (school trips etc.)	Parent Pay
School Lunches	Parent Pay
FODS events	School Spider

If you have any further comments / ideas for how to improve comms, then please pass onto any Parent Council member or email Mrs Hyslop.

## KS2 AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS COMPETITIONS

We will now use the surveys from the Website to allocate places for the after-school sports competitions. Please ensure that you complete the survey if you wish your child to be considered for a place. Please note that places are limited, and some events have criteria – as explained in the Newsletter. We will upload surveys each half term.

## SCHOOL LIBRARY

We are hoping to re-open the school library this year. In previous years, our library has been managed by an excellent team of parent volunteers. The library is a space that children can visit in the afternoons to return and exchange pleasure reading books. We are also hoping to have the library open after school eventually so that children can visit with their families.

If you are interested in volunteering in the school library, please contact Miss Sutton on [assistanthead@davenhamce.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:assistanthead@davenhamce.cheshire.sch.uk) and she will be in touch.

## TOMBOLA REQUEST FOR CIRCUS

We would be grateful for Tombola Prizes for the forthcoming Circus. Please send in a prize which fits the following category by TODAY!

(Please drop cakes off next week)

Thank you

<b>Reception and Year 1</b>	<b>Sweets / Chocolate</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Toys</b>
<b>Year 3 and 4</b>	<b>Toiletries</b>
<b>Year 5 and 6</b>	<b>Bottles</b>

## **VALE ROYAL SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS EVENTS AND COMPETITIONS**

<b>CELEBRATE</b>	These events are for children who don't attend sporting activities or have additional needs and would benefit from taking part in an event.
<b>ASPIRE</b>	These events are for children developing sporting skills in a semi-competitive environment. These events are for children who may not necessarily be involved in a community club.
<b>INSPIRE</b>	These are competitive events and lead to finals. They are aimed at children who are highly competitive and comfortable with challenge.

**All this half term's events have now been organised and texts will be sent out notifying parents if their child HAS a place.**

## **CHARITY FUNDRAISING**

<b>Detail</b>	<b>Charity</b>	<b>Amount Raised</b>

## **FORTHCOMING VISITS AND COSTINGS**

<b>Visit, Year Group and Date of Visit</b>	<b>Instalment Date and Amount</b>
<b>Robinwood 2024</b>	<b>Deposit £10 30 March</b> <b>Balance £255 10 Jan 2024</b>
<b>Year 6 London 2024</b>	<b>Total Cost £295</b>

23 – 24 May 2024

£55 by 5 June

£70 by 24<sup>th</sup> July

Balance £170 by 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### **SECTION 3 OTHER NEWS**

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE NOT AFFILIATED WITH ANY COMPANIES WHO ASK TO PLACE AN ADVERT IN OUR NEWSLETTER

**From Revd Rob:**

At St Wilfrid's, Davenham, we have two Sunday morning services:

We have a classic **9:30am service**, and we also have an **11:00am all age service with a difference** – it's modern, with interaction and crafts for younger people and is particularly suitable for families and younger people. All are very welcome.

Please see our Church Website for any updates - [davenhamparish.net](http://davenhamparish.net)

### **PARENT SUPPORT HUB**

<https://www.facebook.com/115801448114488/posts/pfbid02GgkvaSqwpQQZupuoDBibFgiyoZTZU3L9e691rjg5uQc1hH167EeJQSn4BFaddFWHL/?sfnsn=scwspmo>

### **PUPIL PREMIUM INFORMATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are asking parents and guardians whose children go to school in the Cheshire West and Chester area, have a child in reception, year 1 or year 2 in September 2023 and have an entitlement to free school meals to complete an on-line application for free school meals. Please go to [www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk), Schools & Education, then Free School Meals where you can apply on-line. The on-line eligibility checker will notify you straight away if you do or do not qualify. We will start to accept applications for Free School Meals from **July 2023, please do not apply before July 2023 as your application may not be accepted.**

All pupils in the above year groups will be able to receive a school meal at no cost to the parent/guardian. We need to ensure that all parents/guardians that have a statutory entitlement to a free school meal complete the on-line form. We will then be able to confirm whether the school is entitled to claim the pupil premium for your child.

The Pupil Premium is extra money given to your child's school to spend on resources such as one to one tutoring, music lessons, extra-curricular clubs and school trips. For 2023/2024 this is **£1320 per pupil**. Funding is based on children registered for a free school meal, further reinforcing the importance of making sure all those who qualify are registered. Your child may be entitled to receive free school meals if you are entitled to receive one of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance



- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190.
- Universal Credit (Provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than **£7,400**)

It is really important that you complete the on-line form to help make sure your child's school is funded as well as possible. If you cannot apply on-line you can telephone Free School Meals on 0300 123 7039.

Yours sincerely  
Free School Meals

**CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL PYJAMAS**  
SPREADING LOVE THROUGH COMFORT

CHARITY NUMBER: 1185739

# PYJAMA APPEAL!

Please donate a brand new pair of pyjamas for a poorly child in your **LOCAL HOSPITAL OR CHILDREN'S HOSPICE**

Each year, we collect donations of brand new pyjamas from new-born to age 18, which are then gifted to children in hospital on Christmas morning.

In reality, they are also used in other situations where children may have had their clothes cut off in A&E or in an emergency situation where there hasn't been time to pack essentials.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Please donate a brand new pair of non-fleece pyjamas (as hospitals are cosy enough). Have a collection at work, through family & friends or even your local school could have a PJ Day or simply donate a pair yourself.

**LOOK ONLINE AT**  
[www.childrenshospitalpyjamas.co.uk](http://www.childrenshospitalpyjamas.co.uk)

**FOR YOUR NEAREST PYJAMA DROP OFF POINT**

Or order via Amazon with free delivery to Co-ordinator.  
<https://amzn.eu/acJOv8t>

**OUR APPEAL IS FROM 1ST SEPTEMBER TO 31ST OCTOBER 2023**

**WHY?** Because no child wants to be in hospital at Christmas and if they have to be they want to be wearing brand new cosy PJ's to make their stay as comfortable as possible at such a fearful time.

Follow us on our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter pages 'Children's Hospital Pyjamas' to see me delivering your PJ'S x

Lisa, Area Coordinator | 07835 660083



**Explorers**

Kids club for primary aged children

From Sept 18<sup>th</sup>  
All free

Crafts

Games

Bible Stories

Action Songs

Mondays in term time, 5:30-6:30 at Emmanuel Church Leftwich

**DAVENHAM JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB**

**Y2/3/4 Girl's Football Sessions**

**THURSDAY 6-7PM AT SIR JOHN DEANES ASTRO**

**SHIN PADS AND ASTROS OR NORMAL TRAINERS**

FIRST 4 SESSIONS FREE, THEN IF THEY DECIDE TO CONTINUE COMPETITIVE FEES FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR, INSTALMENT PAYMENTS IF REQUIRED

**WWW.DJFC.CO.UK** Register interest by emailing [davenhamgirls@gmail.com](mailto:davenhamgirls@gmail.com)

Poster Maker

**ST WILFRID'S, DAVENHAM**  
PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR DATES, TIME AND VENUES

**PLAY GROUP**

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF **PLAY, FUN, CHATTING, SINGING AND REFRESHMENTS**

DAVENHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL Charles Avenue, CW9 8JW	HAYHURST ROOM Church Street
Wednesday 13th September Wednesday 27th September Wednesday 11th October Wednesday 8th November Wednesday 22nd November  <b>TIME: 9.15AM - 10.45AM</b>	Wednesday 25th October Wednesday 20th December Wednesday 6th December  <b>TIME: 9.15AM - 10.45AM</b>

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

**WPRFC GIRLS**

WHETHER YOU'RE A CADET ...  
...or a ballet dancer...  
... there's a place for YOU at rugby!

Our girls section has 4 age groups:  
Under 12s, 14s, 16s & 18s

If you want to try rugby and make new friends contact us, you will receive a warm welcome (and maybe a hot chocolate!)

Training Wednesday 18:30 - 20:00  
Training Sunday 13:00 - 14:00  
(matches often held on Sundays)

**SCHOOL YEARS 6 - 13**

Contact us:  
Instagram: @wprfcgirls  
T. @wprfcgirls  
T. @wprfcgirls

Email:  
ladiesandgirlsrugby@wprfc.com

England Rugby

**Please remember to ask for the Gardens for Schools Vouchers if you shop at Winnington Garden Centre.**

**SECTION 4 STANDING ITEMS (appear in blue)**



## **FIXED PENALTY NOTICES**

A Fixed Penalty Notice can be issued in cases of unauthorised absences of at least 10 consecutive school sessions (five school days). At Davenham, all requests for holidays in term time will be unauthorised unless in exceptional circumstances. Such circumstances include the wedding of a close family member or the funeral of a close family member.

## **REPLY SLIPS**

All communication is now via email. If parents find it difficult to print out, a reply slip, then please write a return on a slip of paper or come into the school office.

## **APPLICATIONS FOR CHILDREN STARTING PRIMARY SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2024**

*Please take careful note of the following dates. Failure to apply by the closing dates may result in your child not being offered the place you want.*

<b>1 Sep 2023</b>	Application process starts - online application facility open,
<b>15 January 2024</b>	Closing date for applications forms to be returned to the Council
<b>16 April 2024</b>	Online applicants can view the school place offered by logging into their online account
<b>16 May 2024</b>	Closing date for appeal applications

## **APPLICATIONS FOR CHILDREN STARTING SECONDARY SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2024**

<b>1 Sep 2023</b>	Application process starts - online application facility open,
<b>31 Oct 2023</b>	Closing date for applications forms to be returned to the Council
<b>1 March 2024</b>	Online applicants can view the school place offered by logging into their online account
<b>15 April 2024</b>	Closing date for appeal applications

## **FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND PUPIL PREMIUM**

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you are in receipt of any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

The criteria also apply if your child is adopted or under a special guardianship order. Please speak to Mrs Colloby in the school office. It is important that you register, even if your child currently receives Universal Free Infant School Meals as there is additional funding (Pupil Premium) that school can apply for. <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

### Our School Prayer



**Dear Father God  
Bless Davenham School  
That working together and playing together.  
We may learn to serve you and to serve others.  
Amen**

Remember to ...

***'...encourage one another and build each other up...'  
1 Thessalonians 5:11.***

### Items for the Newsletter

If you have any items you would like to put in the Newsletter such as information about local events or clubs, please email me at [head@davenhamce.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:head@davenhamce.cheshire.sch.uk)  
*As always, should you have any concerns or questions, please come into school. Problems can often be dealt with very quickly- when we know about them!*

***Mrs J M Hyslop Headteacher***