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### **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

#### 4 October 2023

'A friend loves at all times.' **Proverbs 17:17** 

The format of the Newsletter is as follows:

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

### **SECTION 1 DATES**

**TABLE 1 CLASS EVENTS** 

9 - 13 October

| Class         | Activity                                | Date             |
|---------------|---|------------------|
| Oaks and Jack | EYFS Enrichment Week People Who Help Us | Starting 9th Oct |
| Eaton Y1      |   |                  |

| Firthfields Y1 |  |                       |
|----------------|--|-----------------------|
| and 2          |  |                       |
| Fountain Y2    |  |                       |
| Pavilions Y3   |  |                       |
| Mere Y3 and 4  | Come Join Us 2.15pm – 2.45pm                   | Fri 13th              |
|                | Family Service 2.45pm                          |                       |
| Mount          |  |                       |
| Pleasant Y4    |  |                       |
| Green Y5       | Outdoor Learning Day - please wear old clothes | Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> |
|                | and bring in a change of shoes / wellingtons   |                       |
| Charles Y5     |  |                       |
| Hartford Y6    | Outdoor Learning Day - please wear old clothes | Weds 11th             |
|                | and bring in a change of shoes / wellingtons   |                       |
| London Y6      | Outdoor Learning Day - please wear old clothes | Monday 9th            |
|                | and bring in a change of shoes / wellingtons   |                       |

#### **COME JOIN US AND FAMILY SERVICE**

Please note new times and format for Come Join Us and Family Service.

Please use the main door to enter school.

#### **OUTDOOR LEARNING**

Please note that Outdoor Learning sessions will now be delivered by a specialist company and will focus on skills such as den building, making tools etc. As such children DO need to wear old clothes and bring a change of shoes / wellingtons.

Thank you

TABLE 2
WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS NEXT WEEK 9 13 October

| Monday    |                                       |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| Tuesday   | Hello Yellow Day – Please wear yellow |
|           | and bring a donation                  |
| Wednesday | Mixed 5 and 6 football – parents have |
|           | been notified                         |
| Thursday  |                                       |
| Friday    |                                       |

## TABLE 3 FODS AND PARENTS COUNCIL MEETINGS

| FODS           | 6 November |
|----------------|------------|
| PARENT COUNCIL | 7 November |

#### **SECTION 2 NEWS**

#### **HELLO YELLOW DAY 10 OCTOBER**

This year we are asking everyone to stand out by wearing yellow on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October to show our support for World Mental Health Day. We will start the day with a whole school worship to talk about how we can all look after our own mental health by taking part in activities we enjoy. By wearing yellow we are joining thousands of schools and together we can make sure that every young person feels supported with their mental health. For further information please follow this link https://www.youngminds.org.uk/

Please send in £1 as a donation to Young Minds

#### HARVEST FESTIVAL AND HARVEST DONATIONS FRIDAY 20 OCTOBER

This year we will once again be collecting money for the Cheshire Foodbank. Please send your cash donations in any time before the end of this half term. Please place donations in an envelope marked HARVEST DONATION. Please DO NOT send food items.

As explained in the letter at the beginning of the year, we will be inviting parents from different year groups to different church services to avoid overcrowding in church.

**For Harvest Festival, we are inviting Year 3 and 4 parents ONLY to join us.** Classes will still need parent helpers to walk to church and class teachers will put out requests for this.

The service will take place at Saint Wilfrid's Church on Friday 20 October. The service will begin at 1.15pm and will end in time to walk back to school for the end of the day.

Year 3 and 4 children (and siblings) will be able to leave church with parents / carers if they are watching the service. Letters will be sent to children who are reading at the service.

NOTE Y3 and 4 and any siblings wanting to leave from church - PLEASE DO NOT BRING BOOK BAGS / LUNCH BOXES IN THAT DAY TO SAVE CARRYING THEM TO CHURCH

#### **ONLINE SAFETY**

At Davenham C of E Primary School, the safety and well-being of our children both in the physical and digital world are our top priorities. In our ongoing effort to enhance online safety within our community, we are excited to announce that we have partnered with National Online Safety – a leading organisation dedicated to empowering parents, carers, and educators with the knowledge and tools necessary to ensure a safer online environment for our children.

#### **How to Register**

To access this valuable resource, please create your parent/carer account by following this link: <a href="http://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/davenham-c-of-e-primary-school">http://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/davenham-c-of-e-primary-school</a>.

During the registration process, ensure you complete your details and select "I am a: Parent/Carer" as your account type.

#### What's Included

Once registered, you will gain access to the "Online Safety for Parents and Carers" course and a lots of National Online Safety's Resources. These include a wide range of guides on the latest social media channels, games, and other online platforms, ensuring that you are well-informed about the digital realms your child may encounter.

#### **Benefits**

Equip yourself with up-to-date knowledge on online risks and safety measures. Engage in discussions about online safety with your child, creating a secure online experience.

Be part of a community striving to create a safer online environment for all our children.

We strongly encourage all parents and carers to take advantage of this opportunity. Staying informed and proactive in discussing online safety with your children can significantly reduce risks and contribute to a more secure and positive online experiences.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in developing a safer online community for our children, who are currently learning about online safety in school. If you have any questions or need assistance with the registration process, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Ashworth, <a href="mailto:cashworth@davenhamce.cheshire.sch.uk">cashworth@davenhamce.cheshire.sch.uk</a>.

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

| CELEBRATE  ASPIRE | These events are for children who don't attend sporting activities or have additional needs and would benefit from taking part in an event.  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.   |
| INSPIRE           | 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 have been sent out notifying parents if their child HAS a place. Please send any queries about the event to Mr Roberts <a href="mailto:trobers@davenhamce.cheshire.sch.uk">trobers@davenhamce.cheshire.sch.uk</a>

## There will be a match write up about each event by Mr Roberts which will be included in the Newsletter.

#### RISING STARS YEAR 5 and 6 GIRLS' FOOTBALL SEPTEMBER 20th

Our Y5/6 girls made a spectacular start to the new calendar year of sporting events with resounding success! A total of 15 girls proudly represented our school in a local cluster football event. Not only did they display some truly remarkable skills on the field, but their exemplary behaviour and sportsmanship made us all proud. To add the cherry on the top, one of our teams emerged victorious in the event!

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the parents and carers who brought their children to the event and stayed to offer unwavering support on this fantastic evening. A tremendous congratulations to everyone involved; your dedication and sportsmanship are truly commendable!

Mr Roberts



#### **CHARITY FUNDRAISING**

| Detail       | Charity     | Amount Raised |
|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| Hello Yellow | Young Minds |               |

#### FORTHCOMING RESIDENTIAL VISITS AND COSTINGS

| Visit, Year Group and Date of Visit    | Instalment Date and Amount   |
|--|--|
| Robinwood 2024                         | Deposit £10 30 March<br>Balance £255 10 Jan 2024   |
| Year 6 London 2024<br>23 – 24 May 2024 | Total Cost £295<br>£55 by 5 June<br>£70 by 24 <sup>th</sup> July<br>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

#### 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 <a href="www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk">www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk</a>, 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



#### How to send in your designs

All entrants should include their name, age, contact number (of a parent/guardian or school) and include the name and address of their school on the reverse of their design. Please do not include this as part of the design itself.

You can send in your designs via post to:

FAO Jen Seed, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Clemonds Hey, Oakmere Road, Winsford, Cheshire, CW7 2UA

Or via email: <a href="mailto:pcc@cheshire.police.uk">pcc@cheshire.police.uk</a> with the subject 'Christmas Card Competition'.

Designs need to be received by Sunday 5 November 202











# 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.

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

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

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

| 15   | April |                                      |
|------|-------|--------------------------------------|
| 2024 |       | 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. <a href="https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals">https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals</a>

#### **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 <a href="head@davenhamce.cheshire.sch.uk">head@davenhamce.cheshire.sch.uk</a>
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