

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

18 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 30th Oct - 3rd Nov

| Class | Activity | Date |
|---------------|----------|------|
| Oaks and Jack | | |
| Eaton Y1 | | |

| Firthfields Y1 | | |
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| and 2 | | |
| Fountain Y2 | | |
| Pavilions Y3 | Outdoor Learning Day | Mon 30 th |
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| | | |
| | Come Join Us 2.15pm – 2.45pm NB THURS NOT | Thurs 2 nd |
| | FRI DUE TO SWIMMING | |
| | Family Service 2.45pm | |
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| | Swimming starts Y3 | Fri 3rd |
| Mere Y3 and 4 | Outdoor Learning Day | Tues 31 st |
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| | Swimming starts Y3 | Fri 3rd Nov |
| Mount | Outdoor Learning Day | Weds 1 st |
| Pleasant Y4 | | |
| Green Y5 | | |
| Charles Y5 | | |
| Hartford Y6 | | |
| London Y6 | | |

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 2WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS NEXT WEEK 30th Oct - 3rd Nov

| Monday | School Opens |
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| Tuesday | |
| Wednesday | |
| Thursday | |
| Friday | Year 3 Swimming |

TABLE 3 FODS AND PARENTS COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

SECTION 2 NEWS

MENU

The menu will be week 2 after half term.

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

TERM DATES FOR 2024-2025

2024 - 2025

| | Autumn 1 | Autumn 2 | Spring 1 | Spring 2 | Summer 1 | Summer 2 | Teaching days |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Open | Tues 3 Sep | Mon 4 Nov | Mon 6 Jan | Mon 24 Feb | Weds 23 April | Mon 2 June | |
| Close | Fri 25 Oct | Fri 20 Dec | Fri 14 Feb | Fri 4 April | Fri 23 May | Fri 18 July | |
| No of teaching days | 39 | 35 | 30 | 29 | 22 | 35 | 190 days |
| INSET DAYS | Mon 2 Sep | | | Mon 24 Feb | | Mon 21st, Tues 22 nd Weds 23 July | 5 days |
| Total | 40 | 35 | 30 | 30 | 22 | 38 | 195 days |

WREATH MAKING

Join us for a festive evening on 23rd November at Davenham School

Make your own Christmas wreath to take home for the festive season - Mayflower Bloom tutorial

The price includes all materials and a glass of fizz on arrival.

To book your place, please go to:

https://portal.schoolspider.co.uk/auth/login

Don't miss out on this wonderful, annual event as there are limited places. Please book early to secure your place.



SOUND TECHNIQUE

There is availability for Guitar and Keyboard lessons. Please call Mel at Sound Technique on 07496042559 for more information.

VALE ROYAL SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS EVENTS AND COMPETITIONS

| CELEBRATE | These events are for children who don't attend sporting activities or have additional needs and would benefit from taking part in an event. |
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| ASPIRE | 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 <u>troberts@davenhamce.cheshire.sch.uk</u>. There will be a match write up about each event by Mr Roberts which will be included in the Newsletter.

Rising Stars: Year 3 and 4 Netball Team Shines in an Exciting Afternoon of Competition!

A remarkable group of Year 3 and 4 netball players ventured to the high school to take on five local schools! They proved to be an exceptional team, displaying impeccable passing and swift movement, ultimately netting an impressive total of 15 goals – an average of 3 per game! The entire squad exemplified the school's values both on and off the court, drawing admiration from parents from other schools. In the end, the team clinched the runner-up position by a mere point! Special applause goes to Georgia, who earned the coveted PE Leaders' Player of the Tournament medal.

A heartfelt thank you extends to all the parents who not only brought their children but also stayed to offer unwavering support. Your dedication and sportsmanship truly deserve commendation! Well done team!

CHARITY FUNDRAISING

| Detail | Charity | Amount Raised |
|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| Hello Yellow | Young Minds | £202 |

FORTHCOMING RESIDENTIAL VISITS AND COSTINGS

| Visit, Year Group and Date of Visit | Instalment Date and Amount |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Robinwood 2024 | Deposit £10 30 March |
| | Balance £255 10 Jan 2024 |
| Year 6 London 2024 | Total Cost £295 |
| 23 – 24 May 2024 | £55 by 5 June |
| | £70 by 24 th July |
| | Balance £170 by 8 th 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/pfbid02GgkvaSqwpQQZupuoDB ibFgiyoZTZU3L9e691rjg5uQc1hH167EeJQSn4BFaddFWHl/?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 <u>www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk</u>, 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: <u>pcc@cheshire.police.uk</u> with the subject 'Christmas Card Competition'.

Designs need to be received by Sunday 5 November 202









"We absolutely love Rhythm Time! The class is welcoming and my little girl's confidence has grown so much!" **Steph W**

Your children are our future and we take their development seriously. We care passionately about children's early development and the role music plays in it.

Our FUN, FRIENDLY, MULTI-SENSORY classes for **babies**, **toddlers & preschoolers** are 30-minutes and will be the highlight of your week!

Happy children, happy grown-ups!

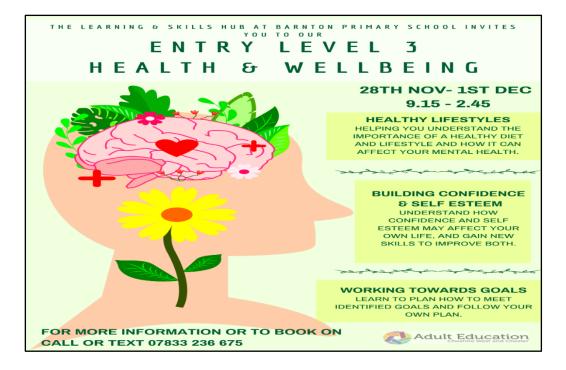
Book your nearest class or get in touch:



rhythmtime.net/north-cheshire











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





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, |
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| 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 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. <u>https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals</u>

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 <u>head@davenhamce.cheshire.sch.uk</u> *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