

## **DAVENHAM C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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## **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

**13<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

***'The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to Him in song.'***

***Psalm 28:7***

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

1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> Jan

Class	Activity	Date
Oaks and Jack		
Eaton Y1		
Firthfields Y1 and 2		
Fountain Y2		
Pavilions Y3		
Mere Y3 and 4		
Mount 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 2

WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS NEXT WEEK 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	School Opens
Thursday	
Friday	

TABLE 3

FODS AND PARENTS COUNCIL MEETINGS

FODS	8 January
PARENT COUNCIL	9 January

## SECTION 2 NEWS

### LUNCH

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January school lunch will be Burger or Jacket Potato.  
The menu will be on Week 3.

### CHARITY DRAW

Please follow the link and vote for Friends of Davenham School, to help FODS be in with a chance of winning a charity draw. <https://movementforgood.com/index.php?cn=1>

### 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.

**Details are on Google Classroom. Please register interest via the survey on the Website. Please send any queries about the event to Mr Roberts [troberts@davenhamce.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:troberts@davenhamce.cheshire.sch.uk).**

### CHARITY FUNDRAISING

<b>Detail</b>	<b>Charity</b>	<b>Amount Raised</b>
Hello Yellow	Young Minds	£202.60
Harvest	Mid Cheshire Food Bank	£270.30
Children in Need	Children in Need	£236.53
Remembrance Day	Royal British Legion	£402.82
		£1112.25

### 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 23 – 24 May 2024	Total Cost £295 £55 by 5 June £70 by 24 <sup>th</sup> July Balance £170 by 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
Year 2 Tattenhall	

### SECTION 3 OTHER NEWS

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

#### **SOUND TECHNIQUE**

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

#### **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



“Following the success of Ready, Set, Read Summer Reading Challenge, the theme has been extended into the Winter Mini Challenge. With the holidays approaching, now is the time to encourage your children to tackle the holiday reading ‘dip’. Join in at [wintermini.org.uk](http://wintermini.org.uk) from 1 December 2023. More information on the Challenge can be found on the website.”




**Music classes  
you and your  
little ones will love**




*"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:

**Claire**  
07563 473644  
[rhythmtime.net/north-cheshire](http://rhythmtime.net/north-cheshire)




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## Christmas Craft Events –December 2023

Fun for all the family!

Come and make some beautiful decorations and crafts from natural materials to take home. Suitable for children 4-10 years. Must be accompanied by an adult. Booking essential.

### Family Christmas Crafts Workshops

Saturday 16th Dec – Family Christmas Crafts- Marbury Park 11am

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec- Whitegate Station café 10.30am

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec- Castle Park, Frodsham 11am

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>- Grozone Community Garden, Northwich 11am

Adult Christmas Willow Workshop- Grozone Community Garden  
1.30pm

Come and learn how to make a cute Reindeer and Christmas Tree from Willow!

Places are limited- please book at [www.nature-makers.co.uk/cheshire-mid-chester](http://www.nature-makers.co.uk/cheshire-mid-chester) or email Robyn- [robyn@nature-makers.co.uk](mailto:robyn@nature-makers.co.uk)

**Explorers**

Kids club for primary aged children

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

Games

Crafts

Bible Stories

Action Songs

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.*

<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:

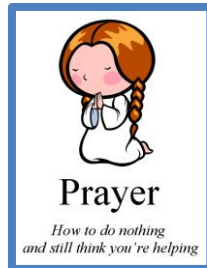
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual 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***