



Dear Parents, Carers & Children

Christmas at Newburgh

We have been continuing our preparations for Christmas. The school is now decorated and the children are practising hard for their concerts. The children in Reception and Year 2 have written lovely letters to Father Christmas and visited our Post Office to buy stamps and post them. Our Nursery children have been developing fine motor skills by wrapping presents. The tickets for our concerts are now available to purchase on ParentPay; some of the money from this will replace our defibrillator battery to ensure we can maintain this important piece of equipment. Next Thursday there will be a Christmas Jumper Swap Shop on the playground after school. If you have unwanted Christmas clothing please bring it at drop off and swap it for something different. Anything left over at the end will be donated to the Hospice Shop.

Bikeability

Year 5 children participated in Bikeability this week. They spent three mornings on their bikes learning how to ride safely on the road.

Year 3 / 4 Girls Football

Our Year 3 and 4 girls went to JMO today to participate in a fun football event. This was designed to introduce to football and encourage participation in this team sport. They had a wonderful time and upheld our Newburgh School values.

Tower Wood 2024

The remaining balances are now available to pay on ParentPay. This may be done in full or in instalments. Full payment is only needed by Friday 9th February 2024.

Afterschool Club Charges - reminder

Unfortunately due to rising costs Governors have taken the difficult decision to raise the price of afterschool club to £8.50 a session from 1st January.

Warmest Regards,

Headteacher





Key Vocabulary – ask me about:

To challenge and deepen the understanding of key vocabulary learned in P.E. this week ask your child about these words:

<u>Team Nursery:</u>	Stretch. Kicking.
<u>Team Crane:</u>	Muscle. Balance.
<u>Team Halton:</u>	Underarm. Aim.
<u>Team Lucas:</u>	Gesture. Timing.
<u>Team Rigby:</u>	Formation. Unison.
<u>Team Venables:</u>	Peddle Ready. Junction. U-Turn.

Moment of Mindfulness:

We have a whole school advent calendar telling the story of the Nativity. Today in Worship we shared day number 1:

*An angel came to visit a
young lady called Mary.
Luke 1:26-27*

Website Updates:

The following updates have been made to our website:

<u>Term Dates:</u>	Holiday Pattern for 2024-2025
<u>Maths:</u>	Mathletics update letter for parents
<u>Science:</u>	Science Overview (Years 1-6)
<u>Pupil Premium:</u>	Full page update



Let Your Light Shine

Matthew 5:14-16

Those children who have demonstrated both effort in school and the Gospel Value of Respect are:-

Team Crane

Rocco

Team Halton

George

Team Lucas

Toby

Team Rigby

Eliza

Evie

Team Venables

Freddie

Jack

Congratulations to the **APPLE FAMILY** for gaining the most points this week.

Times Tables Rock Stars Leaderboard:-

Year 3 – Lily
Year 4 – Hayden
Year 5 – Charlotte
Year 6 – Bow

Next Week at Newburgh:-

Last Enrichment Clubs

Dinners – Week 3

Mon – Deadline for Parent Governor nominations (12 noon)

Thurs – Rigby Swimming; Xmas Jumper Swap Shop.

Fri – EYFS Nativity at Wilton House Farm 1.45pm.



PTA Update

A huge thank you to the Year 1 parents for organising the Children's Disco this evening. An incredible **£510** has been raised which is going to pay for the production of 'A Christmas Carol' on Wednesday 20th December for children in Years 1-6 and a special treat for our Early Years children.

To continue the amazing work of the PTA a couple of flyers have been sent home in bags this week. One has instructions to join our School Lottery (100 Club) and one to raise money through easyfundraising whenever you shop online. We are now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can help us for FREE. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/newburgh-c-of-e-primary-school-pta/?searchSessionId=88334b57-e536-4428-92c8-1d53a6294c42>



Upcoming PTA Events:

Save the dates next year for the following events:

Friday 19th January – Movie Night

Friday 9th February – Doughnut Sale

Friday 22nd March – Easter Bingo

Christmas at Newburgh CE School & Nursery



Christmas Post

From **1st December** the Office Assistants will be running our Christmas card postal service. Children can write cards to their friends with names and classes clearly on the envelope and put them in our special post box. This will run **until Thursday 21st December**.

Presents Under The Tree

As part of the School Council's commitment to supporting local charities we are asking those who are able to purchase an extra Christmas present this year that will be donated to Douglas Valley Lions for local families in need. Please wrap your present and put a gift tag on it with the requisite gender and age the present will be suitable for (for example Boy, Aged 5). The appeal range is from birth to 16 years old. Presents can be placed under our Christmas tree **from the 1st to the 15th December**. Thank you.

Run through Lapland

Our PE Ambassadors will be promoting health and fitness over the Christmas holidays and this campaign will launch with our run to Lapland. From the **11th – 15th December** all children will participate in running the collective equivalent miles from Rovaniemi (the capital of Lapland) to Korvatunturi (the village where Father Christmas lives). This journey is 145 miles and every child will contribute to the running of this distance.

Christmas Party Day

The Christmas parties this year will be on **Thursday 21st December**. Children are invited to wear their favourite festive jumper for the day. Nursery and Reception will party together; Halton and Lucas will party together and Rigby and Venables will have their own parties.

Christmas Performances

Always a highlight of the year our performances are as follows:

Nursery & Reception: We are delighted that this year our Forest School Nativity will be held at Wilton House Farm on **Friday 8th December**. Please arrive from 1.45pm for a 2pm start.

Halton & Lucas: Years 1 and 2 will be performing 'The Angel Who Nearly Missed It All' on **Wednesday 13th December** in the school hall. Doors will open at 2pm for a 2.15pm start.

Rigby: Years 3 and 4 will present a Christingle Service on **Tuesday 19th December** in church. Children need to be at church in their school uniform for 5.45pm.

Venables: Years 5 and 6 will present 'Newburgh's Nativity News' on **Friday 15th December** in church. Please go to church at 9am for a 9.15am start.

Tickets are limited depending upon the event and will be made available to purchase on ParentPay next week, with more details there.

Our Choir will also do a mini performance for their families on **Thursday 14th December**. Please arrive with children at 8am for this.

Christmas Lunches

Christmas dinner day is **Friday 15th December** and the food has already been ordered for this. On **Wednesday 20th December** a party lunch will be on offer.

A Christmas Carol

On **Wednesday 20th December** Arty-Fact theatre company will present 'A Christmas Carol' to children in Years 1-6. This is a special treat from the PTA.

Art Around The Village

All children are contributing to art work that will appear around the village for you to find from **Monday 11th December**.



JOIN US FOR

Muddy Church....JAM Club

Sunday 3rd December

10am at Newburgh
Church

Christmas themed activities
for ages 3-11



Not so Silent Night!

Crib Service

with festive refreshments



For all the Family
Christ Church Newburgh
Christmas Eve - 4pm

