



Dear Parents, Carers & Children

We continue to revel in the wonder and excitement of Christmas:

EYFS Nativity

This is always a special day and this year did not disappoint. Huge congratulations to Team EYFS who gave such a special re-telling of the Nativity story. Thank you to Wilton House for being our hosts to make this year extra special, to our Media Team for their help, to the whole school who cheered the cast on & to all the family members who came to watch.

Christmas Concerts

The rest of our children are practising hard ready for their performances. Spare tickets will be released on Monday so please make sure you have bought tickets by then if you haven't already. Children in Team Rigby will need to bring an orange to school on Monday 18th December to make their Christingle.

Choir Performance

On Thursday morning please come with children to the main entrance to school. The children will then go straight to choir club to prepare for the performance and family members can wait in the school hall. The choir will be performing five songs for you.

Presents Under The Tree

Over 50 local families need support this Christmas. If you can buy an extra present this year please do so and bring into school by next Friday to put under our tree so Douglas Valley Lions can distribute them in time for Christmas.

Run Through Lapland

Next week children will complete the run through Lapland. Please send them in with outdoor trainers & Santa hats all week for this. This marks the start of our '12 Days of Fitness' campaign launched by our P.E. Ambassadors this morning. Each family will receive a paper copy of the challenge but you can take a look on our [P.E. page](#) now.

Parent Governor

I'm delighted to announce that Jo Unsworth has been appointed Parent Governor, we look forward to working with her.

Catch It, Bin It, Kill It

We continue to promote good hygiene in school using the 'Catch It, Bin It, Kill It' approach. Please send children in to school with plenty of tissues to minimise germ transmission. Thank you.

Warmest Regards, 





Key Vocabulary – ask me about:

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

<u>Team Nursery:</u>	Cymbal. Maraca.
<u>Team Crane:</u>	Rhythm. Beat.
<u>Team Halton:</u>	High. Low.
<u>Team Lucas:</u>	Perform. Solo.
<u>Team Rigby:</u>	Counter melody. Pulse.
<u>Team Venables:</u>	Chords. Notes

Moment of Mindfulness:

We have a whole school advent calendar telling the story of the Nativity. This week we shared the following:

- Day 2: *The angel told Mary that she was going to have a baby called Jesus.* **Luke 1:30-31**
- Day 3: *The baby was going to be the most important baby ever. He was going to be the forever ruling king.* **Luke 1: 32-33**
- Day 4: *The baby was going to be God on earth.* **Isaiah 7: 14**
- Day 5: *The baby was going to be a rescuer.* **Matthew 1: 21**
- Day 6: **Why did God send a rescuer?** *The Bible tells us that we all reject God. The word it uses to describe this is sin. God is perfect so He can't ignore our sin but He can do something about it. That's why Jesus came to earth as a rescuer. He came to rescue people from their sin.* **Romans 5: 8**
- Day 7: *Mary believed and trusted God. She knew that God is very good so she sang praises to him.* **Luke 1: 46-55**
- Day 8: *When it was nearly time for Mary to have the baby she had to travel to Bethlehem with Joseph her husband.* **Luke 2: 4-5**

Website Updates:

The following updates have been made to our website:

<u>Team Lucas</u>	Whole Year Overview updated
<u>Performance Data</u>	Full page update.
<u>SEND</u>	Winter Newsletter added.
<u>Art & Design</u>	Photos added.
<u>Music</u>	Full page update.
<u>School Uniform</u>	Full page update.
<u>R.E. Overview</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

All Team Crane

Team Halton

Cara

Team Lucas

Dexter

Team Rigby

Sam

Scarlet

Team Venables

Ava-Violet

Summer

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

Times Tables Rock Stars Leaderboard:-

Year 3 – Jack
Year 4 – Grayson
Year 5 – Reuben
Year 6 – Heidi

Next Week at Newburgh:-

Run to Lapland Week

Dinners – Week 1

Weds – KS1 Nativity – 2pm, school hall

Thurs – Choir Performance 8am; Rigby last swimming this term.

Fri – Y2 Dress as a Pirate Day; Venables Nativity 9am at church; Christmas Dinner Day.



PTA Update

The success of our PTA events continues. The wreath making workshop was really well attended and a huge success. Special thanks to Rachel and Jacqui for organising this. Thank you also for the beautiful wreath on the school door – a fitting addition to the school that's getting fabulous comments from visitors to school.

Thank you so much to Team Halton parents who put on the best disco ever last week and thoroughly entertained the children and raised precious funds at the same time. Thanks once again to Jacqui for stepping up as DJ on the night.

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 are available to purchase on ParentPay, 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**.

Not so Silent Night!

Crib Service

with festive refreshments



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





RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

Rainbow Hub will collect & recycle your real Christmas tree to save you time & hassle
Collecting Saturday 13th January 2024

To book your tree collection, fill out the online form at rainbowhub.org before 10th January 2024

We will be collecting trees in these postcode areas:

PR5, PR6, PR7, PR25, PR26, WN6, WN8, L39, L40, BL6,
Tarleton & Hesketh Bank



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