



Dear Parents, Carers & Children

Christmas Concerts

Congratulations to our superstar performers this week. Our Christmas concerts are always so special. Our Early Years children had a real donkey in their audience, KS1 thoroughly entertained and impressed their audience with their incredible expression of speech and Team Venables gave their own individual take on the Nativity story wowing everyone with their enthusiasm and enjoyment. Our choir also gave a fabulous festive performance that started everyone's day with a huge smile. We hope you all have lots of treasured memories and we look forward to our Christingle Service next week – don't forget that Team Rigby all need an orange on Monday.

Presents Under The Tree

Thank you so much for supporting this endeavour. Some of our School Council can be seen here with a selection of the presents donated. Douglas Valley Lions have been able to provide 130 children with presents this year thanks to your generosity, ensuring all children have a lovely Christmas.

12 Days of Fitness

We've completed our run to Lapland this week with all children contributing to the run of 145 miles. Our '12 Days Of Fitness' challenge is in bags today for you to have a go at this festive period. It is also available on our [P.E. page](#). Have fun and let us know how you get on.

Winning House Non-Uniform

All our children have worked exceptionally hard this term and this has resulted in a 3 way tie for winning house this term. We've decided to celebrate everyone's efforts by having a whole school non-uniform day next Wednesday and on party day we look forward to seeing your Christmas jumpers/party clothes.

Appointments

We do not encourage booking appointments for children during the school day. We understand that on occasion it is unavoidable and we politely ask that evidence be given of appointment times in these instances or the time out of school will be unauthorised.

Flu Immunisations

On Monday those children who missed the flu immunisation in October will receive theirs.

Warmest Regards,





Key Vocabulary – ask me about:

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

<u>Team Nursery:</u>	Saint. Festive. Joy.
<u>Team Crane:</u>	Nativity. Christian.
<u>Team Halton:</u>	Beasts of Burden. Saviour King.
<u>Team Lucas:</u>	Census. Melchior.
<u>Team Rigby:</u>	Immanuel. Atoning.
<u>Team Venables:</u>	Flight to Egypt. Refugee.

Moment of Mindfulness:

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

Day 9: *When they arrived in Bethlehem, Joseph & Mary couldn't find anywhere to stay so they had to stay in a stable with animals.* **Luke 2:7**

Day 10: *While they were in Bethlehem the time came for Mary to have her baby. She had a boy and called him Jesus.* **Luke 2:7**

Day 11: **Why did God come to earth?** *Mary's baby, Jesus, was given the title Immanuel. Immanuel means 'God is with us.' Jesus was born in a stable but he was God on earth. So if you want to know God and what he is like then you need to come to Jesus.* **Matthew 1:23**

Day 12: *On the night Jesus was born there were some shepherds in the fields nearby, looking after their sheep.* **Luke 2:8**

Day 13: *An angel came to the shepherds with some very good news. He told them that a baby had been born who was a rescuer and a king* **Luke 2:9-11**

Day 14: *Lots of angels appeared singing God's praises.* **Luke 2:13-14**

Day 15: *The angels left & the shepherds went straight away to see the baby.* **Luke 2:15**

PTA Disco Photos:

The link for photos taken at the PTA Disco is [here](#). It is £1 to download a photograph with all money going to the PTA – incredible generosity – thank you so much. The password will be sent out by the class PTA reps via What's App.

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

Freddie

Team Halton

Aria

Team Lucas

Oliver

Team Rigby

Lily

Reuben

Team Venables

Sean

Dylan

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

Times Tables Rock Stars Leaderboard:-

Year 3 – Sam
Year 4 – Rex
Year 5 – Katie
Year 6 – Grace

Next Week at Newburgh:-

Dinners – Week 2

Mon – Flu immunisation catch up

Tues – Rigby Christingle, church 5.45pm

Weds – Non-uniform day, Party Lunch, Y1-6 watching A Christmas Carol.

Thurs – Party Day – Xmas jumpers/party clothes.

Fri – December birthdays non-uniform, break up at 2.30 – NO ASC.

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/party clothes 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





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

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