### Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers & Children

What a fabulous end to the year here at Newburgh. The Christmas concerts gave moments to smile, reflect and take pride in the hard work that went in to making them happen. I would like to end this year with lots of thanks:

To the children, thank you all for working so hard this term and demonstrating all of our Gospel Values. We are privileged to have you all here. Your concerts were wonderful and I am so proud of how you support each other to give your very best every day. This was especially in evidence during your concerts.

To the staff, thank you for all you have done this term to inspire, educate and support our school community. You have overseen 16. enrichment clubs, 4 class worships, 4 concerts, 8 Ask the Expert events and trips to church, the war memorial, the post office, Wilton House Farm and Parbold Library this term alone. Thank you for continuing to provide a variety of opportunities to capture the imaginations of our children. I know you have lots more planned for next term to continue enriching the experience children have here.

To Parents, Carers, Family members thank you for all that you do to support the children every day from reading to getting them to clubs on time and ensuring they have everything they need to fully participate in school life. It really makes all the difference thank you so much. Your response to our present under the tree campaign was overwhelming reaching over 130 local children. Thank you for helping to ensure all children have a happy Christmas.

Thank you also to our incredible PTA who treated us to the performance of 'A Christmas Carol' this week. Thank you for the fundraising ideas, the time and energy spent and thank you to everyone who has supported in some way shape or form. Thank you also for the lovely Christmas crackers and selection boxes that have helped make this time of year a little bit more special for our children.

Finally we hope you enjoy our Art Around the Village again — please see our separate Newsletter for more information about this and our annual reminder that if you need to dispose of real Christmas trees our Forest School will gladly receive them in January.

I hope you all have a peaceful and joyful Christmas with your loved ones and I wish you all a very happy new year.





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### **Autumn Term Highlights**



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#### What You Said:

"Everyone looked happy"; "It was lovely that everyone had a part"; "Brilliant performance"

EYFS Nativity Feedback

"The expression was brilliant"; "Nice all the children have a part"; "Wanted it to be longer"

KS1 Nativity Feedback

"So nice to see [the class] grow and mature into confident, articulate young people"

Rigby Christingle Feedback

"The fact that every single child had the opportunity to take part and shine was fab"

Venables Nativity Feedback

"I couldn't be prouder as a parent to see [the children] sing their hearts out"

Choir Performance Feedback

#### And what have the children enjoyed this term?

Brazil Day, toasting marshmallows, playground leading, Maths, PSHE, being buddies, Obb, the number cruncher, buddy lunch, Christmas, origami club, lego club, dance, football, swimming, friendship, Art, learning, History, mindfulness, Science, bikeability, D.T., Forest school.

We will have all this and more for you next term!

#### **Moment of Mindfulness**

To conclude our Bible story advent calendar:

- Day 16: The shepherd saw the baby king who had been born. He was lying in an animal feeding box.

  Just like Mary and the angels the shepherds praised God.

  Luke 2:16-17, 20
- Day 17: What sort of king was Jesus? For a long time God had been promising that he would send the perfect king to earth. This king was sometimes called the Messiah or Christ. When Jesus was born the angel told the shepherds that the Messiah had come. Jesus is the perfect king who will rule everyone, everywhere, forever.

  John 20:30-31
- Day 18: Some wise men in the East saw a star. They knew that it was important so they followed it.

Matthew 2:1-2

Day 19: The wise men followed the star all the way to Bethlehem, where Jesus was staying.

**Matthew 2:9-10** 

- Day 20: The wise men brought Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Matthew 2:11
- Day 21: When the wise men saw Jesus they praised him, just like Mary, the angels and the shepherds.

  Matthew 2:11
- Day 22: Jesus was God on earth. He showed it by doing and saying things that only God could do and say.

  Mark 4:35-41
- Day 23: Jesus is the rescuer. He rescues us from our sin by dying on the cross in our place.

Luke 23:41-43

Day 24: Jesus is the forever ruling, risen, rescuing king. So we need to trust him and, like Mary, the Angels, the shepherds and the wise men, sing his praises.

Luke 24:46-47

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