Newburgh CE School

Newsletter

22/05/20



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an emotional, challenging week for our community. I have been contacting our families with regards to the potential partial re-opening on 1st June. It has been lovely to make contact with you. I understand fully how difficult the decision to send children back to school is. To clarify our communication, only one parent is allowed to drop off or pick up children at any one time, each trip can be either parent as long as it isn't both together.

I met with Governors this week to formally go through our Risk Assessment and our plans with regards to re-opening. I'm pleased to say all plans met with their approval and useful additions were added.

I'm attaching to this newsletter two documents produced by Lancashire County Council to help children either with transition back to school or nursery. You may find these useful as you try to prepare children to return to school/nursery.

School meals will be available to children but menus will be planned on a weekly basis. The menu for week commencing 1st June is as follows. If you would like to book a meal for your children please email the details to bursar@newburgh.lancs.sch.uk

Monday 1st June: Pasta Mascarpone / Wraps—please select ham, cheese or tuna

Tuesday 2nd June: Fish Fingers & Mash / Jacket Potato—please select cheese, tuna or beans Wednesday 3rd June: Roast Chicken / Jacket Potato—please select cheese, tuna or beans

Thursday 4th June: Pizza & Wedges / Wraps—please select ham, cheese or tuna Friday 5th June: Burger & Chips / Diddi Barms—please select ham, cheese or tuna.

There have been some birthdays this week and next week some children will also be celebrating so Charlie, Grace and Arthur I hope you had or will have a wonderful birthday.

The staff have worked together to say a big hello and miss you to all our families. If you missed it on Twitter this morning you can click on this link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k7GglXcPMtg&feature=youtu.be

As next week would have been half term there will be no remote learning so everyone can have a well deserved rest. Remote learning plans will begin again on 1st June.

I'd like to end by thanking the staff of Newburgh School for their commitment to our community. They gave up their Easter holidays to keep school open for keyworkers, we will be open during half term next week for keyworkers and we plan to re-open on 1st June despite this usually being our half term. Thank you so much.

Mrs R Fowler Head teacher

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Thought for the Week

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Last Sunday was Rogation Sunday a time in the Church year where we thank God for crops, the wonder of nature and traditionally pray for a good harvest. I remember from my childhood being part of the procession walking round the village with the large church banner in tow stopping at various places praying for farms, those who worked on the land to get food to us and thanking God for his provision. The procession no longer happens in Newburgh (the large banner does still exist and is kept in church) however thanking God for our food and providing for our needs is something that should not be kept to a once a year event!

Most of us are fortunate to have access to food when we need it and have perhaps, had more chance to appreciate that whilst in current lockdown. We can't help but remember the panic buying and scenes of empty shelves in supermarkets only 2 months ago where there was a real fear that food would be hard to get and some items like pasta and toilet roll did vanish for a while. The queues that we now have to form to get into a shop and the additional time a shopping trip takes because of the social distancing requirements remind us of how easy going to the shops was, The pandemic has also reminded us of the large number of people who are part of the network who supply us with food which includes farmers, pickers, lorry drivers as well as shop assistants. We read about people whose livelihoods have been affected by a drop in demand for produce (such as those who supply restaurants) and an increase in those using foodbanks due to factors such as a drop in income.

At this Rogationtide lets take time to reflect on how God provides for us and thank him for all those involved in supplying our food. Let's also pray for those who struggle to get food and who are used to

worrying about where their next meal comes from. As we ask in the Lords prayer (From Matthew 6 verse 11) 'Give us this day our daily bread' lets trust that God will provide for our needs.

Thank you Lord, your mercy and loving-kindness towards us.

Bless the earth and make it fruitful.

Thank you for all those involved in getting food to us and for the work of the foodbanks.

Thank you for our food, help us to be grateful for your provision for us and not wasteful.

Be with those who are worried about where their next meal will come from and help them to know that you care about them.

Thank you that you hear us when we pray to you.

Amen.

Suzanne Finch—Local Missional Leader