

Newburgh CE School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you should be aware by now we will be opening school to Nursery children (on Monday and Tuesday only), Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 from Monday. We will also be open for children of key workers. The groups of children will be kept separate with staggered start and finish times, break and lunch times. We plan to keep our children outdoors as much as possible and I must give thanks to the Newburgh Fair Committee and Newburgh Scouts for the loan of their gazebo and mess tents. These will be put up on the school field so we can embrace the outdoors as much as is possible. Please remember to check Parent Pay to pay for Snacks. While we encourage children to wear their uniform next week please don't be concerned if that is not possible.

To keep in touch with the year groups unable to return we would like to propose some further keeping in touch activities. From next week we will arrange a book club swap for children in Year 5 and Year 4. Please note that this is not a home school reading book but a class text. Books will be placed near the main entrance to school between 1pm and 2pm on Tuesday for Year 5 and at the same time on Wednesday for Year 4. Comprehension questions will be provided for children to answer on the text. Please can the previous book club book be returned at the same time.

For Years 2 and 3 the class teachers will be using Serial Mash through Purple Mash to set extended texts and comprehension questions for children to complete, if you wish.

We will also be holding a weekly virtual quiz on Thursdays. This can not be live as some of our staff will be in lessons but we will record and upload these quizzes. They will be year group specific and children will be able to send their answers in.

In addition we will let you know details next week about a family sports event we will be holding in lieu of sports day that you can get involved with if you wish.

As ever, thank you for your continued support,

Mrs R Fowler

Head teacher

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Thought for the Week

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At one of the online church services that I attended last week the reading from the Bible was from Acts and about Barnabus. I found it interesting that his actual name was Joseph and Barnabus means son of encouragement. He is first mentioned in Acts chapter 4 where he sells some land and gives the money to the Apostles. Later on, in Acts 9 he introduces Paul to the Apostles. Previously Paul had persecuted believers before his dramatic Damascus road conversion and the Apostles were wary of trusting him. However, Barnabus spoke up for him, confirming that Paul had changed and now was a firm believer in God. Paul then joined the Apostles in telling others about Jesus.

The belief and trust that Barnabus showed in Paul must have meant a great deal. Paul went on to travel and help set up many new churches and his writings make up a lot of the New Testament. I wonder if that would have happened had Barnabus not spoken out for him and showed him support.

Being an encourager is a wonderful ability to have. Reading that Bible passage made me reflect on how encouraging I am. Do we build others up rather than pull them down? Are we as supportive as we can be? Do we give a voice to those people who need some back up and are low on confidence?

In Pauls Letter to the Ephesians Chapter 4 verse 29 he says 'Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.' What wonderful advice. Let's take time to reflect on the words we speak and how we can encourage others in our daily lives.

Lord Jesus,

Thank you for the encouragement we can find in the Bible.

Help me to be an encourager to others.

Guide my choice of words and help me to build people up and give them confidence rather than cause hurt and upset.

Help me to show your love to others through the things I say and do.

Amen

Suzanne Finch—Local Missional Leader