Newsletter

03/07/20







Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm delighted to be able to let you know that we have successfully bid for Diocese funding to make some improvements to school. The work to be undertaken will:

- Replace the 1970s boilers in current operation
- Repairs to the Victorian classroom and
- Repair the drains which have been causing leaks around school.

The bid is for over £150,000 of which Governors have to contribute 10%. This is a significant amount of money for us but we must carry out this essential work. We are hoping this work can take place over the summer holidays.

In addition to the work above we would also like to move forwards with the improvements to the playground. At the end of this Newsletter there is a letter and photographs of suggested designs for the playground. We would like all of our children to have a say in what goes into the new playground. Please take a look at this and send your top four items to playground@newburgh.lancs.sch.uk by Friday 10th July.

Given the scale of work we'd like to complete during the summer we have decided not to run a Holiday Club. Current guidelines recommend the same group of children for the duration of clubs which would require a huge commitment from parents and our provision may have to be extremely limited with the proposed work. We will, of course advertise local clubs you will be able to use.

We are now starting to welcome back more keyworker children. Please let us know in advance what days you require for this service so we can adjust staffing.

Well done to all our children for another amazing week of work—Team Crane tied died t-shirts to become a human rainbow, Team Halton had a Teddy Bear's picnic, Team Lucas have written letters to Paddington Bear, Team Rigby have been celebrating Children's Art Week by drawing birds and in Team Venables Year 5 have been learning about space and Year 6 have been learning sign language.

On Tuesday 21st July we will be finishing school at the times we are currently finishing at so we can maintain our staggered times (Nursery will be 2.30pm, Crane 3.00pm, Halton 3.15pm and Year 6 3.30pm).

As ever, thank you for your continued support,

Mrs R Fowler Head teacher

#### Thought for the Week

03/07/20



I wonder in March when lockdown began how many of us thought we would still be locked down (although with fewer restrictions) in July? I was involved in a training event in March for some young people who had just left college and were applying for a place on an apprenticeship programme. The training just finished before lockdown came in and all those attending were offered a job with a Bank and an apprenticeship. They were told that once lockdown eased they would be given a date to begin the training and start their jobs.

At the moment they are still waiting. Some of them are frustrated as they want to start work and earn some money. Some of them have applied for other jobs. The Bank concerned is struggling to work out how to train people remotely on systems that are new to them (and require specialist software) and to ensure that they are given the right support and adhere to all the regulations required in the role.

It's great that more children are able to return to school. It's especially good that year 6 are able to return to complete their final year at the school. Again, there has been disappointment that there has been such a disruption to the school year and no doubt some frustration over the amount of constantly changing rules and instructions that have needed to be obeyed.

I am sure that there are many other people who are frustrated or disappointed at the moment and have had plans change. It's good at times like this to be able to turn to the Bible and receive encouragement from God.

In Psalm 37 verse 7 we are told Be still in the presence of the Lord, and wait patiently for him to act.

God is in complete control and everything will happen in his time. Let's remember to trust that his plans are perfect and when we are disappointed and frustrated to wait patiently for him to show us what he wants us to do.

Loving Lord Jesus,

Thank you that you know when we are disappointed and sad.

Help us to trust you with our lives knowing that you have a perfect plan for each one of us.

Help us to be patient and wait for your time.

Thank you that you promise to guide us and never leave us.

Amen

Suzanne Finch—Local Missional Leader

### Playground Project

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Hi Everyone,

I hope you are all keeping safe and well.

Do you remember that before March we had talked lots about improving our playground and having equipment that you can interact with at playtimes?

Well I have been busy getting lots of different companies to provide us with lots of ideas and now I need your help.

Attached are a selection of images to show you what we could have. The suggestions for our playground are:

twister game (markings and interactive panel board) solar panel stopwatch and exercise track table tennis picnic benches with boards attached high 4 way ball and shoot snakes and ladders with interactive dice board beanbag target markings 4 way hopscotch markings dance class markings

I would like you to pick your four favourite activities. The most popular four overall will be purchased and added to your playground.

Can you please email me at playground@newburgh.lancs.sch.uk to let me know your top 4 before Friday July 10th (the year groups that are currently in school will be able to vote for their top 4 in school).

I would like to thank all your families for supporting our school and helping to fundraise for these improvements.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Take care,

Love from Mrs Fowler

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