# Newburgh CE School & Nursery



### Newsletter

### 16/10/2020

#### Dear Parents & Carers.

#### Settling In Reports

Children will have their settling in reports in school bags today. We hope you find these useful.

#### Confident Me

This week children have been learning that I am what I believe I am and that limiting beliefs can hold you back. Please see our attached Newsletter for activities at home.

#### School Dinners

The current two week menu on offer for school dinners will be continuing until further notice as we are unable to provide anything further safely at this time.

#### This week in School

Our Nursery children have made jam sandwiches, playdoh animals & animal houses. Team Crane have been making paper planes & measuring how far they fly. Team Halton have been practicing mixing colours. Team Lucas have made boats and tested them to see if they float. Team Rigby have been creating advertisements about school and Team Venables have been writing newspaper reports about the discovery of Tutenkhamun's tomb.

#### **Communications**

We have been undertaking an overhaul of our communications in school for the last couple of years and we are planning to launch the next phase. We will soon cease to use text messaging as a form of communication with parents as we bring everything under our school app. Through the app we will be able to communicate more comprehensively with you and send messages without character limits. Prior to our launch of this you will receive further information.

#### PTA 100 Club

The draws for August, September and October have been made and cheques will be on the way to the lucky winners – Congratulations and thank you for supporting the PTA!

#### Don't forget!

We will be collecting donations for a local foodbank next week (Mon-Weds). Please send donations in with children.

Continued thanks for your support,

Rebecca Fowler Headteacher

#### Headteacher's Roll of Honour

Those children who have demonstrated both effort in school and the Gospel Value of Thankfulness are:-<u>Team Crane</u> Fraser Routledge <u>Team Halton</u> Dan Quirk <u>Team Lucas</u> Rory Wade <u>Team Rigby</u> Jacob Sellars Oliver Holmes <u>Team Venables</u> Albie Hayes Clayton Hines



## Newburgh CE School & Nursery

### Suzanne Finch – Thought for Harvest

16/10/2020

As I drove into Wigan earlier this week in the autumn sunshine I was struck by how beautiful creation is at this time of year. I love the changing colours of the leaves and the crisp sound the fallen ones make underfoot, the way the sun shines through the trees and the colour of the sky.

After the year that we have with all its changes it's good to know that nature and creation carry on.

At this time of year we give thanks for the Harvest and for Gods many gifts to us. Everything good comes from God. In James 1 verse 17 we are told 'Every perfect gift is from him. These good gifts come down from the Father who made all the lights in the sky. But God never changes like the shadows from those lights. He is always the same.'

Maybe this year, perhaps more than ever, we have come to appreciate what we have with the COVID restrictions limiting our travel, not being able to see friends and family, fewer social activities and right back at the beginning a supermarket shortage of some foods and toilet paper. These events have also highlighted the number of people who are involved in getting our food to us and the economic impact on them when things change.

As we celebrate harvest lets take a moment to thank God for his many gifts to us and also be grateful that he does not change. In the words of the Psalmist 'Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever.' (Psalm 136 verse 1)

Thank you Lord Jesus for the harvest and all the good gifts that you give us. Thank you for those who work in the fields, on farms and in factories, making the food we eat Help us to appreciate what we have and to help those not as fortunate when we can. Thank you that you do not change and your love for us never ends Amen

#### What should we read over half term?

<u>Team Nursery</u> The Little Acorn stories.

<u>Team Crane</u> Anything by Queen Julia Donaldson!

<u>Team Halton</u>

Winnie the Pooh by A. A. Milne – Grayson Meg and Mog by Helen Nicoll & Jan Pienkowski – Jemima The Smeds and the Smoos by Julia Donaldson – George & Dan

<u>Team Lucas</u> Any book linked to our topic Land Ahoy!

Team Rigby

The Magician's Nephew by C.S. Lewis – Harriet The Midnight Gang by David Walliams – Beth

#### Team Venables

Pick a book that you wouldn't normally read. A completely different genre to your usual choices – did you enjoy it? Challenge yourselves.

#### And for Parents:

Fall of Giants by Ken Follet – Miss Helm The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman – Mrs Kenyon The Jack Reacher series by Lee Child – Mr Dilworth The Seven Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle by Stuart Turton -Chrissy



#### Pumpkins & Halloween

It may not be possible to participate in a traditional Trick or Treat celebration this Halloween but Newburgh is not to be deterred by this! Newburgh Village Community Group presents a free pumpkin trail through the village. Draw, paint or carve a pumpkin. Stick the pumpkin in your front window. Parents can then take children around the village and give them a sweet for every pumpkin spotted. As an added bonus if you buy your pumpkins from Ivy House Farm (opposite the school field) school will receive a 50p donation for every pumpkin sold! #newburghvillagepumpkintrail #thebigcommunitypumpkintrail

In addition to the pumpkin trail the Red Lion will be doing an outdoors pumpkin display, with prizes on offer for 'guess how many pumpkins' and the best pumpkin picture. They will splitting donations received between the Douglas Valley Lions and Bella & Brave Animal Sanctuary.

