

# Newburgh CE Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

## **Newburgh School & Nursery Plans for Christmas**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support so far this term after what continues to be an uncertain time for us all.

With Christmas approaching, it is important that we take every opportunity to enjoy this magical time of year in the Christian calendar and make it as exciting as possible for our children.

Normally throughout the school year, the P.T.A. team plan, arrange and run events and activities for the whole school to raise funds for equipment and resources for our pupils, as well as offering fun and exciting experiences to all year groups.

The resources that were funded by the P.T.A. during the last academic year were tablets and tablet cases for every child in Key Stage 2, a Christmas gift for every child, crackers for the Christmas lunch, lockers for every child in Team Venables (Year 5 and Year 6), gifts for the Year 6 leavers and the playground equipment for all children. The installation of the playground equipment has been delayed due to drainage problems in school and the surrounding village area. As soon as this is resolved it will be installed (provisional installation date Spring 2021).

At the moment, it seems that our usual Christmas fundraisers (production tickets, refreshment sales, P.T.A. events) won't be able to take place and so this usual autumn income to the P.T.A. and school will be greatly missed.

As a staff we have decided to organise events that keep our school community safe by allowing us to maintain our bubbles, provide lots of fun and enjoyment for our children to look forward to, but also allow us to share many of these Christmas experiences with yourselves, even if it is virtually!



We are therefore planning the following Christmas events over the weeks ahead:

**CHRISTMAS POSTAL SERVICE FROM 30.11.20** – Children can still send cards to their friends in their own and other classes using our postal service. Children need to include the child's full name and year group and there will be a weekly delivery service (post collection will be each Wednesday for a Friday postal delivery).

**CHRISTMAS PRESENT UNDER THE TREE** – To support the Tawd Vale Lions Christmas Appeal, children can provide a present to place under our school Christmas tree from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> until Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December. (We appreciate that places to purchase from are limited and so if you wish to participate in this fundraising appeal then please just label the wrapped present with 'Boy Age 5' for example, age range of gifts from birth to 16 years).

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH** – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

**FESTIVE WEEK** – week beginning Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Each bubble on their specified day will participate in the sponsored Santa Dash to Lapland (more details to follow), Christmas Bubble Bingo with Mrs Fowler, festive film, games and treats.

Team Venables Festive Day – 14.12.20

Team Rigby Festive Day – 15.12.20

Teams Lucas & Halton Festive Day – 16.12.20

Teams Crane & Nursery Festive Day – 17.12.20 (all children welcome to attend whether it is their usual Nursery day or not, please speak to Nursery staff or Chrissy about this).

**CHRISTMAS FAMILY QUIZ** – children can purchase a family quiz sheet to complete at home for £5 per quiz sheet during the week beginning Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December (pay via Parent Pay). These will need to be returned to the class teacher by Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December and all winning entries will be entered into a prize draw with the chance of winning £25

**ART AROUND THE VILLAGE** – the children will be retelling the Christmas story through class art work that will be placed in key locations around the village that families will be able to view (more details to follow).

To replace our performances in front of an audience we will be doing the following:

**EYFS (TEAMS CRANE & NURSERY) FOREST SCHOOL NATIVITY** – Nothing will stop our famous nativity taking place! This will be recorded professionally and released to families in Nursery and Reception on 9.12.20 via Tapestry



**TEAM HALTON GIFTS AND GIFTBRINGERS POWERPOINT – 11.12.20**

**TEAM LUCAS GOOD NEWS POWERPOINT – 7.12.20**

**TEAM RIGBY CHRISTINGLE POWERPOINT – 1.12.20**

**TEAM VENABLES WEEKLY ADVENT POWERPOINTS – 27.11.20, 4.12.20, 11.12.20 and 18.12.20.**

The presentations will be shared to parents securely. As usual, please don't share these on social media.

Our main fundraiser will be the sponsored Santa Dash to Lapland during our Festive Week which will encompass donations after watching your child/ren in their online performance/presentation (no tickets to purchase this year!). The money raised will support the cost of our Christmas activities with the children and help towards the replacement of laptops and resources for our EYFS area. Without all of your kind donations, we simply wouldn't be able to make these significant purchases for your children.

Finally, I would like to send out a huge thank you to you, the parents/carers, grandparents and other family members, who have contributed so kindly and generously at all past events. I would also like to thank the committed P.T.A. team who give up so much time to plan and organise events for all our children and we look forward to your support in the organisation of future events.

Kind regards



**Rebecca Fowler**  
**Headteacher**

