



Dear Parents & Carers.

### We made it!

Thank you so much to all of our families for working so hard and sacrificing so much to keep themselves and our community safe. I'm extremely grateful to be writing this having provided a full term of in school education for 6 out of 7 school aged year groups. I hope you all have a well earned enjoyable festive break.

We hope you enjoyed our Festive presentations and Nativity that the children worked so hard on. We have another festive treat for you that will be released via Twitter this afternoon.

### Christ Church Christingle

If you would like to take part in this service (see attached poster) please register by email as there are activities you can complete at home ready for the service.

### Covid Reporting over Christmas

We are responsible for contact tracing for our school community so please read the following information carefully:

For the first 6 days after teaching ends (up to Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December), if a pupil tests positive for Covid-19, having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school/nursery (i.e. by Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December) we will need to identify close contacts to potentially advise self isolation. Therefore you will need to email [bursar@newburgh.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@newburgh.lancs.sch.uk) to inform us of the positive result as soon as you receive it. If you receive a positive test after developing symptoms more than 48 hours after being in school/nursery please follow contact tracing instructions provided by Test and Trace.

### Old Christmas Trees

If you would like to get rid of your old Christmas Tree our Forest School will make use of them. You can drop them off at school or ask Rainbow Hub to collect them for you to bring them here for a small donation (see attached flyer).

### Personal, Social, Health, Economic Education

Our Confident Me focus this week has been **"Embracing Change. Being Comfortable with the Uncomfortable"** please see our attached Newsletter for activities to try at home.

Thank you so much for your support during this most challenging of years. Have a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

Rebecca Fowler  
Headteacher



Head Boy and Girl with donated presents for families in need – Thank you!

### Message from Afterschool Club:

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the children who have come to Afterschool Club this term. They have really helped to keep each other safe, well and happy while having as much fun as ever in our new club base in the hall.

Wishing all our families a Merry Christmas & Healthy New Year.

Mrs Ditchfield & Mrs Magee

From all staff, thank you so much for your good wishes & presents. May you all have a Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Happy New Year!



### This week at Newburgh:

We saved Christmas by running to Santa's village – Well done Team Newburgh! The children raised a massive **£1471** – Thank you!



### Headteacher's Roll of Honour

Those children who have demonstrated both effort in school and the Gospel Value of Thankfulness are:-

Team Crane

All of Team Crane

Team Halton

Coen

Team Lucas

All of Team Lucas

Team Rigby

All of Year 3

All of Year 4

Team Venables

All of Year 5

All of Year 6

### Times Tables Rock Stars

The top 5 coin earners this week are:-

Year 3 – Charlotte

Year 4 – Hayden

Year 5 – Thomas

Year 6 – James

Keep up the good work!

### From 4<sup>th</sup> January at Newburgh:

Dinners – Week 1

Monday

Return to school – don't forget your PE kits!

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Y4 Music lesson with James – don't forget ukuleles!





### Thought for Christmas by Suzanne Finch

Christmas can be complicated can't it? Perhaps it needs more planning than usual this year as we work out what the rules are for meeting others, who to form bubbles with and how to see friends and family and distribute presents. Then there are the usual Christmas challenges – will we get everything done on time, do the Christmas lights all work and will the cat knock the Christmas tree over?! And there is always the risk of forgetting something or even someone.

It always takes careful planning – however the greatest, most important plan was actually for the first ever Christmas. God loved the people that he created so much however they had rejected him, didn't trust him, and were separated from him. Because of how much he loved us he sent Jesus to be born as a baby in Bethlehem. God knew at that time, his plan was that in the future Jesus would die on a cross and rise again 3 days later to deal with our wrongdoings. This would give each one of us a way back to God and the opportunity to be part of his family. By giving us Jesus, God showed his love for us all and gave us the greatest gift ever. A perfect plan with no one missed out. God didn't send a messenger or a letter to share the news of his great love for us. He sent his son Jesus to show exactly how much he cared and to show us the right way to live.

As we celebrate Christmas lets remember to give thanks for God's perfect plan of giving us His Son Jesus to save us from our sins knowing that His gift was for everyone as we read in John 3 verse 16 'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.'

With best wishes for a peaceful Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. Suzanne.

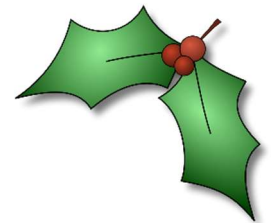
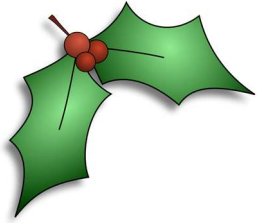
*Father God,*

*Thank you for the gift of your son Jesus who came to earth to be our Saviour*

*Help us in all our planning at this busy time of year to remember that you gave us the greatest gift ever and that you love us all.*

*Thank you that you have a plan for our lives and you promise to always be with us.*

*Amen*



### Christmas Quiz Answers:

1. Name all Father Christmas' reindeer.

**Dasher, Donner, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Blitzen and Rudolph**

2. What colour is Santa's belt?

**Black**

3. Where did the baby Jesus sleep?

**In a manger**

4. Which angel visited Mary?

**Angel Gabriel**

5. Which Frozen character sang 'Do You Want to Build a Snowman'?

**Anna**

6. In the song 'The 12 Days of Christmas' how many gold rings does the singer's 'true love' give?

**5**

7. What type of cake, beginning with the letter P, is traditionally eaten in Italy at Christmas time?

**Panettone**

8. What date is Saint Stephen's Day celebrated?

**26<sup>th</sup> December**

9. What form of transport does Santa use to deliver presents across the world?

**Sleigh**

10. In the children's story 'The Snowman', who gives a scarf to the young boy?

**Father Christmas**

11. Can you unscramble the following letters to reveal the name of a town connected to the birth of Jesus: EMHLETHBE?

**Bethlehem**

12. The lyrics, 'Holidays are coming, Holidays are coming', feature in Christmas adverts for which famous drinks company?

**Coca Cola**

13. What festive drink is made with milk, cream, sugar and beaten eggs?

**Egg Nog**

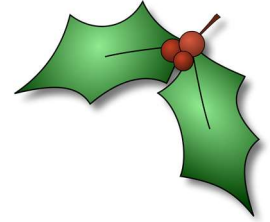
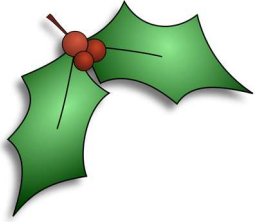
14. What is 'Happy Christmas' in Spanish?

**Feliz Navidad**

15. In the movie 'Elf', which city does Buddy travel to in search of his father?

**New York**

16. Complete the lyrics: 'Dashing through the snow on a one-horse open sleigh, over the fields we go, laughing all the way.'



17. In Tom Fletcher's 'The Christmasaurus' what does the Christmasaurus want to be?

**A reindeer**

18. What does Harry receive from Dumbledore during his first Christmas at Hogwarts?

**An invisibility cloak**

19. How many points does a snowflake traditionally have?

**6**

20. What animated 2004 film is about a train that carries kids to the North Pole on Christmas Eve?

**The Polar Express**

21. What part of a Christingle represents the world?

**The orange**

22. How many days are there in December?

**31**

23. In which country does Christmas Day occur first: New Zealand or Canada?

**New Zealand**

24. Which plant do people traditionally kiss under at Christmas time?

**Mistletoe**

25. In 'Home Alone', what festive song does Kevin impressively mime along to in front of the mirror?

**White Christmas**

26. In which fictional world, created by C.S. Lewis, is it always winter but never Christmas?

**Narnia**

27. Who invented the Christmas cracker?

**Tom Smith**

28. Can you unscramble these letters to reveal a Christmas decoration? TRAEWH

**Wreath**

29. In Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol', what was Mr. Scrooge's first name?

**Ebenezer**

30. Which country started the tradition of putting up a Christmas tree?

**Germany**

Thank you to everyone who supported school by taking part in our Christmas Quiz

AND THE WINNER IS.....

**Oscar Turner**

**Congratulations!**