



Dear Parents & Carers.

It is with great sadness that I wish you a Happy New Year under the current circumstances. Nevertheless I'd like to say welcome back to school regardless of whether you are physically with us or joining us from home. We are all in this together wherever you are. Although school remains safe; critical worker children should be at home if they can be during lockdown. If we need to limit numbers in school we will be applying the national criteria to prioritise those who can attend school. Our class pages on our website have all been updated with our Spring termly overview of the topics and learning for children this term. Please take the time to have a look to help support your children. Our stars of the week and Times Tables Rock Stars leaders will be communicated with you via Purple Mash or Tapestry and our Newsletter so keep working hard everyone!

Critical Workers/Vulnerable Children

We, as always are doing everything to keep school a safe place for children and our community. With this in mind from Monday 11th January staff will no longer be coming out onto the playground at drop off and pick up times. They will instead welcome children in the morning from their designated entrance and dismiss from this door in the evening. Any messages from home can be communicated via email or telephone to Chrissy. Can parents also be reminded to maintain their social distance from one another and keep your children with you at all times to minimise potential transmission. Please also arrive on time and leave promptly. The classrooms are well ventilated and due to the current weather, extra layers may need to be worn.

Our Breakfast and Afterschool Club will be running next week but will remain under review for the time being.

Remote Learners

Our remote learners will be sent the same work that children will be completing in school. Teams Nursery & Crane will use Tapestry and the rest of school will be using Purple Mash

We will be enhancing our home learning offer to try and engage with children in different ways and allow our home learners some face to face contact. We are currently working out how best to do this safely and will introduce this as soon as possible.

READING – We are currently working on how we can make arrangements to safely provide concrete reading materials for school children and we will be in touch as soon as we have a plan for this.

RESOURCES – if you require stationery or workbooks please contact Chrissy.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES – If your child does not have a device to access their online learning then please contact Chrissy.

Step into Quality

I'm delighted to share with you that our incredible EYFS Setting has achieved the Lancashire Quality Award for Early Years. This award covers: ***Relationships with children, parents & the wider community; Sharing food and celebrations; Leading a successful team; Opportunities and experience; Making the most of the outdoors; Role of the adult and Meeting everyone's needs.*** Our Early Years team have been working extremely hard behind the scenes to meet all of the requirements for this award and we are extremely proud of them. Our Early Years children will be planning a party to celebrate!

Continued thanks for your support,
Rebecca Fowler
Headteacher

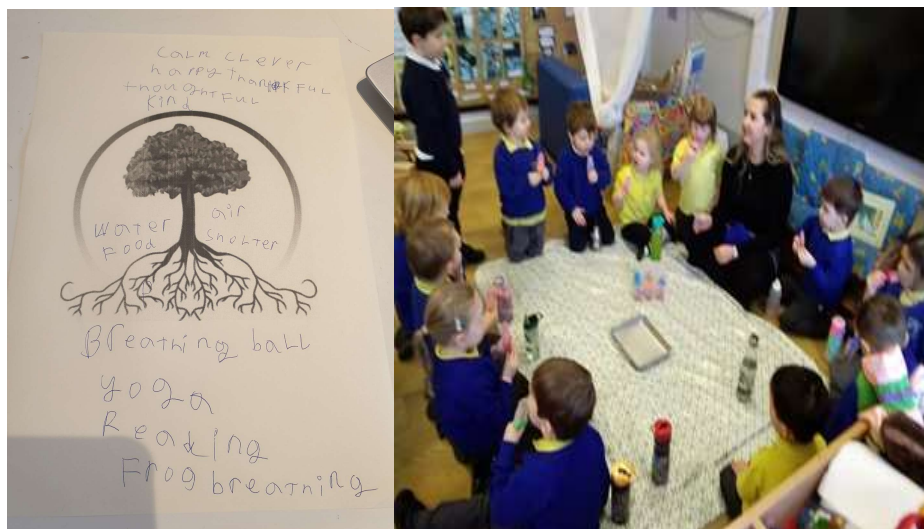
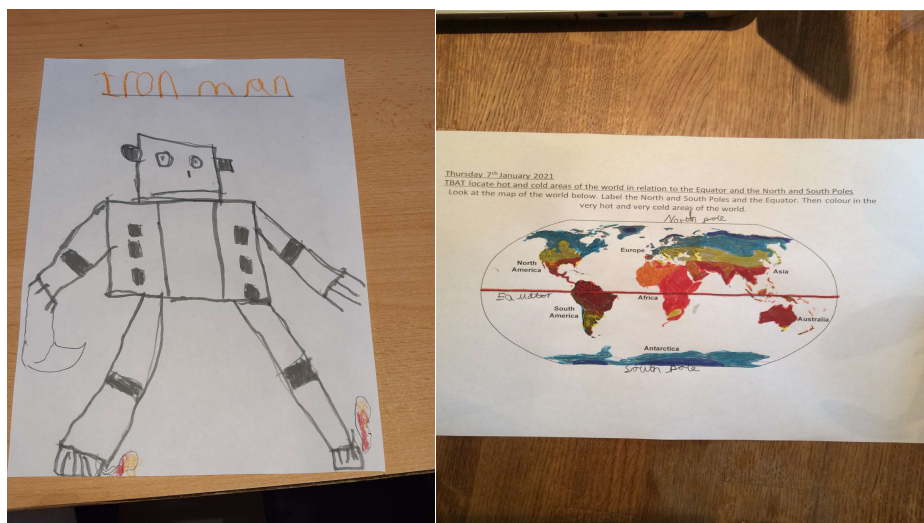


This week at Newburgh:

We've all been enjoying the snow:-



And we've all been doing lots of work wherever we are:-



We are so proud of the fantastic start to the Spring term **everyone** has made.

Headteacher's Roll of Honour

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

Team Crane

Isabelle

Team Halton

Scarlet

Team Lucas

Isabelle

Team Rigby

Dulcie

Libby

Team Venables

Noah

Hettie

Times Tables Rock Stars

The top 5 coin earners this week are:-

Year 3 – Heidi

Year 4 – Hayden

Year 5 – Elliott

Year 6 – James

Keep up the good work!

Birthday Shout Outs:

For those children who have had a birthday since we were last in school:-

Taylor
Harvey

We hope you managed to have a lovely celebration!



Thought for New Year by Suzanne Finch

It's possibly a little late to be thinking about Christmas carols – however as I was thinking about the New Year the first verse of this carol came to mind:

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in the dark streets shineth
The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

It's wonderful to know at the start of a New Year that because Jesus came to earth to be our Saviour all those years ago all our hopes and fears are met in him. In Luke 1 (verse 78-79) Zechariah declares "By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

As we are back in lockdown and the world is still a confusing place with lots of seemingly dark moments let's thank God that he knows our hopes and fears and cares about them. John 1 verse 5 says "The light (Jesus) shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There is nothing that God isn't in control of and he promises to be with us leading us through the days and years ahead if we trust in him."

Wishing you all a happy and safe New Year.

Lord Jesus,

This New Year guide my feet, comfort my heart and strengthen my will. Guide us all by your hand to work together to help build a better world.

Amen