



Dear Parents, Carers & Children

### **This Week At Newburgh:**

Thank you so much to the team of volunteers who came on Sunday morning. The area in which will be creating our spiritual garden has been cleared ready for us to start work on creating the design. As you can see from the before and after shots a huge amount of progress has been made. The weed matting is arriving next week along with a skip so if anyone is free to help lay this please let school know.

Early Years made gingerbread men to thank Wilton House Farm for letting us visit and Team Halton have been learning all about dental hygiene. Team Lucas have been innovating traditional tales. Team Rigby have reached the penultimate chapter of their class read 'The Iron Man' and Team Venables have been learning about biomes in Geography.

Our playground leader challenge for this half term has been to hula hoop for as long as possible. Those interested in taking up the challenge can participate next week to see how they have improved with practise over this half term.

### **Next Week At Newburgh:**

Our EYFS and KS1 children will be participating in the RSPB Big Bird Watch. Team Rigby have their final swimming lesson on Thursday and we break up for half term on Friday at 3.30 with Afterschool Club running as normal. Team Crane wrote a lovely letter asking to have a Buddy Lunch so we will be facilitating this on Friday for them.

### **Communication Survey:**

Don't forget to complete the communication survey and send back to school. Thank you for the responses so far.

### **Wake Up Wednesday:**

Attached to this newsletter is an information sheet to support parents with children's social media and mental health. All previous information sheets have been added to the [Online Safety](#) page of our website for you to refer back to.

### **Team Rigby Forest School Day:**

Team Rigby will be having a Forest School Day on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February so please ensure children have suitable outdoor clothing for whatever the weather presents on that day. This date has been added to the calendar on the school app/website.

Warmest Regards





### Key Vocabulary – ask me about:

To challenge and deepen the understanding of key vocabulary learned this week ask your child about these words:

**Team Nursery:** Stranger. Landfill.

**Team Crane:** Floating. Alternative.

**Team Halton:** Plaque. Finally.

**Team Lucas:** Innovating. Commutative.

**Team Rigby:** Petrified. Barrump.

**Team Venables:** Tundra. Temperate.

### Moment of Mindfulness

This week we have been thinking about turning over a new leaf and that we can show that we mean to behave differently in the future.

We considered the story of Zacchaeus a tax collector, traitor & cheat who was not liked in his town. When Jesus visited the town he chose to spend time with Zacchaeus and offered him forgiveness for his past wrong doing. After Jesus forgave Zacchaeus he chose to turn over a new leaf and put right his wrongs by paying back four times what he had taken from others and gave half his money to the poor.

*The New Leaf Prayer:*

*Father God,*

*You offer **forgiveness** to us today*

*Just as you did to Zacchaeus 2000 years ago.*

*Like Zacchaeus, help us to turn over a new leaf and begin again.*

*Help us to show others we are sorry by the way we behave.*

*Amen*

### Church Family Service

The theme for the next Family Service on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February is 'Love'. Children are welcome to decorate the heart shape (sent as a separate document), add words or pictures of things they love. Return the hearts back to school **before** half term so that the hearts can be displayed during the Family Service. The Family Service starts at 10.30am in the school hall (Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb). Some hearts have already been printed out and are in front of Chrissy's office. Have fun decorating.

### Let Your Light Shine

Matthew 5:14-16

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

Team Crane

Georgia

Team Halton

Alfie

Team Lucas

Drue

Team Rigby

Ava

Charlotte

Team Venables

Toby

Harriet

Congratulations to the **SILVER BIRCH FAMILY** for gaining the most points this week.

### Times Tables Rock Stars Leaderboard:-

Year 3 – Millie

Year 4 – Sean

Year 5 – Heidi

Year 6 – Oliver

### Next Week at Newburgh:-

Dinners – Week 2

Tues – Safer Internet Day

Fri – Buddy Lunch. Break up for half term.