

Newburgh CE School & Nursery



Newsletter

24/11/2023

Dear Parents, Carers & Children

Christmas at Newburgh

This time of year is always extra special in school and today our Key Stage 2 Office Assistants had the enjoyable task of officially launching Christmas for us. Please read on to the end of this Newsletter for more information about our celebrations this year.

Alder Hey Fundraising

The money for Alder Hey kept coming in and we have now raised an incredible **£417** for this most important cause. Thank you all for supporting our School Council's wonderful fundraising idea.

Posada Assembly

Our church link Jane joined us this week to hold an assembly about the Posada figures. Children were introduced to the posada and told about the importance of the figures at this time of year. Details of how to host these figures at home are in this Newsletter.

Literacy in Action

Team Rigby are now reading Rumasya (a retelling of three classic fairytales). They had an invigorating lesson utilising actions for key vocabulary in the first chapter – helping to embed the words and story for the class.

Road Safety

A polite reminder that all parents are responsible for children until they have entered school after the bell. Please take care on the road outside school and the entrance to our car park. We still have high visibility jackets available for children to wear while it is getting darker to help them be seen by traffic. Here you can see our Nursery children practicing road safety on our playground.

School Meal Change

Our menu on Week 3 Tuesdays has changed slightly from Cheese Whirl to Cheese & Tomato pizza.

Afterschool Club Charges

Unfortunately due to rising costs Governors have taken the difficult decision to raise the price of afterschool club to £8.50 a session from 1st January.

Warmest Regards,

Headteacher





Key Vocabulary – ask me about:

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

<u>Team Nursery:</u>	Compassionate. Pedestrian.
<u>Team Crane:</u>	Village. Town. Canal. Bridge. War Memorial.
<u>Team Halton:</u>	Ariel View. Key
<u>Team Lucas:</u>	Century. Decade.
<u>Team Rigby:</u>	Meander. Estuary.
<u>Team Venables:</u>	Glyphs. Cacao.

Moment of Mindfulness:

This week we have been valuing difference and different opinions. On Monday we considered 1 Peter 2:17:

*Show proper respect to everyone,
love the family of believers,
fear God,
honour the emperor.*

On Thursday we considered Luke 7.1:

*When he heard about Jesus,
he sent some Jewish elders to him,
asking him to come and heal his slave.
When they came to Jesus,
they appealed to him earnestly saying,
“He is worthy of having you do this for him,
for he loves our people,
and it is he who built our synagogue for us.*

To compliment this our Picture News resource also considered:

*How can we show compassion
to others?*

Let Your Light Shine

Matthew 5:14-16

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

Team Crane

Louisa

Team Halton

Anabelle

Team Lucas

Hattie

Team Rigby

Myla

Hayden

Team Venables

Katie

Eliza

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

Times Tables Rock Stars Leaderboard:-

Year 3 – Myla

Year 4 – Scarlet

Year 5 – Dixie

Year 6 – Dylan

Next Week at Newburgh:-

Dinners – Week 2

Mon – Year 5 Bikeability

Tues – Year 5 Bikeability

Weds – Year 5 Bikeability; RNLI visiting Lucas & Rigby

Thurs – Rigby Swimming

Fri – Y3/4 Girls Football event @ JMO; PTA Children's Disco.



Message from the Eco Council

After seeing our work in promoting walking to school, Douglas Valley Lions have donated 50 high visibility jackets for children at Team Newburgh which are now available to loan if you walk, cycle or scoot to and from school at any time during the week. These are particularly important for road safety at this dark time of year.

You may wish to borrow one for a week, for the rest of this term or for the whole of the school year. If you would like to loan one of these jackets (and receive a giant sticker!), please call in to the office to sign up.



Christ Church Christmas Posada

A treasured Newburgh festive tradition is the Posada. This is taken from an old Mexican tradition of going from house to house asking for a room for a night and telling about the imminent arrival of Jesus in the weeks leading up to Christmas. At Newburgh a set of nativity figures (pictured) are looked after by a 'host' for a night before being passed on to the next 'host'. Would you like to host the posada for a night?

This year the posada will begin travelling around Newburgh and surrounding areas from Sunday 3rd December and will be returned to Christ Church, Newburgh on Christmas Eve at the Crib Service.

If you would like to be a host you will receive the figures to have in your home for one night and then pass them on to the next family. Please email fst.newburgh@hotmail.com to arrange a suitable day or add your name to the list at the school office. Spaces will be limited so please get in touch as soon as possible (last few remaining!). Thank you.





Message from the PTA

Hi everyone,

After the success of Year 6 parents running the cheese and wine evening we are delighted to share that Halton parents are next to lead our up and coming PTA disco.

The disco is on Friday 1st December. The cost is £5 and will include drinks and snacks. You can pay via ParentPay.

Nursery (children must be accompanied), Crane, Halton and Lucas are invited from 5.45pm – 6.45pm. Rigby and Venables are invited from 7pm – 8pm.

Thank you for supporting the PTA!
Cathie Williams, Chair.

Upcoming PTA Events

Friday 1st December – Children's Disco – Nursery, Crane, Halton, Lucas – 5.45-6.45pm; Rigby & Venables 7-8pm.

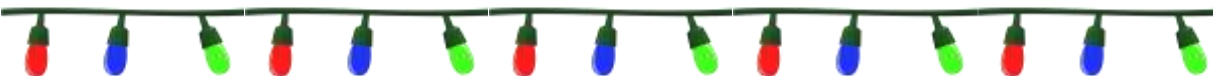
100 Club Christmas Draw – It's the 100 Club Christmas Draw. The 100 Club is a small lottery in which you buy a number for £1. If you hold the winning number you win £25. The Christmas draw is for £50. If you want to be in with a chance of winning the Christmas draw please arrange a Standing Order with your bank for the amount you wish to donate each month (each £1 equals one number). The details are:

Newburgh School PTA 100fund Business Current Account 16-27-25 10015614

Please use your child's name as your reference and you will be entered into the next draw.



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Christmas Post

From **1st December** the Office Assistants will be running our Christmas card postal service. Children can write cards to their friends with names and classes clearly on the envelope and put them in our special post box. This will run **until Thursday 21st December**.

Presents Under The Tree

As part of the School Council's commitment to supporting local charities we are asking those who are able to purchase an extra Christmas present this year that will be donated to Douglas Valley Lions for local families in need. Please wrap your present and put a gift tag on it with the requisite gender and age the present will be suitable for (for example Boy, Aged 5). The appeal range is from birth to 16 years old. Presents can be placed under our Christmas tree **from the 1st to the 15th December**. Thank you.

Run through Lapland

Our PE Ambassadors will be promoting health and fitness over the Christmas holidays and this campaign will launch with our run to Lapland. From the **11th – 15th December** all children will participate in running the collective equivalent miles from Rovaniemi (the capital of Lapland) to Korvatunturi (the village where Father Christmas lives). This journey is 145 miles and every child will contribute to the running of this distance.

Christmas Party Day

The Christmas parties this year will be on **Thursday 21st December**. Children are invited to wear their favourite festive jumper for the day. Nursery and Reception will party together; Halton and Lucas will party together and Rigby and Venables will have their own parties.

Christmas Performances

Always a highlight of the year our performances are as follows:

Nursery & Reception: We are delighted that this year our Forest School Nativity will be held at Wilton House Farm on **Friday 8th December**. Please arrive from 1.45pm for a 2pm start.

Halton & Lucas: Years 1 and 2 will be performing 'The Angel Who Nearly Missed It All' on **Wednesday 13th December** in the school hall. Doors will open at 2pm for a 2.15pm start.

Rigby: Years 3 and 4 will present a Christingle Service on **Tuesday 19th December** in church. Children need to be at church in their school uniform for 5.45pm.

Venables: Years 5 and 6 will present 'Newburgh's Nativity News' on **Friday 15th December** in church. Please go to church at 9am for a 9.15am start.

Tickets are limited depending upon the event and will be made available to purchase on ParentPay next week, with more details there.

Our Choir will also do a mini performance for their families on **Thursday 14th December**. Please arrive with children at 8am for this.

Christmas Lunches

Christmas dinner day is **Friday 15th December** and the food has already been ordered for this. On **Wednesday 20th December** a party lunch will be on offer.

A Christmas Carol

On **Wednesday 20th December** Arty-Fact theatre company will present 'A Christmas Carol' to children in Years 1-6. This is a special treat from the PTA.

Art Around The Village

All children are contributing to art work that will appear around the village for you to find from **Monday 11th December**.