



Newburgh Primary School

"A caring school where every child matters" (OFSTED)

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Dear parents,

As we reach the last day of the Autumn Term our thoughts turn to the upcoming holidays ahead of us. For a large majority of our children in school this is the most exciting and magical time of the year, unfortunately, however, this isn't always the case and we have reminded children in school this week about the need to keep themselves safe and secure during the holiday season.

Everyone in school, from children to staff is ready for a break following the rigours of the Autumn Term, culminating in our Christmas productions and Christingle services.

We are so proud of what our children can achieve when they are given the opportunity to do so, and although far more stressful than teaching, these form an important part of the annual calendar for everyone associated with Newburgh.

We will be welcoming children back into school for the beginning of the Spring Term on Monday 8th January 2017 from 08.45.

Until then, I would like to pass on my thanks to everyone who works so hard to make Newburgh what it is. It is a real team effort.

Have a wonderful Christmas break and a restful New Year,

Thank you, Mr Smith

GOVERNORS CORNER:

Dear Parents/Carers

Christmas time again, and what a busy term this has been. I hope you have all been to one or other of our Christmas Nativity shows, or to one of the Christingle Services held in St Paul's Church. Given the pressures of delivering the day-to-day curriculum, the performances that our children put on at this time of year are truly amazing, due in no small measure to the commitment and dedication of our hard-working staff. As always, the highlight for me is watching the Reception Class performance. When you consider that most of the children are not yet five years old, and have only been in school for a few weeks, what their teachers and assistants help the to achieve is little short of miraculous. Quite appropriate at this time of year! The governors thank all the staff for their tireless efforts, not just at Christmas but throughout the past term. We wish all our staff, parents and children a very merry and happy Christmas, and look forward to welcoming you all back in the New Year.

Ron Binnie, Chair of Governors.

If you have an issue you would like governors to consider, please send an email to governors2325@welearn365.com

Please ensure that all Spring Term music tuition fees have been paid before lessons commence during the week beginning 8th January.

CHARITY COLLECTIONS:

Thanks to your generosity, the collections following the Reception and Lower School productions have amounted to £345 which will be sent to diabetes UK. Thank you again for your support with this fundraising.

DRAMA CLUB:

Please note that there are 6 spaces for the Y5/6 drama workshop club with Playbox on Tuesday lunchtimes from 16/1 - 27/3. The cost of these 10 weeks is £20. If you are interested, please speak to the office asap.

A FREE online guide to 'Understanding your child' (for parents of children aged 0-18)

The 'Understanding your child' online guide is for parents of children aged 6 months up to 18 years. It has been designed by NHS experts and is part of the nationally celebrated 'Solihull Approach' programme, which supports mums, dads and carers to develop positive relationships with their infants, children, and young people. In turn, this helps build the longer-term emotional strength and wellbeing of children, so they're able to bounce back in life.



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By the time children reach 14 years of age, 50% of mental health problems are already established, so we know we need to act earlier in Warwickshire to help grow parents' confidence, understanding and responsiveness to their infants and children.

Why an online guide?

Recently research with over 1,127 local mums and dads in Warwickshire found that they had wanted more opportunities to learn about being a parent, make sense of their children's development and behaviours, and feel reassured that they were doing the right things. Online learning won't suit all parents but it can play a useful role, particularly for working parents.

How can the course be accessed?

Parents can go to warwickshire.gov.uk/parentguides where they will find the registration codes to access the Guide for free, and a link to the [In Our Place](#) homepage for the course.

PTA NEWS:

The PTA would like to thank everyone for a very successful term, with some great events having taken place. These have included the quiz night and the Winter Fair, which have helped raise thousands of pounds to enrich the experiences of the children at Newburgh. Thank you for all of your support, and we are looking forward to a full and exciting 2018. We would like to wish every family a very Happy Christmas and a safe, relaxing New Year.

Lisa Hernandez, PTA Chairman



JOB VACANCY:

We currently have an opportunity to join our Midday Supervision team, working 5 days per week. This is an essential part of the school day and we would like to speak to anybody who may be interested in joining our dedicated and hardworking team.

This is a really important part of our day and we would be very keen to welcome any prospective new members of staff. If you would like further information about this opportunity, please contact the school office.

Position: Midday Supervisor / Dining Room Assistant; **Scale:** B; **Point:** 6; **Hours:** 12.00pm to 1.00 pm (5 hours per week) Monday to Friday 38 weeks per year, term time only; **Salary:** £1,685.62 per annum pro rata

Newburgh Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is subject to an enhanced DBS disclosure.



