

Newburgh Primary School

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

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Dear parents,

Our final newsletter of the school year is always a bit different. There is no diary section for next week for example and fewer notices to be aware of.

Fifty children will be leaving Newburgh on Thursday 20th July from Year 6 as well as a few from other year groups. We wish all these young people every success as they move on to the next stage of their academic lives. It is an exciting time for our Year 6 leavers who have secondary schools to look forward to in September.

Children returning to Newburgh in September will start back on Tuesday 5th September. We look forward to seeing everyone then. Thank you to everyone who has helped make this year a big success.

Have a fantastic summer holiday.

Many thanks, Mr. Smith

GOVERNORS CORNER:

My previous Governors' Corner was letting everyone know about the garden that the Reception TA's are in the process of creating. Things have steadily progressed and Tuesday saw the official opening during the after school Garden Party. Reception parents, governors and people who have helped in various ways were invited to come and view the progress made. Having had weeks of sun we pictured everyone sitting on the grass and new garden benches enjoying their tea and cake. In true British summer fashion the reality was huddling under umbrellas and the covered area, whilst the rain poured. Despite the weather we still had a great turnout, so a big thank you for coming to all our guests. A particular thank you goes to John Taylor from the Rotary Club who opened the garden and performed the cutting of the ribbon!

The children have already really enjoyed the new space, planting, digging, preparing beds and planters, watering and weeding. They are

verv enthusiastic gardeners. As with gardens the all upkeep is a team effort and a work in progress. It will continue to grow and be developed season by season,





enriching the children's learning and hopefully being a beautiful and fruitful place within our school grounds. Rebecca Poole Co-opted Governor W: www.newburghprimaryschool.co.uk

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS:

The end of another school year. And what a year it has been! As we say goodbye to our Year 6 children, we send them our best wishes as they move on to the secondary school stage of their education. We must also congratulate them on this year's Year 6 SATs results, which are a credit to them and their teachers – well done everybody! There is so much more to school life than exam results of course, and this year has seen some remarkable achievements.

Our Year 6 children have just finished a run of performances of *Glimmers of Light*, a show written specially for them by the amazingly talented Mr Porter. We had no fewer than three Christmas productions from Reception, Lower School, and Upper School. Our whole school has been involved in working with the Royal Shakespeare Company, and Year 5's performance of *The Tempest* at The Other Place in Stratford was outstanding. Thanks to Mr O'Dwyer who masterminded this project.

Our sporting prowess grows year on year, and with too many events and achievements to list, our thanks go to Mr Smith and all staff concerned in getting our children involved in so many activities. Our choirs have performed at the Leycester Care Home, at the Lights of Love Christmas service in the Market Square, at Hatton Country World, and together with our orchestra, at the annual Rotary Schools Concert. Thanks to Mrs Franklin, Mrs Preston and Mrs Blayney for all the work they put in to give our pupils such wonderful experiences.

We achieved two bronze awards, one for *Food for Life*, and the other for *School Games.* On Friday 30th June our amazing ECO team held a special *Green Day* at school. In the months beforehand they planned games and activities, wrote the script for a whole school assembly and created a movie to help pupils understand the things that they can do to help look after our planet.

Our truly wonderful PTA has raised thousands of pounds throughout the year all of which is spent enhancing the children's experience at school. Thank you for your herculean efforts. We cannot end the year however without thanking Mr Smith and his wonderful team for all that they do for our children, both in and beyond the classroom. We wish you all a well-deserved summer break, and send our best wishes to those members of the team who are moving on to pastures new. Good luck!

Ron Binnie, Chair of Governors

SCHOOL MEALS & PARENTPAY:

Please note that from the new term in September school lunches will be ± 2.10 per day, ± 10.50 each week. Please ensure that ParentPay accounts are 'topped up' with sufficient credit ready for the childrens' return in September. Please arrange to pay any outstanding payments



as soon as possible, by taking the time to log on to your child's ParentPay account and checking for any outstanding payments. For Year 6 children leaving us this term who have remaining lunch credit, this will be transferred to siblings at Newburgh if relevant or refunded to the 'parent account' if there are no further siblings in school. Parents can then request a refund from ParentPay.

