



# 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 Wednesday 4th 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*

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS:

Wow, what a busy term this has been! I hope you've enjoyed one or other of our Christmas performances, or joined our older children for one of the Christingle services in St Paul's. A record number of parents were in school recently making Christmas decorations with their children, which has now become an annual event, and is a great way of getting involved in our school life. A huge 'thank you' to all the staff involved in making these wonderfully festive events happen. The Governors wish you and your children a truly wonderful Christmas and look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year.

Merry Christmas!

Ron Binnie, Chair of Governors

## VIRTUAL REALITY:

On Wednesday morning last week Year 3 and Upper school children were lucky enough to have a visit from

Google. They brought 60 Virtual Reality Goggles and took us on some fantastic



adventures. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 had a session each in which they explored an area to do with their topic. The children really enjoyed the experience and using our iPads in school, we will be able to use the 'virtual reality' to enhance our learning environments in the classroom! If you would like to have a free go at home have a look for an app called 'Expeditions' made by Google.

Mr Broomfield

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUB:

OnSide Coaching are running 5 days of Multi-Sports, Football and Dance at Aylesford School from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December. If this is something that you are interested in, please take a flyer from the main office reception area where further details can be found out.

Please remember that the first day back for children in the new year will be **WEDNESDAY**  
**4th JANUARY 2017.**

## LOWER SCHOOL COSTUMES:

Thank you for the excellent costumes that you have provided for the Lower school performances, I think the children felt really special on stage. After listening to parental feedback we would like to build up a bank of nativity costumes so that in future you would not be asked to provide a costume for the Christmas performance. If you feel you could donate your costume to school we would be very grateful.

Yours sincerely, Mrs K. Turner and Mrs L. Hernandez





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*Please remember our responsibilities to ourselves and our children when driving or parking around the school site. This is especially important where children and parents are crossing Kipling Avenue to enter school.*

Please note that children should be arriving at school at 8.45am at the earliest please.

## GOVERNORS CORNER:

It has been a busy term and last week saw the children performing superbly in the Christmas productions and this week the Upper School children have been performing their Christingle services at St Paul's Church, which I thoroughly enjoyed watching. These activities, along with numerous other events during the school year, give our children the chance to showcase their talents outside of the classroom and provide valuable opportunities for them to learn additional skills outside of their normal academic studies. This enables them to be more rounded and also become more confident in different social situations, which is an important life skill.

With the end of term upon us, the children and teaching staff can look forward to a well-earned rest over the Christmas period. Most parents will also enjoy some time to relax as well (once all of that Christmas shopping and office parties are done with, of course!) I hope you are able to enjoy your time with your children over Christmas and they get a chance to relax, ready to return in January, fully refreshed for another busy term!

Rob Hughes, Parent Governor

## PTA NEWS:

The PTA would like to wish everyone a well deserved and restful break, and a Very Happy Christmas. Thank You for all your support this year. We look forward to lots of exciting things planned for next year, so here are some dates for the diary for 2017:

**Next PTA Meeting - Monday 9th January (6.30pm in the staffroom)**

Family Evening Beetle Drive - Wednesday 25th January

Next Clothing Collection - Thursday 2nd March

Hatton Camping Weekend - Friday 9th - Sunday 11th June. (2 nights this year)

See you all in 2017,

Lisa Hernandez, PTA Chairman

## CHILDREN IN NEED APPEAL:

The School Council would like to say 'thank you' to everyone who helped raise money for the Children in Need Appeal in November. A final total has now been calculated and we raised **£367.23** which has been sent in to the appeal.



Thank you very much for everyone's help,

Miss Maisey and the School Council.



## NEWBURGH CHOIR(S):

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the children involved with the girls and boys choirs and the adults who support them, Newburgh was asked to sing at the 'Light of Love' festival in Warwick town centre last weekend. A large group of choir members were able to take part and their presence was much appreciated by the organisers. The choir have sung beautifully at numerous events during this festive season and we would like to pass on our thanks to Mrs Franklin, Mr Binnie, Mrs Blayney and Mrs Preston for their continued efforts in teaching and leading the choirs, particularly when giving so much of their own time so freely.

