



Newburgh Primary School

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

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What's on this week	Monday 12th December	Tuesday 13th December	Wednesday 14th December	Thursday 15th December	Friday 16th December
Before school 8am-8.55am			Guitar (8.45am)	School Bank 8.30am	
Activities during the school day	Choir & orchestra assembly 10am Yr5&6 choir singing at Leicester house 11am Guitar (pm)	Year 5 Christingle Service 2pm (St Paul's Church, Warwick) Reception visit to Umberslade Farm Violin (pm)	Guitar (am) Year 6 Christingle Service 2pm (St Paul's Church, Warwick) Reception decoration afternoon 1.30pm Children's Christmas lunch	Year 4 Christingle Service 2pm (St Paul's Church, Warwick)	Celebration Assembly: Y1 @ 9am Christmas 'outfit' day (see overleaf for more details)
Lunchtime					
After school (3.15-4.15pm unless otherwise stated)			Film club		

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

END OF TERM CHOIR NEWS:

If you have a child who is in our amazing KS2 choir or orchestra you might have noticed that we have been quite busy recently! Our singing up at Hatton a few weeks ago was a lovely festive start to the Christmas period. The children, whilst squashed in the corner or the courtyard, sang their hearts out. Afterwards, the manager of Hatton came up to us and remarked how impressed she had been with our singing. The deal was that if we took out choir up to sing then the PTA could use their field free of charge in the Summer.
On Tuesday last week we squashed ourselves (again) in to Playbox for our early Christmas showcase. There were 74 pupils plus instruments, coats, bags, audience and staff! We are very grateful to Playbox for letting us use their inspirational space. The choir sang alongside the orchestra and everyone stayed together (no mean feat I assure you).
In the next few weeks we have the Lights of Love dedication service on Sunday 11th at 4pm, in the Town Square. If you are doing this please meet at 3:45 and wear very warm clothes. Also our Y5 and Y6 choir members will be singing carols to the residents of Leicester House care home over on Chase Meadow.
We are all extremely proud of the children for their dedication and commitment. They should all be very proud of themselves too; it is very hard to stand up in front of a large audience and perform all the songs remembering the words and the part for the tune that you are singing. Well done to all.
Our last concert is on Monday 12th December at 10 am in the School Hall when the orchestra and choirs will be performing a selection of our Christmas repertoire (the same as we performed at Hatton Country World and Playbox) to the rest of the school. Parents and carers of those children who are involved are invited to this.
We wish you a Merry Christmas x 3 and a Happy New Year.
Mr Binnie, Mrs Franklin, Mrs Blayney and Mrs Preston.
Girls' and Boys' choirs and orchestra will begin again on the second week back after the holidays. New members always welcome.

ATTENDANCE:

Regular attendance is essential if children are to progress well and develop the habits of successful learners. Please make sure your child arrives promptly for school and only takes time off when absolutely necessary. It should not usually be necessary to be away from school because of a cold and we ask that routine medical appointments, such as dental check-ups, are planned after school or in the school holidays.
In the case of a sickness bug, however, children must be kept away from school for 24 hours after final symptoms to avoid spreading the illness across the school.
Please also note that the majority of children are very honest and will tell us when they have been away from school on holiday even if their parents give another reason! In addition to the impact of missing school, I ask you to consider the long term consequences of a parent asking their child to be less than 100% honest.





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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:

"One can never have enough socks," said Dumbledore. "Another Christmas has come and gone and I didn't get a single pair. People will insist on giving me books."

From Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone



It's that time of year again and so, in the spirit of Christmas, I have one simple message:

Give books this Christmas (don't listen to Dumbledore!). This isn't just because reading is part of the school's Learning Improvement Plan, or because research shows that 20 minutes of reading a day improves a child's life chances, both socially and academically, but because the right book at the right time is a joyous thing. Do ask class teachers if you need age-specific recommendations or go and browse a local bookshop for ideas.

Anna Meredith (Parent Governor)



PTA NEWS:

I would like say a huge thank you to everyone who came along and supported the Christmas Fair last Saturday. In total we raised £2383, which is nearly £250 more than last year. This year's success was helped so much by the



large number of volunteers we had. A massive **Thank you** to everyone who helped, whether it was on a stall, donating tombola prizes, buying raffle tickets, clearing away afterwards or contributed in any way to the smooth running and wonderful atmosphere of this year's fair. We couldn't have done it without you.

Lisa Hernandez, PTA Chairman

CHRISTMAS CD:

There are a small number of 'Newburgh Noel' CDs left if parents would like to purchase one.

If you are interested in purchasing one of these CDs, please speak to either the main school office or contact a member of the PTA.

The CDs were playing continuously at the Winter Fair on Saturday and contain tracks recorded by each year group in school as well as a special song sung by the school choirs.

UPCOMING DATES IN SCHOOL:

Wednesday 14th December: Reception decoration afternoon @ 1.30pm

Friday 16th December: Year 1 celebration assembly @ 9am

On Friday 16th December the school council invites you to wear a Christmas outfit (jumper, t-shirt, hat, tinsel) for a donation to our school charity, Myton Hospice. We look forward to seeing your festive outfits and ideas.

Thank you very much, the school council

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUB:

OnSide Coaching are running 5 days of Multi-Sports, Football and Dance at Aylesford School from Monday 19th to Friday 23rd 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 make sure that all replies are sent in and payments made for the following visit:

Reception visit to Umberslade Farm Park (13-12-16)

We require permission from **ALL** children in order to take them off site to Umberslade.

UPPER SCHOOL CHRISTINGLE:

If parents would like to walk with their child to the church, please note we will be leaving school at 1.30pm

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

UPPER SCHOOL CAROL CONCERT:

Please note the following advance information regarding the Upper School Christmas production this year:

* **Y5** will perform on **Tuesday 13th December @ 2pm**

* **Y6** will perform on **Wednesday 14th December @ 2pm**

* **Y4** will perform on **Thursday 15th December @ 2pm**

As you can see, there will be three separate performances this Christmas - one for each year group on their own. Also, please note that we will be performing at St Paul's Church in Warwick NOT in the school hall. As these are carol services we want to add impact to the productions by performing in our local church. Parents of children performing on these dates will be welcome to attend their children's performance.

