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Dear Parents/Carers

### Christmas Events - 2020

As we approach what will be an unusual Christmas period, we would like to share with you what we have planned for the children and you in order to make this festive period as enjoyable as possible.

### Christmas Decoration making

As we have done in previous years, children will make Christmas decorations to decorate our school. Unfortunately, we cannot invite parents/carers in to share this experience with the children but we will take lots of photos of the Christmas decorating making in our classes, and share these with you on the Newburgh School website at the beginning of December.

### Christmas performances

Reception will be singing (outside) a variety of Christmas songs. Lower school will be performing Silent Night using British sign language, in their year groups. Upper school will be taking part in Christingle services, in their year groups in school.

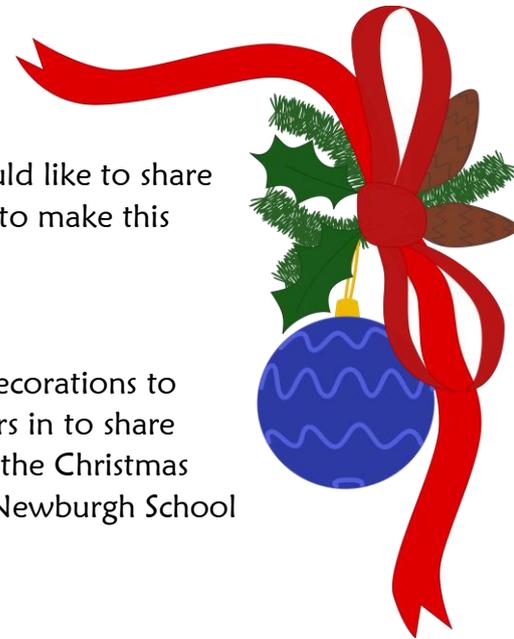
All our children will take part in these performances, they will be recorded twice, once with the whole year group which will be saved to share with you at a time when you are allowed in school and once again recorded with those children who have photo permission for use on the internet. This will be done discreetly so your child will be unaware of any differences.

Our Reception and Lower school performances will be available for you to enjoy on our Newburgh School website on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December and Upper School on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

### Christmas lunch - Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

We all look forward to our Christmas lunch day and this will take place in year groups on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Class Catering require orders in advance for this lunch so please remember to complete our [online ordering form](#) if you would like your child to have a Christmas dinner.

In keeping with a Christmas lunch, we are inviting children to wear a Christmas accessory as well as their school uniform on this day.



## **Pantomime**

Unfortunately we cannot take the children to the theatre to watch the Pantomime as we usually would. However, we are delighted that we will be able to share an online performance of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. This will take place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Children will enjoy this performance from their classrooms. Newburgh PTA have very kindly agreed to provide each child with an ice-cream or lolly to enjoy during the performance.

## **Christmas Cards**

If your child wishes to send cards or gifts to friends in school, please can they be brought to school on Mondays from this Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> November. They will then be placed in a box in the classroom to allow time for them to be safe to touch and then sent home with the children on the Thursday evening of each week.

## **Presents and Sweets**

In the interests of everyone's safety please can children NOT bring sweets or cakes in to share with children in their classes.

It is never expected of you but we are always incredibly grateful when parents choose to give our staff presents. Should any parent/carer wish to do so then these can be given via children who will be asked to place the gift in a box in the classroom until safe to touch.

As an alternative we have two other options that you could choose if you wish to do so. At Newburgh we are promoting a sustainable future and have a grove where families can plant a tree and leave a message. The grove can be found on the Trees for Life website

<https://treesforlife.org.uk/groves/73400/>

We are also working with Warwick Bookstore who hold a list of books that parents can either buy a specific title or make a donation for your child's class. These books have been chosen to promote reading for pleasure. More information will be soon be provided about this new venture.

We really hope you and your families enjoy these Christmas experiences.

Yours sincerely



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