



# Newburgh Primary School

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

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What's on this week	Monday 17th December	Tuesday 18th December	Wednesday 19th December	Thursday 20th December	Friday 21st December
Before school 8am-8.55am		School bank (8.20am)			
Activities during the school day	Violin (am) Y6 Christingle Service 10-11am @ St. Paul's Church  Reception visit to Attwell Farm Park 9.15am-1.00pm	Brass (am) Violin (pm) Stay & Play 9.30-11am Y5 Christingle Service 10-11am @ St. Paul's Church  Reception Christmas decoration afternoon 1.30-3.00pm	Guitar (am/pm) Y4 Christingle Service 10-11am @ St. Paul's Church  Children's Christmas dinner	Winter Sports Day	
Lunchtime		Home learning			Home learning
After school (3.15-4.15pm unless otherwise stated)	Y1 Tag Rugby Y3,4 Football				

Dear parents,  
As we draw towards the final week of the Autumn Term we have time to reflect on how far children have progressed since September when the new academic year started.

One of the most satisfying aspects to my position is to see how children develop year by year personally, socially and emotionally. Recently Mrs. Simpkins and I undertook a significant review of mathematics work in books across the school from Reception to Year 6.

It was very pleasing to see that processes across the school are uniform and now build upon experiences from previous years. This level of uniformity hasn't just occurred of course. Staff CPD over a long period of time and external guidance has helped us get to where we are today.

Children are being well taught across the school and the standard of work exhibited in their books was testament to that. Enjoy the last week of term, Mr. Smith

*eSchools reminder - All communication is now being sent home via the eSchools platform. It is really important for parents to log in to eSchools and update their email address within the personal details tab to ensure that correspondence is being received. The only letters which will be sent home on paper will be those which require completion of a reply slip. Please let the school office know if you require help with log in or a password reset.*

## You are invited!



Thursdays 27<sup>th</sup> Dec and 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan

Find us on Facebook at [MakeLunch](#) Warwick and let us know you are coming, so that we can cater accordingly.



11.30 - 1.15 pm



Chase Meadow Community Centre, Narrow Hall Meadow, Warwick CV34 6BT [www.chasemeadowcc.co.uk](http://www.chasemeadowcc.co.uk)

Make Lunch is a national initiative responding to parents struggling on tight budgets and aims to fill the holiday hunger gap! Register with us on arrival.

We are open to families from across Warwick and our sessions include games, activities, lots of fun and a free hot and healthy lunch! Organised by St Michael's Church [www.stmichaels-budbrooke.org.uk](http://www.stmichaels-budbrooke.org.uk)





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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.

## CHRISTMAS (2018) DATES:

Please find below a list of Christmas dates for children and parents:

### CHRISTMAS DECORATION MAKING:

Tuesday 18th December: Reception ~ 1.30-3pm

### CHRISTINGLE SERVICE - UPPER SCHOOL:

Monday 17th December: Year 6 @ St Paul's Church, Warwick ~ 10-11am

Tuesday 18th December: Year 5 @ St Paul's Church, Warwick ~ 10-11am

Wednesday 19th December: Year 4 @ St Paul's Church, Warwick ~ 10-11am

We hope to welcome you to as many of the events listed as possible this year.



## PTA NEWS:

Thank you to everyone who supported the fair on Saturday, whether by donating, helping out or by coming along and spending your money. **We raised a fantastic total of £2,200!**

This money all goes towards enriching the school experience for all of the young people at Newburgh. Recent funds allocated have been for such things as role-play costumes for reception, the Christingle service for Upper School and the Sing-up music for the whole school.

I hope you have a good break and we look forward to seeing you at future PTA events.

Tom Billyard, PTA Chair



## JOB VACANCIES:

Are you interested in some paid employment during lunchtimes for five days per week? If so, a role as midday supervisor in school may be the job for you. We currently have two vacancies for midday supervisors to work from 12.00-1.00pm for five days per week. These positions are vital in order to keep the school day moving smoothly.

If you are interested in these positions, please come and speak to the staff in the main office who will be able to give you more information and an application pack.

If this is not for you but you know of someone who may be interested, please pass on this information to them.

*For health and safety reasons, please can we remind children who have long hair that this should be either tied back in a pony tail or*

## POLITE NOTICE

Please do not allow your children to use the ball court at the end of the school day because we cannot ensure their safety. Thank you for your understanding. Mrs K. Turner

## CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA JOINT CHRISTMAS CONCERT:

Well done. Well done. Well done. I have had so many comments from parents and performers saying that they really enjoyed the concert at Chase Meadow last week. All of the pupils involved should feel extremely proud of their performance on the night; the highlight for me was the special song that Mr Binnie had arranged for the choirs to say thank you to Mr. Smith for his support over the last 7 years. I was also really impressed with the opening Blues piece from the orchestra.

Please can I also say thank you to the small army of parents who willingly helped to put everything away afterwards. Thank you to everyone who came along to support the children. Thank you to Mr Binnie for giving up so much of his time to support the children at Newburgh.

We (all) wish you a merry Christmas.

The choir and orchestra team

## GOVERNORS CORNER:

I had the pleasure of visiting school last Friday to review the progress of Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) priority; to improve the percentage of children who reach the Early Learning Goal (ELG) for writing.

I was inspired to see that formidable efforts are being made toward this priority and there was clear evidence of students making progress and phonics sessions are fully embedded for the Early Years. I was most impressed by the children's work on display boards, which clearly showed the improvement in their writing just in one term.

Only this week Ofsted has launched its latest Annual Report detailing its findings from inspections carried out in England over the past year 2017/18 and in this report it highlights; 'that the substance of education is the curriculum. It makes no sense to think about education without it'.

Even as parents we have lost the focus on what is being taught in schools and have measured schools on their performance data and performance tables.

What is taught matters, especially in early years as this focus on curriculum helps us to recognise the importance of early literacy and language, which helps to build the strong foundation in English.

As the focus of future inspections will change from data to substance, we should also change our focus and support the school in building strong foundations and supporting children to achieve their individual goal.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas.

Raman Gurnani

*If you have an issue you would like governors to consider, please send an email to [governors2325@welearn365.com](mailto:governors2325@welearn365.com)*

## LIBRARY CLOSURE:

Please note that the school library is now closed for the Christmas break.

We would be very grateful if all school library books could be returned ideally on Monday 17th December, but if not, then as soon as possible please.

Thank you, Mrs. K. Tuner

