

8<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

**Christmas Events - 2023**

As we approach the 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. There are several opportunities for you to join us in school. You are not expected to attend everything but we would love to see you at any that you are able to attend.

**Non-uniform day**

On Friday **1<sup>st</sup> December** Christmas jumpers / non-uniform may be worn to school in exchange for items for the PTA tombola.

**Christmas Decoration making**

As we have done in previous years, children will make Christmas decorations to decorate our school. We would like to invite parents to join their children at these events, if you are able to, on the below dates.

**Please note that due to limited space we are unable to accommodate younger siblings to this event. Please can a maximum of 2 adults per child attend.**



Reception, Year 1 & Year 2	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 9.05 – 10.30 am	Enter via main school office entrance. (please remember to sign in on arrival)
Years 3 & 4	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 9.05 – 10.30 am	Enter via main school office entrance. (please remember to sign in on arrival)
Years 5 & 6	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 9.05 – 10.30 am	Enter via main school entrance (please remember to sign in on arrival)

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## PTA Christmas Fair

This year, the Newburgh PTA fair will take place during the Christmas decoration mornings. A tombola, stalls and refreshments will be available for you and your children. The choir will sing at the Y3/4/5/6 events.

### Christmas performances

Reception	'Nativity story' – in school (enter via main school entrance)	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm	Max 2/3 adults per child to attend
Year 1 & 2	Christmas Play – in school (enter via main school entrance)	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm	Max 2 adults per child to attend
Year 3/ 4	'Carol Service' – in school (enter via main school entrance)	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm	Max 2 adults per child to attend
Year 6	'Christingle' at St Paul's Church, Friar Street, Warwick with Rev Hearn	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December – leaving school at 9.30am for a service at 10am	Max 2 adults per child to attend
Year 5	'Christingle' at St Paul's Church, Friar Street, Warwick with Rev Hearn	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December – leaving school at 9.30am for a service at 10am	Max 2 adults per child to attend

**Younger siblings welcome to attend above events if seated on parent lap.**

**Please only take photographs of your own children and please do NOT place images/videos on social media platforms.**

### Christmas lunch - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

We all look forward to our Christmas lunch day and this will take place in year groups on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**.

If your child will be ordering a Christmas lunch on this day please ensure sufficient funds are placed on ParentPay in advance (**£2.37 usual school meal price**).

For children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 there is no cost in line with the Universal Infant Free School meal scheme.

**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

Children in Years 1 to 6 will be visiting the Bridge House Theatre, Warwick, to see a performance of 'Nativity- The Musical!' on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December**.

**Years 1 to Years 3 at 10am and returning to school for 12:40pm**

**Year 4 to Year 6 at 2:00pm and returning to school for 4:45pm**

School uniform must be worn on this day and children can bring PE kit to change into for the afternoon if necessary. Each child will receive an ice cream, back at school, to enjoy. Please note that we are unable to take any children where we have not received consent. If you have not yet consented or paid for this visit then please do so using the link [HERE](#) and by making payment via your child's [ParentPay](#) account.

Reception classes will be enjoying a virtual pantomime experience in school.

## Christmas Cards

If your child wishes to send cards to friends in school, please can they be brought to school by children and placed in the post box in the school library. Envelopes should be clear with names and classes and they will be delivered by Newburgh Post!

## Presents and Sweets

As a healthy school, and in the interests of everyone's safety, please can children **NOT** bring sweets or cakes in to share with children in their classes.

As an alternative we have 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 Books who have a shop in the main square in Warwick, 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.

Or you can buy a board game for the class to enjoy at wet playtimes when they are unable to play outside.

## Last day of term

The last day of term for children is **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**. Children return to school following the Christmas holiday on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024**.

Yours sincerely



Mrs J Simpkins  
Headteacher