



PEER REVIEW REPORT

As you may remember, at the end of November we had some visitors into school. These were 2 headteachers from Warrington schools and an external advisor who is a trained ofsted inspector. Their role was to observe lessons, interview school leaders and scrutinise any self-review and school improvement paperwork. The point of this review is to quality assure the judgements of school leaders and to give any points of development in order to take the school forward. This is a nerve-wracking experience but very valuable to have just a high level of leadership reviewing all that happens at Newchurch Primary school. I have a copy of the draft report and I am very pleased to say it reads very positively. I have put this on our school website for you to read for yourselves but here are the comments from a couple of our governors:

Janine Dowling: As a governor, it was an absolute pleasure to read the Peer Review report, the pages and pages of strengths that have been identified by the external review team are truly reflective of the level of effort and quality of the Newchurch Team. As a governing body, we know that the school team work incredibly hard and it is fantastic to see strengths recognised very positively across the many areas identified in the peer review. A massive well done to Newchurch children and staff, an amazing report.

Jean Williams: I just wanted to send a quick message and give a heartfelt thank you to you all for your continued support and help this year. Looking back at Friday News it is clear that there have been a lot of successes we can feel really proud of. Have a wonderful, relaxing Christmas and all the very best for the New Year. We've set the bar high for 2019 but I'm excited for what the future holds at Newchurch.

KS2 PERFORMANCE

What a fantastic day we had on Wednesday watching the KS2 children performing their

Christmas production, 'Dick Whittington and his Cat'. After many weeks of hard work and dedication from the children, they managed to put together a wonderfully enjoyable show. To remember all of their lines, know when to come on and off of the stage and to speak and sing so confidently is testament to the ability of the children. They made everyone feel very proud and brought a real festive feeling to Newchurch. A huge thank you to parents, friends and families who provided costumes for the children and helped them to learn their lines. Your support, as always, is greatly appreciated.

Ethan: I enjoyed acting on stage even though I was nervous. It was fun!

Jenny: When I was on stage being a cat, I looked out front and saw all the people watching us. I was nervous but happy and proud as well.

LOOKING BACK AT 2018

As we are fast approaching the end of the year, it is an ideal time to reflect on the highlights at Newchurch Primary School in 2018. I have asked the staff to share with you theirs. I wonder what yours have been.

Mrs Lawrenson: We have taken part in 2 intensive school reviews (SEND review in June and whole school review in November). These have been very vigorous and no stone has been left unturned yet the reports are overwhelmingly positive and a real celebration of the whole team and the excellent work that goes on at Newchurch.

Mrs Narraway: How fantastic has 2018 been? The enthusiasm for reading has been an absolute delight to see. Children (and parents) have been asking for recommendations, which we have gladly provided. I can't wait to see what 2019 will bring.

Mrs Sizer: One of many highlights (and the start of the Christmas celebrations for me), was when Reception class visited Newchurch Parish Church to experience the Nativity Story.

Miss Pomfret: My highlight of the year has been how welcome I have felt by staff, parents and children at Newchurch. Thank you all and Merry Christmas!

Mrs Conreen: It has been an extremely

eventful and action-packed year and trying to pick out just one thing as a highlight is tricky. Since September year 2 have been on a number of fantastic trips including the Christmas Journey and going to the Lowry Art gallery, but I think for me the highlight has to be the Christmas Performance. Watching the children grow in confidence with their singing, dancing and acting was amazing and I'm so proud of them all. Bring on 2019!

Miss Brinksmann: My highlight of 2018 has most definitely got to be joining the Newchurch team. I am extremely lucky to be part of such an amazing team as well as being class teacher to the fabulous Year 3 class.

Mr Singleton: My highlight of the year was Healthy Lifestyles week. It was amazing to see so many children engaged in all of the exciting activities we had on offer. We also managed to raise an incredible amount of money through our sponsored rowing event.

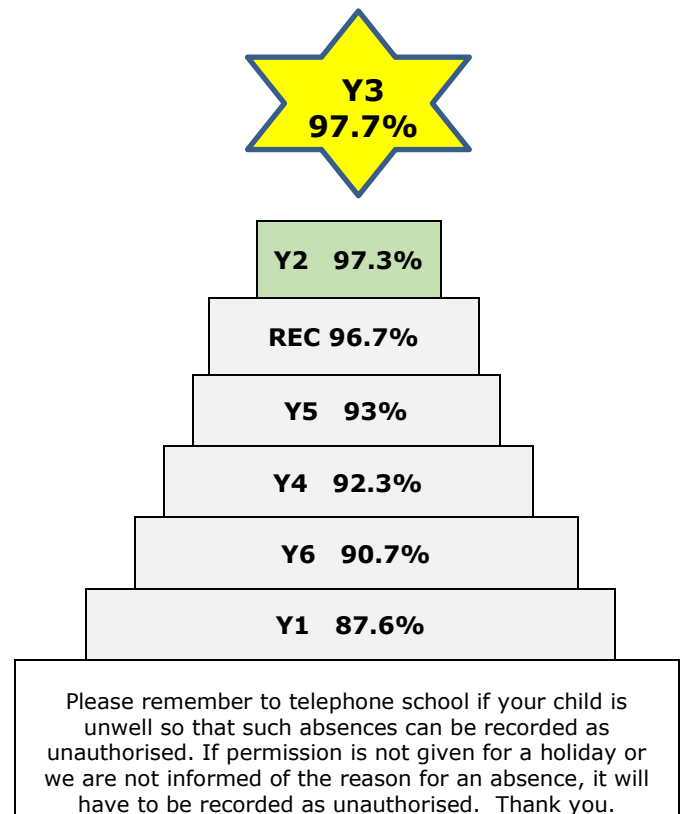
Mr Tattersall: My personal highlight has becoming the Year 5 teacher at such a wonderful school. The support from staff, children and parents of the Newchurch family has been amazing.

Mr Duckett: Watching art develop even further across school this year has been amazing. The level of creativity in every class shows just how talented our children and staff are. Progress in maths is also great with the children becoming more confident in their reasoning across the school. As ever, seeing year six classes ready themselves for SATs and the transition to secondary school with such maturity is always a pleasure and gives a feeling of genuine pride. Great year everyone!

Mrs Dixon: I love to see all the happy, smiling faces running into school each day eager to learn, have fun and ready to challenge themselves in so many ways. We are a lucky family to have such wonderful children (and adults too).

SCHOOL DIARY DATES	
3.1.19	School re-opens
16.1.19	PTA meeting
11.2.19	Young Voices
7.2.19	Valentine's Disco (date changed)
11.3.19	PAN performance
8.4.19	Easter Bingo
23.5.19	Summer Disco
28.6.19	PTA BBQ
4.7.19	Y6 Play CHS
12.7.19	Y6 Prom (arranged by parents)
To help with family financial planning, please be aware, pupils in Year 5 will be going to Kingswood in October and Y4 will be going to Beeston in July.	

Attendance w/e 14th December 2018
Our whole target is 97.5%



READING LADDER w/e 21st December 2018

	Y2 89%	+
	Y3 86%	+
	Y4 83%	-
	Y5 79%	-
	Rec 72%	-
	Y6 68%	-
	Y1 43%	=

Have a lovely break.
Mrs Lawrenson