



FRIDAY NEWCHURCH

20th December 2019

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Mrs Narraway and Mr Duckett

As the end of 2019 approaches, may we take this opportunity to thank all the parents for their unwavering engagement in their child's learning and the governors for their time and support in ensuring Newchurch continues to be a thriving school. Words cannot express how grateful we are to the ALL the staff for their commitment to providing your children with the very best education they can. We are very lucky to have them; they go the extra mile each and every day. What a great family we all make! Thank you for all your words of encouragement and congratulations following our recent Ofsted and here's to an amazing 2020, full of magical adventures and surprises! Merry Christmas everyone, and a Happy New Year.

KS2 PLAY – A Christmas Jigsaw

The Key Stage 2 Christmas performance took place this week, with Year 4 taking centre stage, and what a wonderful end to the term it was. We are all so proud of the children's hard work and resilience to learn so many lines and dances and I think you will all agree that they put on an amazing show. We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you again for all your support with this at such a busy time of year to help make it such a joyous occasion.

Mrs Narraway: Well done to Mrs Conreen, Miss Ingham Year 4 and all the staff and children in KS2 for their spectacular performance of 'A Christmas Jigsaw'. It doesn't seem two minutes since Year 4 were performing 'Minty Mouse' in Year 2! It was clear that every child in Key Stage Two wanted to show

responsibility for the quality performance of the Christmas play: the dances were polished, the acting was well rehearsed, the staging and backdrop set the scene and the singing was nothing short of perfect!

Parent quote: *I just wanted to send a quick email to let you know that my husband and I really enjoyed the nativity tonight. I very much look forward to the school's displays and tonight's was extra special with it being Mrs Narraway's first one as head teacher and she did not disappoint, from start to finish it was exceptional. You should all be very proud, both children and staff.*

May we also take the opportunity to thank those parents and children who returned to school for the evening performance. It was lovely to see our core values of 'Responsibility' and 'Reciprocity' being demonstrated to enable parents who work full time to also take pride in their children's achievements.

Lucas – Year 4: I liked doing the play and my favourite part was when Herod went out into the audience when we say his song.

Beth – Year 4: I liked playing the part of one of the children as it was the part that I wanted.

Austen – Year 6: I like the beginning of the play when the stall holders were on stage and the children came down the middle of the hall to get onstage and look around all the different stalls.

Sierra – Year 6: I liked the whole play but my favourite part was when the shepherds took the fire with them off stage and said don't try this at home kids.

ALDERHEY DONATIONS

Thank you for your generous donations after the KS2 play. We will be sending £89.10 to Alderhey hospital.

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Thank you and Welcome

We would like to take the opportunity to say thank you to Mrs Wormleighton for working with Mrs Toone this term whilst we appointed the other half of the job share for Year 1. Mrs Wormleighton will continue to be the school SENCo and Miss Caitlin Reynolds will be the new Year 1 teacher.

END OF HALF TERM 'BEST BITS'

Mrs Sizer: Throughout this term, I am so proud of all the reception children who have grown in confidence. It was fabulous to watch them perform on stage as elves and cow girls and boys.

Mrs Wormleighton: It has been an absolute joy to work with Year 1 this term! I love their enthusiasm and attitude towards their learning. There are too many highlights to mention here, but the memory of dressing up for the opening of the Liverpool to Manchester railway in 1830 will definitely stay with me!

Mr Tattersall: We have enjoyed a very busy first term in Year 2. It has been wonderful getting to know the children as they have been very keen to share their passions and interests with both myself and Mrs Dixon. I have also been very impressed with how the children have matured in their approach as the term has progressed and look forward to many more exciting times ahead in 2020. Merry Christmas to you and your families!

Miss Brinksman: What a fun and busy term this term has been. Year 3 have settled in beautifully and worked very hard. My highlight of the year so far has got to be seeing each child enjoying their learning, and learning lots of new things. One of the new things the children have learnt is playing the keyboard in our weekly keyboard lessons.

Mrs Conreen: What a busy and packed first term we have had in year 4. The whole class have been absolutely fantastic and worked so hard challenging themselves all the time. My highlight of the year so far however has got to be the Christmas performance. The whole class worked as a team to make the performance the best it could be, from

learning their lines to dances and songs, they really did shine. We have some budding actors and directors amongst year 4!

Mr Duckett: School has achieved so much in the autumn term and as deputy I have experienced a great deal; however my highlight of the year has been watching year five mature and prove just what an amazing cohort they are. They are a genuine team and have set their sights high for 2020. They are unstoppable!

Mr Singleton: There have been so many amazing moments already but Kingswood stands out as a real highlight. The children showed grit and determination to overcome each and every challenge they faced. I was so proud of the way in which they supported each other with words of encouragement. They showed what kind-hearted children they are.

Mrs Wilkinson-Gamble: My favourite day this term has got to be the party day yesterday. What an amazing atmosphere throughout school! It was fabulous to see all the staff and children so happy and having so much fun.

Mrs Urmston Year 5: My highlight has to be seeing the transformation in Year 5's approach to and enjoyment of reading. The key to which is finding the right book to capture their imagination, from a simple story about a kaleidoscope to the thought-provoking 'Eleven.' Keeeep reading!

School Council Christmas Challenge

As you are probably aware, the School Council have been challenged with the mission to develop pleasure for reading across the school. This week, they have worked hard to create a 'Ten Step Challenge' for this week and over the Christmas break. The ideas, which they presented to the classes today, have been developed by the School Council and we very much hope you will engage in the festive fun! Challenges include:

1. Read a Christmas story to a sibling or younger child.

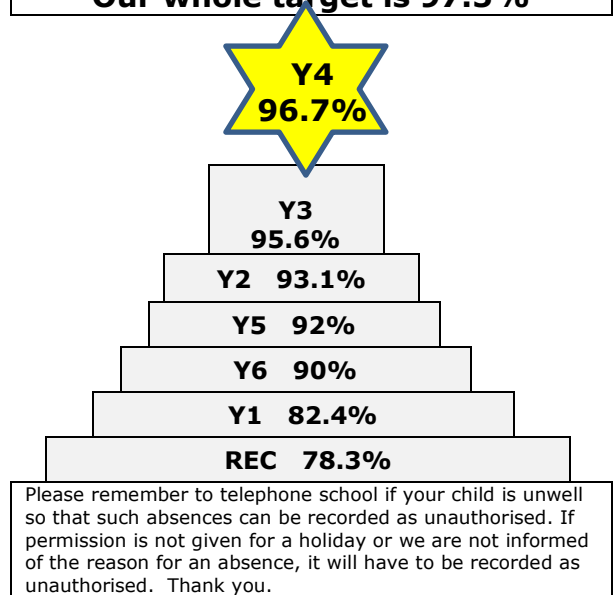
2. Read to a teddy bear as part of a teddy bears' picnic or just at bedtime.
3. Read a picture book of your choice to 5 different people.
4. Find a place outdoors and read.
5. Read a book under your duvet with a torch.
6. Read in an unusual place.
7. Create a homemade den and snuggle up to read your favourite book.
8. Choose a recipe and follow it.
9. Create a comic or picture to show the Christmas Story.
10. Read five jokes!

This will have been sent home for homework this week and for the holidays. All children who complete all 10 steps will be entered into a draw to win a £10 book voucher. Good luck to all the Newchurch bookworms!

Safeguarding Crew Corner

Congratulations to: Ethan (Y5), Sofia (Y3) and Sophie (Y3) who won this half term's Junior Safety Officer competition. Daisy and Matthew are doing a wonderful job, aided by their buddy Mrs Urmston, in raising awareness of how to keep safe.

Attendance w/e 9th December 2019
Our whole target is 97.5%



SCHOOL DIARY DATES

6.1.20	School returns
7.1.20	KS1 Panto
15.1.19	Parent Board(6pm)
15.1.20	PTA meeting 7pm
27.1.20	Rec, Y1, Y2 and Y3 Library visits
28.1.20	Y4, Y5 and Y6 Library visits
30.1.20	Quiz Night
12.2.20	KS1 and KS2 SATs meeting (6:30pm)
5.3.20	World Book Day – Reading Picnic
6.3.20	Circus Skills Day
20.3.20	Thank you Service (all invited)
23.3.20	PAN Performance Evening
27.3.20	Easter Bingo
3.4.20	Easter Extravaganza
23.4.20	Parents' evening
W/C 11.5.20	KS2 SATS
W/C 18.5.20	KS1 SATS
10.6.20	New Starter Meeting (7pm)
19.6.20	Sleepover
3.7.20	BBQ
6.7.20	Sports' Day
17.7.20	Leavers' Assembly (all invited)

To help with family financial planning, please be aware, pupils in Year 6 will be going to Kingswood in October and Y4 will be going to Beeston in July.

Have a lovely festive break.
 Mrs Jayne Narraway