



Note from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

Having now reached the first week of December, we can officially launch the Christmas season. Unfortunately, the end of lockdown has not meant the end of restrictions so we still need to continue social distancing and wearing our masks.

November has been a tough month and I feel we are all in need of some good news, so here comes the first of several such items. I am pleased to announce that Talia was a runner up in the recent Lexicon Art Competition for schools. Her task was to design a Christmas stocking. It is worth noting that Talia came third out of 1,100 entries. The winning designs will now form part of a special Christmas Tree within a pod on Braccan Walk North (opposite Office). Please go along to view Talia's work when you are in that area. Congratulations, Talia. Every Newbold pupil's success story is a source of pride for all of us at Newbold School.

Even more good news came from the parents of one of our 2020 Year 6 leavers. The quality and strength of this child's mindset was remarked upon by the secondary school teachers. A strong growth mindset is exactly what we want for all of our pupils so they are secondary ready when they leave us. Well done to our own excellent teachers and to our wonderful children, who are all precious to us. Although we know that Newbold School is doing a great job for our children, it's also lovely to have our good work noticed and affirmed by others.

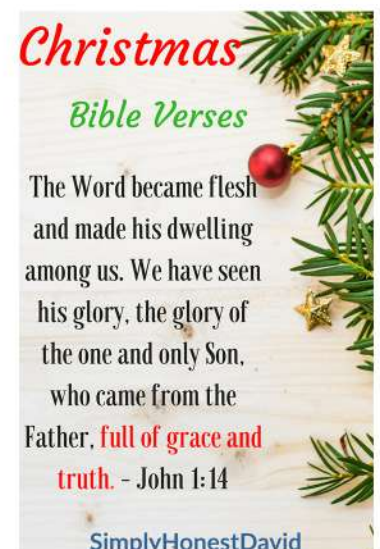
Finally, Mrs Eastwood (previous headteacher and mother of Mrs Milanovic) is hoping to join Y1-2 in January as a volunteer helper on Fridays. She will work with Mrs Chaudhri, who will continue to lead the class. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Eastwood back.

May God continue to bless all of you.

Kind regards,

Mrs J Crissey

PS - Since writing this, some of us have gone into self isolation. Several emails were sent with instructions. If anyone is uncertain, please do feel free to contact me by email.



PTFA

Well done to all the children that participated in the Christmas colouring competition. Your work was absolutely fantastic!

The winning entries are:

Miriam - F1	Gabriel S - F2	Matei - Y1	David - Y2
Gloria - Y3	Samuel - Y4	Dominika - Y5	Lynn - Y6



Super Special Baubles

Niva's Mummy kindly made these named baubles for us to hang on our Christmas tree in class. We went up one by one and chose a place to hang our special personalised bauble. We can take them home when we break up for Christmas. We are so lucky - thanks to Mrs Nathu.



KS2 December Bonus Bucks Day!

We have been inspired by Joe Wick and his workouts during our PE sessions this term. Joe would always dress up for his Friday sessions so we thought it would be fun to have a dressing up PE session on Friday 11th December.

The children can choose to spend some of their Bonus Bucks on the chance to wear their home clothes or fancy dress on this day. Remember - we will be completing one of the Joe Wicks' workouts in the morning, so make sure you choose something in which you can move easily!

KS2 Body Balance

KS2 have enjoyed taking part in the Body Balance tracks. They have been practising balances, stretches, core work and breathing techniques. The last session will be Monday 14th December.



Christmas Cards

The children are able to write Christmas cards to their friends at school, however this year we will not have the postal box out. Each class will handle their own cards, hence please ask the children to hand their cards to their class teacher. Thank you.

Nativity Play

Although the traditional Nativity Play can't be done due to the Covid related circumstances this year, what we are doing instead is beyond imagination! We are making a proper film, with professional people and equipment - I don't know how many schools can do that! What an experience!

Thank you to the children, teachers and everyone working so hard behind the scenes! Remember that it will be projected on Saturday 19th December at 11:15h for Newbold Church's Christmas programme. We will share the link next week.



Dates For Your Diary

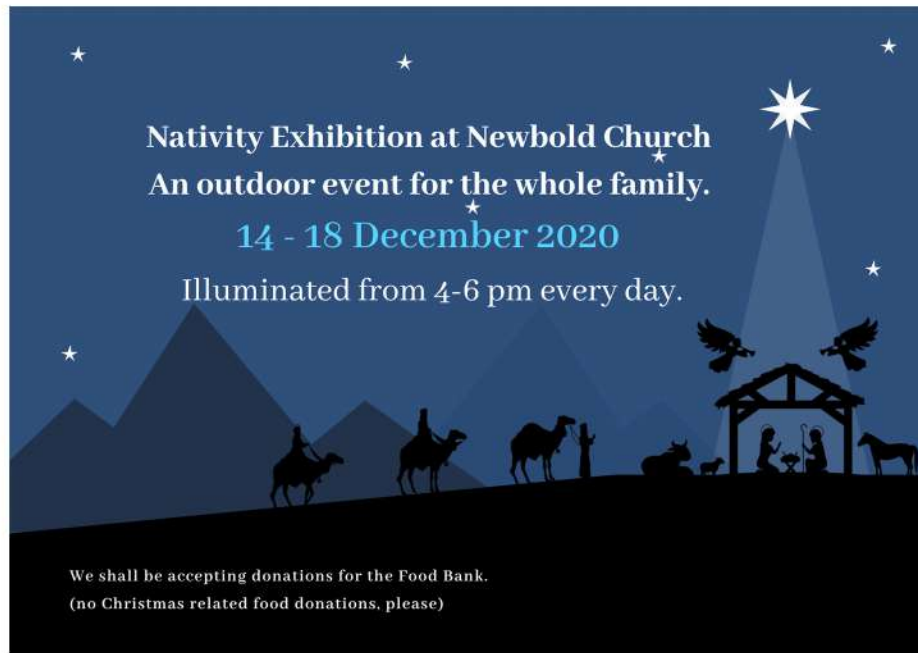
Tuesday 8th December
Tuesday 15th December

Wednesday 16th December
Thu 17th Dec - Sun 3rd Jan
Monday 4th January
Tuesday 5th January

Last day of ukulele and sewing club
Christmas jumper/non uniform day
(If you are at home, feel free to wear your Christmas jumper and post some pictures on Seesaw)
Last day of term finishing at **12:30h**
Christmas Holidays
INSET day
First Day of Spring Term

Nativity Exhibition at Newbold Church!

More than 20 nativities will be on display in this outdoor family walk around display. From ideas to use at home to well loved traditional styles, there is something for everyone as you socially distance and reflect on the story of the first Christmas. Donation for Bracknell Food Bank will be greatly appreciated



Green Corner



NHS Talking Therapies

Good Morning Newbold School,

We hope you are well and having a good week.

I'm Sarosh Khan and I work for Talking Therapies within the Patient Engagement and Communications Team.

Talking Therapies is a free NHS service here to support the residents of Berkshire who may be struggling with difficulties including; low mood, anxiety and stress. With the current situation we are all facing, it is to be expected many people may be struggling and in need of some support at this time.

With that in mind, I have contacted you today to let you know Talking Therapies are here not only to support the parents and carers of Newbold School but also your staff members.

We would be grateful if you would consider sharing the below in your upcoming parent and staff newsletters:

Talking Therapies is a free NHS service here to support the residents of Berkshire aged 17+ who may be struggling with difficulties including: low mood, anxiety and stress at this unprecedented time.

If you are in need of support you can call the Talking Therapies admin team on 0300 365 2000, alternatively you can Sign Up via their website referral form.

To find out more about Talking Therapies and the services they offer please visit their website.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,

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