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| **Dear Parents,**  Welcome to the latest newsletter and a very warm welcome to Rose who has joined us in Nursery. We hope you will be very happy here at Newbrough!  There are lots of Christmas dates and information in this newsletter so do make a note of these. We’ll keep sending out reminders too. | |
| **Stars of the Week**  Each week, class teachers choose children, who have particularly impressed them with their attitude or contributions in class, to be their stars of the week.  Here are the stars for the last 2 weeks:  **Class 1: Charlie and Iris; Makai and Rose**  **Class 2: Phoebe and Kit; Fern and Henry Class 3:Luke and Thea ; Blake and Layla**  **Class 4: Joseph; Holly**  Headteacher’s Awards went to Callum and Barney  Really well done to you all! | |
| **Film Night**  The Friends are organising a film night on **Thursday 8th December**. The children can come to school in pyjamas and slippers and bring a cuddly toy if they wish. They will be served hot chocolate and popcorn during the performance.  Timings: **Start 5pm prompt.**  Class 1 (EYFS/R) finish at 5.45 pm  Class 2, 3 and 4 finish at 6.30 pm  Cost: £3 per child  Choice of films available. | **Non-Uniform Day- Christmas hamper donations**  There is a non-uniform day on Friday 9th December in exchange for the children bringing in food and drink items for our Christmas hampers.  No smellies or non-consumables please.  The raffle for the hampers will be drawn at the evening performance of the Christmas play on Tuesday 20th December. |
| **Christmas Jumper Day/ Christmas dinners**  Christmas dinner is on Friday 16th December and the children can wear their Christmas jumpers on this day. The children can bring in a £1 donation for charity if you wish. School Council are going to decide which charity we are supporting this year at their meeting next week.  A letter will be coming home next week asking if the children would like a Christmas dinner or not.  Mrs Bridges needs to know numbers by Monday 5th December so that she can get her food order in on time. | **Christmas Party**  This will be on Wednesday 21st December. Children can come to school in (sensible) party clothes if they wish- bearing in mind that they will still be playing outside at break and lunchtime.  Mrs Bridges will be preparing ‘party food’ for us at lunchtime.  Mrs Stevens will let you know about arrangements for Nursery children separately. |
| **Christmas performances**  Our Christmas play this year is: ‘Lights, Camel, Action- It’s Strictly the Nativity.’ The children (and staff) are really looking forward to this.  Our performances are on **Monday 19th December at 2pm** and **Tuesday 20th December at 5.30 pm**. We are very excited to be using the stage at Newbrough Town Hall again - for the first time in 3 years!  There will be a limit on tickets for each family for each performance. This is due to the seating capacity of the hall and also the fire regulations. Information on how to order tickets will be sent home in book bags during the week of Monday 5th December so watch out for this.  The dress rehearsal will take place on the morning of **Monday** **19th December starting at 10.30 am.** Parents with babies/ pre-school children are welcome to come and watch this. | |
| **Advent Service St Aidan’s Church**  We will be visiting St Aidan’s church on Tuesday next week for an Advent service.  There are a very limited number of seats in church if parents would like to join us. We will be leaving school at 9.15am and aiming to start the service at about 9.35am. | **Staffing Update**  I am very sad to let you know that Mrs Liz Johnson will be leaving us at the end of this term.  After working in our after -school club for a number of years, she has decided that it is finally time to retire. We wish her all the best for a long and happy retirement!  This means that we are now looking to recruit someone to work alongside Miss Briddock in the after -school club. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please come and have a chat about what is involved. |
| **Wreath Making Class hosted by Friends of Newbrough Primary School PTA**  For the first time, we will be hosting a wreath making class! This is on Wednesday 30th November and will be held in school from 6pm to 8pm, led by our very talented secretary, Amy Reeve.  We will provide everything you need to be able to make your own beautiful wreath ready for hanging on 1st December, but please bring along secateurs, wire cutters if you have them and gloves are advisable.  We’ll even provide you with a home-made mince pie from Mrs Bridges and a glass of mulled wine!  The class only costs £25 per person and we do request payment when booking please.  Anyone is welcome to come along.  We politely request you to book by Friday 25th November so that we can order the right quantities of supplies.  We look forward to seeing you there for festive fun!  To book your place please contact Gillian Wardle on facebook or on 07974203421. | |
| **Online Safety**  There are quite a few important updates this week.  We know that many children in school enjoy using TikTok.  TikTok features a number of privacy and safety settings to restrict who can contact and comment on your child’s posts and profile. It also features a Digital Wellbeing feature to restrict inappropriate content and help them manage how long they spend on the app. More information can be found here:  <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/social-media/tiktok-privacy-and-safety-settings/>  Lots of children will be wanting new games for Christmas. Internet Matters have put a guide together which will help parents make decisions, including age-specific games in which families can play together. You can find the guide here:  <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-gaming-advice/amazing-video-games-guide-for-families/>  Vodafone have put together a magazine for parents with lots of advice and safety tips. A digital copy can be found here:  <https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting> | |
| Finally, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do get in touch or catch me before school. If I don’t know there’s a problem, I can’t sort it out!  Kind regards,  Mrs Trotter (Headteacher) | |

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| **Dates for your diary:** |  |
| **November** |  |
| w/c Monday 28th November | Last session of extra- curricular clubs this week except Zumba |
| Tuesday 29th November | Advent – church service |
| **December** |  |
| Thursday 1st December | PTA Christmas Wreath Making workshop @ 6pm |
| Thursday 8th December | PTA Film night – **5pm start** |
| Friday 9th December | PTA Non-uniform day |
| Friday 16th December | Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch |
| Monday 19th December | Christmas Play - afternoon **@ 2pm** |
| Tuesday 20th December | Christmas play - evening **@ 5.30pm** |
| Wednesday 21st December | Christmas party |
| Friday 23rd December | End of term 3.15pm |
| Monday 9th January | Teacher training day |
| Tuesday 10th January | Children return to school |