

Newsletter - 28th November 2022



**Newland
St John's**

CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

*Living Together,
Learning Together
and Shining Together
in the Love of God.*

What is coming up ...

- Tuesday 29th Nov - 5th Dec - Scholastic Book Fair in school
- Thursday 1st Dec - Foxes Prehistory Educational Visit
- Wednesday 7th December - EYFS/KS1 Pantomime at Hull Truck Theatre
- Tuesday 13th December - EYFS/KS1 Nativity performance to parents at St John's Church - 2pm
- Tuesday 13th December - Christmas Music concert - 4:30 pm start
- Wednesday 14th December - Badgers/Rabbits Prehistory Educational Visit
- Thursday 16th December - Year 5 pupils lead our Christmas Service in St John's Newland Church (parents welcome) - 9am
- Thursday 16th December - Christmas Dinner for children.
- Thursday 16th December - School Disco - EYFS/KS1 4-5pm KS2 5-6pm (tickets from the office from 5th Dec)
EYFS+KS1 4pm-5pm KS2 5-6pm, tickets are £1 per child.
- Friday 17th December - School closes for Christmas at 3:15pm
- Tuesday 3rd January - School closed to pupils for training day.
- Wednesday 4th January - School re-opens to pupils.

Advent and Christmas at Newland St John's

Advent has now started - the special time when Christians prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. We have lit the first candle on our advent wreath and will continue to light another for each week of Advent. Children will also be exploring an Experience Advent Day over the next few weeks so they can gain a deeper understanding of this special time of year. In the final week, children will be making some unique Christmas party hats to wear for their Christmas dinner and other events in school - they will bring them home on the last day. Year 5 are leading our Christmas Service in St John's Church; there is also a Christmas music concert, a disco, and even a pantomime for the younger children. As you can see, it's a busy time on the run up to Christmas in school.



Help for Families

The cost of living crisis is having an impact on all families in our community. We would like to signpost some sources of support that may help:

Food Banks:

[Hull Foodbank](#) [Food Bank - Hull Vineyard Church](#)

Christ Church Newland Pantry (Contact the school office for more details).

To Apply for Free School Meals click here: [My School Portal - Sign in](#)

We are keen as a school not to add to the financial pressures that families are under. To help this, we will try to minimise demands on parents/carers to fund 'dress up days' that mean spending money and buying resources. As much as possible, we will provide resources for special themed days in school, for example the exciting Christmas party hats we are making in the last week. This means that all children get to take part in a range of experiences.

Charities and Fundraising

A big THANK YOU to all who supported our Children in Need Fair, however big or small your donations - we raised a massive £383.74.

We would also like to thank LaserStation, Big Fun and Starbucks for providing vouchers for our raffle.



Christmas Disco

The Christmas disco will be organised by the 'Parents and Friends of NSJ' on **Thursday 15th December**. Tickets are available from the school office from Monday 5th December. Tickets include entry, a drink and a snack. All children must be dropped off and collected by a responsible adult.



Scholastic Book Fair

Our Scholastic book fair will be in the front entrance from **Tuesday 29th November until Monday 5th Dec**. Do come along to look at the wonderful range of books on offer.

Perhaps you will find some quality books for

Christmas presents? All purchases contribute towards our commission which will buy books for NSJ children.



Compost Donations

In preparation for our gardening club starting in the spring of 2023, we are asking for any donations of compost for our new raised vegetable bed.

Anything you have left over or can spare would be appreciated - even half a bag or any home-made compost - it will all add up. Please drop this off at the front entrance of school. If you can arrange a larger amount of compost, please let us know.



Safeguarding

Please note that we have some changes to our Safeguarding team:

Our Safeguarding & Child Protection Leader is **Mr Neil Kenningham**. Our Deputy Safeguarding & Child Protection Leaders are **Mrs Brett, Mrs Williams and Miss Briggs**.

What to do if you have a concern about a child: During School Hours:

- Contact the school and speak to either Mr Kenningham or another member of the safeguarding team, via the main office on 01482 305740.

- Contact the Access and Assessment team for Hull on 01482 448879

Out of school hours and during school holidays:

- If your concern is urgent and there is an immediate risk of harm, then contact the police via 999

If your concern is less urgent but you are worried about the welfare of the child then contact Children's Social Care, Access and assessment team on 01482 448879 (Weekdays 8.30am-5pm) or the Immediate Help

Team on 01482 300304 (After 5pm and weekends).



Online Safety

There is no doubt that some of our children will be asking for new devices and console games for Christmas. New games, devices and Apps may bring joy, but they also bring online safety risks. Please be aware of age-ratings for new and existing games and Apps, including social media. Below is a guide to age-ratings for Apps that may help parents. Click [here](#) to see more help on our website for parents about online-safety, including console game age-ratings. If you need further help about online safety , please speak to Mr Rouse.



Facebook - 13yrs



Instagram - 13yrs



TikTok - 13yrs



Snapchat - 13yrs



Discord - 13yrs



WhatsApp - 16yrs



Roblox - 7yrs



Fortnite - 12yrs



Minecraft - 7yrs

A Prayer for Advent

An Advent Prayer

God of light and hope,
look upon us in love,
and fill us with the Spirit of Jesus
that we may love you and serve you in your kingdom.
Protect us during this week
and keep us watchful in prayer
as we await the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
who is the light of the world,
and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.



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