



## December 2023

### HEAD TEACHERS CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

I work with such a great team of people.

It has been a long term and we have needed to dig deep in these last few weeks – as always the whole team has risen to the challenge arriving each day with smiles and determination. Each and everyone has given 100% everyday to support our school family. I could not be prouder.

Many thanks to the whole staff team for their help and support this term. Those in the classrooms and those behind the scenes – they are all awesome.

I hope that this Christmas finds you well and that you find time to relax and enjoy the season.

Mrs Ward



## Essential Information

### Updates

A card was presented to Ivy Ison at the weekend to celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday. All the children contributed to the card and it was very well received. Her family would like me to thank the children for their kind wishes.

### Bikeability

We were so proud of our year 6 pupils during their Bikeability sessions. They were focused and respectful and all passed. The feedback from the Bikeability coaches was excellent – the pupils were Noticeably Newton!

### Clubs and Wrap Around Care

Thank you for your support again this term. **Wrap Around care (breakfast club and late stay) will run from the first day of term.** Activity club letters will follow in the first week – these clubs will start w/c 15<sup>th</sup> January.

#### Activity club plans TBC in the new year:

- Monday: Nerf
- Tuesday: Creative Writing
- Wednesday: Art
- Thursday: Gymnastics
- Friday: Dance

### Sports News

Congratulations to those pupils taking part in sports hall athletics, football and dodgeball competition this term: they were wonderful ambassadors for our school and we are very proud of our 'Spirit of the Games' award for the Dodgeball tournament.

Events for next term include orienteering, a swimming gala and a gymnastics competition.

### Swimming

We will once again be swimming with years 3, 4 and 5 during the Spring term. Further details will follow in the new year.

### School Dinners

You will have received the new menu for the Spring term via email. Please continue to order via SchoolGrid, thank you.

## Back to school: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January

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# General Information

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## Curriculum: Music

We are really proud of our music curriculum.

This week we enjoyed a musical performance by Leicestershire Music Services featuring world percussion. This was funded by the PFA.

In January we are taking most of the pupils in key stage 2 to Young Voices and in April the whole school will be attending a musical event at De Montfort hall, again funded by the PFA.

Creativity is one of our curriculum drivers so it is great to see it in action across the school.

## Curriculum: Reading and Phonics

Our youngest learners have made a great start on their reading journey. Thank you for your help at home.

In class 3 and 4 we have enjoyed listening to our class stories this term. Library services visited last week with a box full of new books to share with us. Their visits twice year cause a great deal of excitement.

## Ofsted

We are still waiting a year on from when I last wrote this message – still ready to show off all that we achieve; how brilliant our staff team are; and how amazing our children are. Every day waiting is an opportunity to be even better. To be kinder, to learn more and remember more. We really are looking forward to showing the world what a brilliant place Newton Burgoland Primary is – filled with wonderful children supported by their amazing parents and teachers to be the best they can be. Together we are **Noticeably Newton!**

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## STOP PRESS!

### Thank you to:

Our PFA team – their hard work and your support of their events, enables us to provide many extras for our children.

Our forest school helpers: Mrs Moran, Mrs E Storer, Mrs Thompson.

Mrs Thompson for her help at our sports competitions.

Mrs Hollingsworth for her help with cross country.

Mrs Wendy Penlington and Mrs Jane Tolton for hearing readers every week.

All the parents and carers who have supported us on trips this term.



## CHAIR OF GOVERNORS CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Yet another busy Autumn term. We've had trips and visitors, hard work and fun. The governors have been popping in and are fantastically pleased with what we have seen, the conversations that we've had, and the work that the children have put in. Once again, we've had some fantastic feedback from visitors and even the governors have been audited, with some very positive comments. I would like to thank you all, the staff and volunteers, helpers, parents and guardians, for your time and effort that contribute to making the school what it is.

As we look forward to 2024, we are keeping on our toes preparing for an expected Ofsted inspection; continuing to look at ways we can improve to school environment and curriculum; and carrying on supporting all our children and staff so that they achieve the very best that they can.

But before all the hard work starts in January, it's Christmas. So, whatever you are doing over the holidays, take a break, relax and enjoy it, and we look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a we hope that 2024 brings you what you wish for, from the Governing Board.

