



FRIDAY NEWCHURCH

30th November 2018

SCHOOL REVIEW

Standards in schools are always the highest priority and at Newchurch we always aim to be setting that high benchmark. To ensure this, all Warrington schools are embarking on a series of school reviews where a team of headteachers and a senior, independent inspectors visit a school for a day to analyse its many layers.

Wednesday was the Newchurch inspection, which included lesson observations throughout the day, interviews with senior leaders, maths and English leads and subject leaders, as well as working with groups of pupils, parents and governors. As you can imagine, it was an intensive day ensuring that every area of school life could be covered. However, what a day!

The children were outstanding, gaining huge praise from all three visitors; demonstrating great confidence in interview and showing what staff see every day. Great work robins!

Our visitors were massively complimentary about the lessons they saw; the children's books; leadership across the school from school governance to subject leadership and of the team ethos which everyone in the building helps to create. Their praise could have gone on for hours. This is a testament to everyone's hard work and vision that our children are the priority and a rounded curriculum is our aim.

Everyone at Newchurch is very proud of the review and to hear lovely things about the school we care about so much. Thank you for all of your support in helping make Newchurch a place where children can fly.

CHRISTMAS JOURNEY Y2

Year 2 were invited by the churches of the Winwick Deanery to take part in the Christmas Journey on Wednesday of this week. It was such a wonderful experience for the children who got to listen to the story of the nativity through drama, music, crafts and storytelling. The whole class were in awe when listening to the story tellers and were keen to take part, ask questions and get dressed up. As always, our Newchurch Robins were a credit to the school and even entertained the grown-ups with a few songs from our Christmas Performance.

Charlotte: I liked the Christmas Journey and I liked the bread that Mary gave us when she made it.

Sofia: I liked it when we were going around seeing different parts of the journey. I can't say which part I enjoyed the best because I really enjoyed all of it.

Emily: I liked it when we smelt the Frankincense and Myrrh and I enjoyed listening to the storyteller at the beginning and the end of the journey.

Vincent: I liked the part when we were in the stable and the animals were talking to us. I liked the horse the best because his voice was nice relaxing.

THERAPY DOG

As a school we are exploring the value of using a therapy dog in schools. Members of staff are having intensive training on how to get the best out of children so that they are ready to learn. One area of research we have studied shows that dogs regulate and help to calm people so that they are happier and can learn more. Today we introduced Mrs Storey's dog, (Lola), who is a Zuchon to a group of children (we have gained parental consent for this) and Lola was part of

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their guided reading session this week. This type of breed is ideal for work with children as they do not aggregate allergies and they have a calm and gentle nature- some dogs are more inclined to be excitable than calm! It is just the beginning of the journey is this area so I will keep you updated. For more information, I am happy to speak to anyone about this or here are a couple of links to schools (there are lots more) who use a therapy dog:

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/primary-school-gets-therapy-dog-14639932>

www.kingshillschool.org.uk/Pet-Therapy/

PARKING: DROP OFF AND PICK UP TIMES

Can you please be mindful of where you park during these times and avoid blocking in driveways and entrances. Thank you.

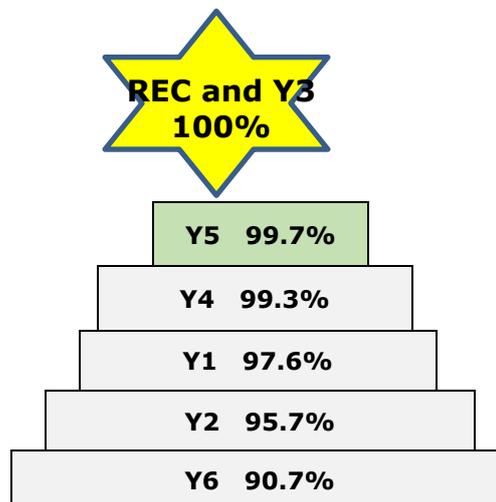
READING LADDER w/e 30th November 2018

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| | Y4 93% | - |
| | Y5 93% | - |
| | Y2 83% | + |
| | Y3 81% | + |
| | REC 75% | - |
| | Y6 75% | - |
| | Y1 65% | - |
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SCHOOL DIARY DATES

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| 6.12.18 | Parents' evening |
| 6.12.18 | KS1 Christmas Play 9.30-10.30am |
| 7.12.18 | KS1 Christmas Play 9.30-10.30am |
| 7.12.18 | Christmas Tree Service KS2 only 11am at Newchurch Parish Church |
| 13.12.18 | Keyboard concert Y3 parents |
| 19.12.18 | KS2 production 1.30pm |
| 19.12.18 | KS2 production 7pm |
| 21.12.18 | School closes at normal time |
| 3.1.19 | School re-opens |
| 11.2.19 | Young Voices |
| 14.2.19 | Valentine's Disco |
| 11.3.19 | PAN performance |
| 8.4.19 | Easter Bingo |
| 23.5.19 | Summer Disco |
| 28.6.19 | PTA BBQ |
| 4.7.19 | Y6 Play CHS |
| 12.7.19 | Y6 Prom (arranged by parents) |
| To help with family financial planning, please be aware, pupils in Year 5 will be going to Kingswood in October and Y4 will be going to Beeston in July. | |

Attendance w/e 23rd November 2018
Our whole target is 97.5%



Please remember to telephone school if your child is unwell so that such absences can be recorded as unauthorised. If permission is not given for a holiday or we are not informed of the reason for an absence, it will have to be recorded as unauthorised. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Lawrenson