

School Matters

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM NEWTON POPPLEFORD SCHOOL

Friday 15th July 2022

From the Headteacher

With the extreme hot weather forecast for Monday and Tuesday, we will be relaxing our uniform policy. Please can children dress in loose, light coloured clothing and wear a sun hat, preferably with a wide brim. Sun screen ought to be applied before children come to school with the option to top it up during the school day. We will ensure children avoid vigorous physical activity, be kept in the shade as much as possible and be provided with plenty of water.

Although not directly our responsibility, please be mindful of bringing a furry friend along for pickup. The heat expelled from the asphalt will be very hot to their paws.

School reports will be sent out via Eschools late afternoon. Please contact the school office, if an email has not arrived in your inbox by 5 pm. Year 2 and Year 6 SATS results will also be sent home today in hard copy. Please check school bags for an envelope with your child's results.

Please join me in congratulating the PFTA for their outstanding Summer Fete. So many parents have commented on how lovely the atmosphere was with the fete King and Queen, Maypole dancing and fun games. Thank you to all who gave their support to this event, the children will benefit greatly.



From the School Office

Please see the next page for changes to breakfast and twilight club from September, as well as booking details for the start of the new term.

We would also like to ask that all outstanding dinner and club money is paid before the end of term. We will have a busy week in the office, so please don't wait for a reminder.

If any parents of year 6 children have credit on any accounts, this will typically be transferred to a younger sibling. All other refunds are likely to be actioned once we are back in September.



Return of all reading books

Please can we ask that all reading books are returned no later than Tuesday 19th July. This also includes accelerated reader books. Books can be dropped of in class or at the school office.



End of term and September start

Our Year 6 Leavers' celebration will take place at 11 am on the lower field.

School finishes At 1.30 pm Friday 22nd July. There is no twilight club on the last day of term.

Children are back in school on Monday 5th September.

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IMPORTANT CONSERVATION WORK IN ADVENTURE ISLAND

Over the past few months, Mrs Taylor and her son, Otto in year 6, have set up various moth traps in Adventure Island in order to investigate and document the variety of species in our wonderful forest school.

Today, Miss Gaston invited Mrs Taylor and Otto into school to share these amazing creatures along with Rowan. Year 2 were extremely attentive; coming up with fantastic questions and making us all think. Mrs Taylor had a brilliant time and said it is always lovely to be able to do 'hands on learning' with such engaging children. Adventure Island is such a wonderful resource for this.

Over 40 different species were identified during these investigations—no moths were hurt, we hasten to add, and all have been released back into their habitat.

Buff Ermine, Poplar Hawkmoth, Rosy Footman, Heart and Dart, Dot Moth, Buff Arches, Black Arches, Early Thorn, Large Yellow Underwing, Flame Shoulder, Common Wainscot, Triple Spotted Clay, Common Footman, Snout, Four Spotted Footman, Flame, Peach Blossom, Peppered Moth, Eyed Hawkmoth, Lackey, Spectacle, Pebble Prominent, Brown Tail, Bright Eye Silver Line, Drinker, Coronet, Grey Dagger, Small Angle Shades, True Lovers Knot, Magpie, Willow Beauty, Marbled Minor, Vines Rustic, Riband Wave, Small Yellow Wave, Poplar Grey, Rivulet, Common Rustic, Clouded Border, Clouded Silver, Nut Tree Tussock, Ruby Tiger, Scalloped Oak, White Plume Moth, Swallow Tail, Brimstone, Common Wave, Elephant Hawk Moth



STAR OF THE DAY:
ELEPHANT HAWKMOTH



Breakfast/Twilight club from September

The club booking facility in School Gateway for breakfast and twilight club, for September onwards, will open on 01/09/2022. Please book for the first week back (week beginning 05/09/2022) **by 09:00 on 02/09/2022**. Unfortunately, we cannot open the bookings before then due to class promotion routines in our school database not being able to run until 01/09/2022.

This will allow us to get staffing in place for week beginning 05/09/2022.

There will be some changes to the service offered from September in terms of hours offered and prices:

Breakfast will run from 08:00 as it does currently.

Price for 1st child: £3.75

Price for 2nd child: £3.50

Price for 3rd child: £3.25

Twilight will run on different session times as follows:

Price for 1st child up to 5pm: £6.50

Price for 2nd child up to 5pm: £6.00

Price for 3rd child up to 5pm: £5.50

Price for 1st child up to 5.30pm*: £8.00

Price for 2nd child up to 5.30pm*: £7.50

Price for 3rd child up to 5.30pm*: £7.00

* Twilight club will only run until 5pm on a Friday.

Please ensure that you book the correct session, as staffing will be arranged accordingly. The late charge policy will apply for children collected late from their session. This is available to view on our website.

Newton Poppleford School PTFA
Summer fete
2022

Thank you!

We raised a whopping
£3,400!!

PTFA Pre-loved Uniform Shop

Good for your pocket!

Good for the PTFA!

Good for the Planet!

All Items

50p - £2

- Table top sales at PTFA events
- Pick up from school ANY TIME throughout the year by arrangement

Contact Camille to ask about the items you need on
07709 496029
or camillevilches@me.com

- **Donations** of pre-loved uniform welcome any time. Please leave with the school office.

Thank you!



Keep your child safe on Snapchat

Snapchat is an app for sending photos and videos (known as ‘Snaps’), and text messages. The ‘Stories’ feature lets users share photos or videos with all their contacts at once.

Snaps disappear after being opened, usually within seconds. Stories disappear after 24 hours. Images and messages aren’t automatically saved on phones.

The **minimum age** to use Snapchat is **13**, but it’s easy to sign up if you’re younger.

What’s the problem?

- There’s a risk of seeing sexual content, and of bullying
- Your child’s location could be shared automatically with their contacts, which could put them in danger if they have strangers as ‘friends’ on the app. A new ‘Meet Up’ feature allows people to get directions to another user’s location, if they’re sharing their location
- There’s a risk of children being ‘groomed’ by strangers into sharing pictures and information about themselves. Gangs also use apps to groom and recruit children

4 steps to help your child use Snapchat safely

1. Tell your child to only use it with real friends

Anyone could pretend to be a child or teenager online, so encourage your child not to talk to people they don’t know in real life. Encourage them not to share information such as what school they go to or where they live with people they don’t know offline.

2. Use privacy settings

By default, only ‘friends’ your child has added on Snapchat can contact them directly and see their story or location, so encourage your child to keep those default settings.

To check and change the settings:

- Tap the person icon in the top-left of Snapchat, then the cog in the top-right
- Scroll down to the ‘Privacy Control’ section and tap the relevant options (e.g. ‘Contact Me’ and ‘View My Story’)
- Under ‘See My Location’, enable ‘Ghost Map’ to turn location sharing off
- Under ‘See Me In Quick Add’ you can stop your child’s profile from being suggested to strangers as a potential ‘friend’

3. Talk to your child about image sharing and being careful about what they share

Even though images disappear in Snapchat, they can be screenshotted and then shared – outside of the original sender’s control.

So, remind your child to think carefully about the images they share, and with whom. Before they share anything, tell them to ask: “Would I be happy for other people to see this?”

West Country School Music

Information Sheet (September 2022)



Welcome to West Country School Music

West Country School Music provides instrumental music lessons in your school. Usually these are for children in Year 3 upwards and the instruments available to learn are listed below. Our teachers are selected for their instrument knowledge and suitability to work with primary school children. We aim to work with you and your school to increase the musical opportunities here.

Please see our website (address at the bottom of this page) for much more information about our lessons and the general benefits of learning to play an instrument.

We look forward to helping your child begin learning to play a musical instrument and create their own music.

Why learn to play an instrument?

Learning to play a musical instrument stimulates and helps co-ordinate thinking and physical action and, of course, is great fun and very satisfying. Playing also develops confidence, concentration and team skills.

There is increasing evidence to show that the brain functions needed for maths and literacy are enhanced by learning to play a musical instrument and that the beneficial effects of this are greater the longer a child learns for. Learning to play a musical instrument is good for the brain in later life too!

West Country School Music
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What instruments are available to learn here?

Our teachers teach Flute, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Cornet/Trumpet, Trombone, Guitar, Keyboard, Recorder. (Violin is also available in some schools). We will try to find the best instrument for your child, not our favourite. Many instruments are available in 'mini' versions to accommodate smaller learners.

Lessons

We have found that children make best progress if they are at least 7 years old when starting. Lessons are usually given during the school day as agreed with your Head Teacher.

Children receive individual attention within a small group (usually 2 or 3 pupils) for 20 minutes ten times a term (usually 5 lessons before half term and 5 after). Different instruments may be present in a group. Lessons include music theory, aural training, instrument care, group work and general music skills as well as instrument technique.

Progress is carefully monitored and is recorded in the tutor book. Formal exams are also available when your child attains key levels.

Covid-19

Please see our Risk Assessment on our website. We are working with schools and the latest government guidance to make music lessons Covid-safe.

Lesson price

£78 per term (10 lessons per term). 1:1 lessons are also sometimes available.

Instruments: Hire or buy?

We can help with hire or purchase of instruments. If you are not ready to buy an instrument we have most instruments available to hire. Please phone to ask if we have what you need. Hire fees are currently £30 per term (£18 per half term) for most full sized wind instruments and keyboard (£37 for Alto saxophone). The following holiday is included. Jflute, cclarinet, small trombones, violin and guitar are available at £18 per term.

We will also search for the best value student instruments for you to purchase, if required (wind, keyboard or guitar) so that you don't have to.

Music and consumables

The music and other items (e.g. Reeds etc.) your child needs, whether as a beginner or as they progress, are available to purchase from our office.

Any questions?

Please phone our office on 07740 117227 to ask any questions you may have, register your child for lessons or to purchase or hire an instrument. Office hours are 8 am to 6 pm, Monday to Friday.

† AIPS (Assisted Instrument Purchase Scheme) also available through most schools (parents pay no VAT on the Instrument).