

School Matters

The Fortnightly Newsletter from Newton Poppleford School

Friday 17th May 2024

A Message From Mr Pope

Dear Parents and carers,

We can't start our Newsletter this week with anything but a huge well done to our year 6 for SATs week and applying themselves so well! Every individual is different and all children have different skills, abilities and qualities that should be celebrated in so many ways. Although SATs tests are only focused on academic achievement, we are immensely proud of the effort that our pupils have put in and how they have applied themselves to their learning this year. Mrs Winkler also deserves a special mention as her positivity, hard work and generally just being fantastic has provided an excellent learning environment and provision for our children this year. The wider year 6 team have also worked extremely hard to help our pupils show the best of themselves, so many thanks to Mrs Fawcett, Mrs McQueen and latterly Mr Goode for their efforts.



Yesterday afternoon Year 6 celebrated with a party for a member of their class, who is not here today, this involved den building and ice lollies. I am sure many of you saw their impressive creation this morning.

In the summer term, we are having an art event to celebrate the end of Art week. After the success of our garden party last year celebrating the King's coronation we will (weather dependent) be inviting the community in to the school for a picnic and celebration of the children's art for the last hour of the school day. We are hoping that many of you will be able to join us. This event is planned for Thursday the 20th June from 2pm.

We are also arranging a walk to school week for week beginning the 10th June. Each pupil will be challenged to travel sustainably (walk, wheel, scoot, cycle or Park and Stride) to school every day for one week using a wallchart to log their journeys. Each class will work collectively to make as many active journeys to school as possible across the week. We hope that you will be able to raise awareness of maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

This week's curriculum focus is on Geography. I would like to offer some insight into two of the areas of focus for us as a school: fieldwork and map skills – the more practical aspects of geography. As a school, we have put a lot of time and effort into developing these and do so in many ways. Map skills involving Atlas work and knowledge of the physical landscape of countries permeates the curriculum but this year we have added in physical map knowledge and compass work through orienteering sessions in PE and Adventure Island as well as our termly hikes. This has really helped the children to understand how OS maps are laid out and the features of them such as: grid references and contour lines showing the topography of the landscape. In the summer term, all classes will be engaging in fieldwork to collect data (making links with the computing curriculum using micro bits or crumbles) and analysing and interpreting the results.

The school's PTFA have also been busy and we are looking forward to a 'break the rules day' in a few week's time. In school, we have recently looked in assembly at British Values including 'The Rule of Law' and I am sure the children will very much enjoy having an opportunity to break a few!

Best Wishes,

Mr Pope

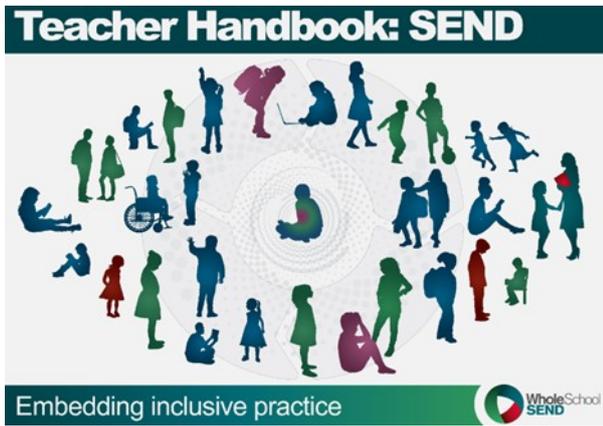
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For any Twilight after school club matters, please phone the main school number.

SEND



This month we have been referring to the Teacher Handbook for SEND and looking at embedding Inclusive practice into our everyday offering.

Imminently we expect Devon county council to release their Ordinarily available inclusive provision (OAIP) expectations that are part of the current project being undertaken.



Year 5 and Year 6 Quad Kid Athletics

Years 5 and 6 participated in a track and field event last week. They participated in a 600-metre run, 75-metre dash, vortex throw and long jump. We came second overall against other local schools and we took first place in the 600 metre run, 75 metre dash and vortex throw!

Adventure Island



Children have been busy exploring the different habitats in Adventure Island and seeing what wildlife we have living there. Pond dipping is always a popular activity and we have found many different creatures including plenty of pond snails and newtlets. When bug hunting, highlights were discovering a slow worm with year 1 and a huge stag beetle with year 6! To celebrate World Bee Day next week we will be making miniature bee hotels to hang in the trees, a brilliant way for us to support wildlife in school.



Pre-School



Pre-School celebrated World Bee Day today (which is on 20th May). Some children came in dressed up as bees, we had some honey on our bread at snack time and liked looking for bees in Adventure Island!!



PTFA

Newton Pop PTFA

Thu 23rd May
School Hall
3:20-4:20pm

Preschool - Year 6 welcome
All children must be accompanied by an adult,
this is NOT a 'drop and run' event!

£2 per child

Ticket price includes a bottomless squash drink!

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Please book by paying via School Gateway,
any queries please contact:
Georgia 07967 017726 or Teri 07909 798441

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Newton Pop PTFA

**BREAK THE
RULES DAY!**

Friday 7th June 2024

Rules (to be broken!)

- School uniform **MUST** be worn
- NO face paint or make up
- NO nail varnish
- NO temporary tattoos
- NO crazy hair styles
- NO hats in class
- NO large cuddly toys in the classroom
- DON'T eat pudding first at lunch time
- ONLY healthy snacks at break time
- NO squash in water bottles

Please respect that some rules cannot be broken!

Suggested donation of £1 per rule-breaker
child payable via School Gateway

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SIDMOUTH

MAY HOLIDAY CLUBS

Football Fun for Boys and Girls

NEWTON POPPLEFORD PAVILION

TUESDAY 28TH MAY – WEDNESDAY 29TH MAY

9.30am – 3.30pm

THE ACTIVITIES

Champions League Match Mania,
GK & Strikers Day & Inflatables!
Play, Have Fun, Make Friends

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BOOK TODAY

EXETERCCT.ORG

Reminder that all Junior Grecian Members can get a **10% discount** off of Holiday Club Bookings



FANCY HAVING A GO AT NETBALL?

Join Sidmouth Netball Club for some taster sessions

Come along and give it a try, bring a friend and have some netball fun!

It doesn't matter whether you've played before or never stepped foot on a court, we will be running taster sessions for girls currently in Years 4 and 5.

JOIN US:
Tuesdays 5:30-6:30pm
From 4 June to 25 June
At St John's School
£10 FOR 4 SESSIONS

From September regular junior netball training will be held at St John's School, Sidmouth:
U11s:
Tuesdays
5:30-6:30pm



Email sidmouthnetball@gmail.com for more information or visit:
www.sidmouthnetball.co.uk




SIDMOUTH GIRLS DYNAMOS

- AGES 7-10

This is our game.

We all play at:
SIDMOUTH CRICKET CLUB
Sessions take place every Friday from:
10th May to 28th June 2024
Session times are: 17.00 to 18.00

For further information email:
girlscricket@sidmouthcricketclub.co.uk or visit dynamoscricet.co.uk

Sign up online is simple and easy, just visit: dynamoscricet.co.uk

Dates for your diary

Friday 17th May

Year 3 Swimming Lessons (lesson 4 of 5)

Wednesday 22nd May

Year 2 Trip

Thursday 23rd May

Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra livestream 'Sea Stories'

Sidmouth College Transition Day

Year 1 School Trip

Reception Rock up and Read

PTFA School disco

Friday 24th May

Year 3 Swimming Lessons (lesson 5 of 5)

Monday 27th—31st May

Half Term

Monday 3rd June

Inset day

Tuesday 4th June

Children return to school

Friday 7th June

Year 1 Swimming Lessons (lesson 1 of 5)

Monday 10th June - Friday 14th June

PTFA Break the Rules Day

Thursday 13th June

PTFA Freezy Fridays

Friday 14th June

PTFA Scholastic Book Fair

Reception class trip

Reception - Fathers Day Celebration Adventure Island

Year 1 Swimming Lessons (lesson 2 of 5)

PTFA Freezy Fridays

Monday 17th June—Friday 21st June

Art Week

Friday 21st June

Year 1 Swimming Lessons (lesson 3 of 5)

Art Gallery and Sale in Hall

PTFA Freezy Fridays

Monday 24th June

Climate workshop Yr 4,5,6

Friday 28th June

PTFA Summer Fair

Friday 28th June

Year 1 Swimming Lessons (lesson 4 of 5)

Monday 1st July—Friday 5th July

Year 5 Bikeability

Year 6 transition

PTFA Freezy Fridays

Tuesday 2nd July

Reception Taster Session

Friday 5th July

Year 1 Swimming Lessons (lesson 5 of 5)

PTFA Freezy Fridays

Friday 12th July

PTFA Freezy Fridays

Friday 19th July

PTFA Freezy Fridays