

SCHOOL MATTERS

THE FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER FROM NEWTON POPPLEFORD SCHOOL

Friday 17th March 2023

A Message From Mr Pope

Dear Parents & Carers,

The last two weeks have continued our focus on educational experience and exciting learning experiences. Spring time is now upon us and we head towards Easter the children have been enjoying lots of time in the outdoors - this was the inspiration for our recent art competition. Well done to our two winners whose work has been framed for display in the school. Our art leaders were instrumental in making the final decision and judging the different works from Year 1 to year 6. This half term has seen the school navigate the strike period and I would like to express my gratitude to the staff team and wider community for the accepting and tolerant way that everyone has approached this. We are very proud to be a part of a community that displays such understanding. We have parents evening in the last week of term. Last time, we had an extremely high attendance and we are looking forward to welcoming you and the further opportunity to share our children's work. As before, teachers will share assessment, progress and attendance information with you and most importantly hold a discussion around your child's strengths and celebrate their successes. This week, we also welcomed local head teachers and leaders of the learning community into school and they have been extremely impressed with the pupils attention and focus on their learning. Well done to everyone!

Best Wishes,

Mr Pope

Pre-School Adventure Island

Pre-School enjoyed going on a Spring Walk to Edward's House last week. We planted some flowers there. This week we enjoyed making seed bombs in Adventure Island and we hope the wild flowers inside them will grow soon on the lower field.



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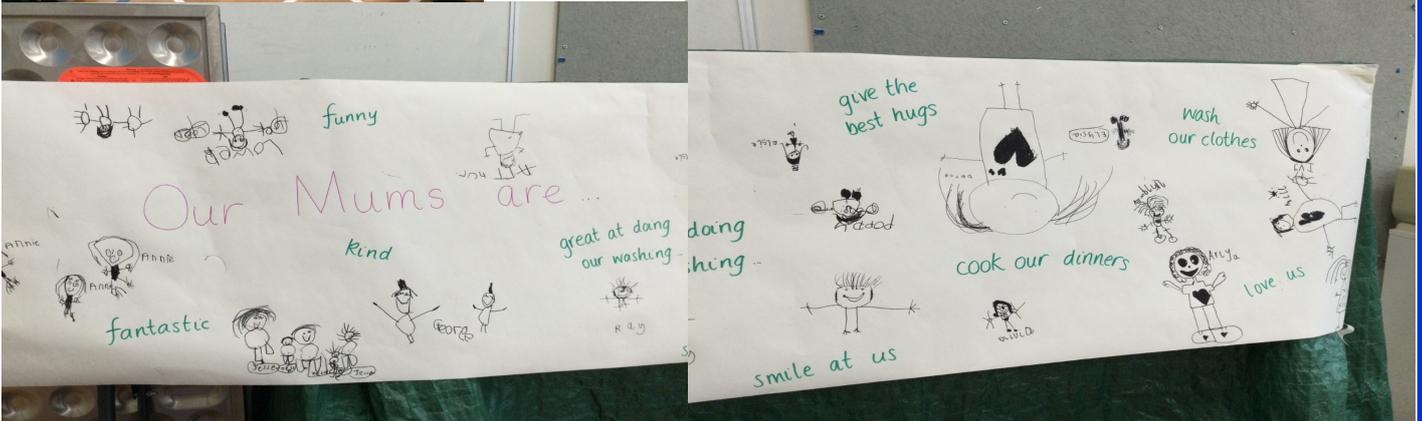
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For any Twilight after school club matters please phone the main school number.

Reception Mother's Day Tea Party

Reception Class enjoyed treating their Mums to a Mother's Day Tea Party yesterday. Having been inspired by the flowers they saw on their Spring Walk, they printed their own flower designs for cards and table coverings as well as decorating plates with flowers. The Mums were sung to, read a story about how amazing a Mum can be and then had to guess what comments their child had said about them! A lovely hour celebrating our Mums and all they do!



Year 1's Exciting Week

Year 1 have had an extremely exciting week! Monday morning phonics was interrupted by Mrs Dowsing from Pre-School asking us to go down to Adventure Island to investigate a loud noise and flashing light that had disturbed her. We headed down and to our amazement we found a spaceship that appeared to have crashed into a bush! Whilst we were busy investigating Mr Pope appeared telling us that he had received a top secret phone call telling him to clear the area immediately. Later that day we came in from lunch to find strange yellow footprints leading to a book called Beegu. The class decided that it must be Beegu's Spaceship that had crashed and that she was trying to communicate with us to ask for help. We have been using what we have learnt in D&T to try and make a propeller for Beegu's spaceship. This is going to be a difficult task but hopefully Year 1 will show resilience and perseverance to help get Beegu home....

Adventure Island

This week I would like to share the amazing art work the children in Year 4 created, inspired by Greek mythology. Firstly, they represented the stormy seas faced by Odysseus and his crew, using mud paint and other natural materials. Children enjoyed exploring different techniques, some using their fingers to create the look they were after while others chose to splat paint from a height, all incredibly effective! In the next session they were given the challenge to recreate the six headed sea dragon, Skyla, out of natural materials. We had an array of different representations, all carefully considered and with an excellent amount of detail. Year 4 are the proud winners of our new Adventure Island class award 'The Willow Star' for being so enthusiastic and working together so cooperatively.



Year 4 Visit From Steve Manning

Year 4 had a fantastic morning last week with Historian Storyteller Steve Manning. We were transported back in time to Ancient Greek Civilisation with lots of storytelling.



[Year 5 Trip To Escot](#)

On Tuesday 7th March, Year 5 went on a trip to Escot. This trip was linked to our recent history topic of Anglo-Saxons and The Vikings. In the morning the children took part in various living history activities, these included: bread making, wood carving, bracelet making and dressing up as Vikings. They really enjoyed creating their own battles in the Anglo-Saxon Village! In the afternoon we all got to see the amazing wildlife that lives on the Escot Estate, a favourite being the wild cats! After the nature-walk, the bit that the children had all (well most) been waiting for, the drop slide (there were some very brave children doing this), which they loved. The day ended with the children eating nettles, which to their surprise was actually quite nice! The class were all a credit to the school and they all agreed that they had an amazing day.



[Exmoor Challenge 2023](#)

Year 5's & Year 6's took part in practicing for the Exmoor Challenge last weekend, along with some younger siblings. They went from East Budleigh and walked for around 6.5 miles. This is the second practice walk that has taken place in preparation for the Exmoor Challenge 2023. All pupils walked and powered through fantastically! The next walk will be held on Sunday 19th March.



[Devon Information Advice & Support \(DIAS\)](#)

Devon Information Advice & Support (DIAS) are running free information sessions online for Parents & Carers with children and young people who have additional needs. Please follow the links below to book onto the free sessions.

EHCP Review Myth busting –Wednesday 3rd May 2023 10.30am-12.30pm

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/education-health-and-care-plan-ehcp-review-mythbusting-tickets-156716259551>

Demystifying SEND –Tuesday 25th April 10.30am -12.30pm

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/demystifying-send-special-educational-needs-and-disabilities-tickets-127732273669>

Listening To Your Child's Views –Tuesday 9th May 10.30am-12.30pm

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/listening-to-your-childs-views-tickets-154265433063>

PTFA

Please see below all things PTFA & exciting events coming up. We have an upcoming Easter Egg Decorating Competition & Design A Book Mark competition. Including our upcoming Book Fair & Easter Eggstravaganza!



EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA!

31st March 2023
3.30–5pm | At School

EGG HUNTS! STALLS! & LOTS MORE!
GAMES! RAFFLE!



EASTER EGG DECORATING COMPETITION

WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT THE PTFA EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA | FRIDAY 31ST MARCH

FREE TO ENTER!

NO NEED TO BE AT THE EVENT TO ENTER, JUST BRING YOUR EGG TO SCHOOL BEFORE THE END OF TERM!

PRIZES TO WIN!

COLLECT YOUR EGG FROM YOUR CLASS TEACHER!

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NEW CAT KID COMIC CLUB £8.99

NEW Dav Pilkey **Handbook only £8.99**

NEW Beaky **THE CREEK** £6.99

NEW THE GECKO AND THE ECHO £6.99

NEW LUNA WOLF ANIMAL WIZARD **ALESIA DIXON** £7.99

27th - 31st March 2023
In the school hall all week after school!

And at the Easter Eggstravaganza
On Friday 31st March!

Scan the QR code to pay online!



Free to enter!

DESIGN A BOOK MARK COMPETITION!

Design a book mark and you could win one of FIVE £5 vouchers to spend at the school book fair!

Simply bring your bookmark into school before **FRIDAY 24th MARCH** with your name and class on the back!

Newton Pop PTFA
Easter Eggstravaganza
RAINBOW HAMPER RAFFLE!

We need your help to make our **Rainbow Hamper Raffle** a massive success!

Can you contribute something matching your class colour?

(We'll happily take anything you're offering even if it's not your class colour!)

Get creative next time you're in the supermarket or raid those cupboards!

Here's some ideas!

Please bring into school the last week of term (w/c 27th March)
to the office or your class teacher

Rainbow Raffle to be drawn at the PTFA Easter Eggstravaganza
on 31st March 3:30-5pm in the school hall!

RED Year 6	Maltesers, McVities digestives, ready salted crisps, Family Circle biscuits, Kitkats, Skittles, Celebrations, Bournville chocolate, Pimms, Pom Bears, Fox's biscuits, Munchies, Coca-cola, strawberry flavoured or red label beverages
PINK Year 5	Pink fizzy drinks, marshmallows, raspberry laces, pink wafers, Peppa Pig, strawberry Fruitellas, bath bomb, raspberry flavoured or pink label beverages
ORANGE Year 4	Chocolate orange, Revels, Haribo tangfastics, fudge, toffee crisp, orange clubs, orange shower gel, mini cheddars, Fanta, J20, Doritos, orange juice, Jacobs crackers, orange flavoured or orange label beverages
YELLOW Year 3	Cadbury flakes, Cadbury caramel, post it notes, jelly tots, Toblerone, custard creams, Twix, jelly babies, pasta, Quavers, Skips, lemon Fanta, lemon slices, yellow book, lemon flavoured or yellow label beverages
GREEN Year 2	Matchmakers, After Eight, Appletizer, Rowntrees sweets, mint Aero, apple juice, salt & vinegar crisps, sour cream Pringles, mint shower gel, green label drinks
BLUE Year 1	Roses chocolates, Walnut Whips, party rings, Haribo, Oreo, Milky Bars, chocolate hobnobs, Heinz baked beans, Blue Dragon foods, Tetley tea, Bounty, cheese and onion crisps, bubble bath, blueberry flavoured or blue label beverages
PURPLE Reception	Quality Street chocolates, Dairy Milk, Cadburys hot chocolate powder, Chocolate fingers, Ribena, Vimto, bubble bath, nail varnish, purple label beverages
GOLD Preschool	Forerro Rocher, Lindt chocolates, gold bars, chocolate coins, popcorn, nail varnish, gold blend coffee, Caramac, gold candle, gold label or fizzy beverages

Gentle Reminders & Important Information

Swimming - Swimming will resume for Year 3 starting on Friday 21st April and will run for five sessions until 19th May 2023. Swimming will then resume for Year 2 starting on Friday 9th June and will run for five sessions until 7th July 2023. Payment will be able to be made shortly and will go live via School Gateway. This can be paid in one lump sum or in instalments.

Parking - We wanted to ask that all parents & carers please be mindful and avoid parking on the double yellow lines at drop off times. We know that this is challenging due to the nature of the parking surrounding the school. To alleviate this, The Cannon Inn have very kindly given permission for parking at drop off and pick up times in their car park. Using this facility will lessen the pressure around the school site at pick up and drop off times. It is extremely important that all members of our school community take responsibility for this. The roadside around the school at the top of School Lane, Dotton Lane, Glebelands, Lower Farthings and Turner Close are particular areas to be aware of as they can be very congested and become dangerous. As a school community, this has to be recognised as a serious issue and something that we must all share in as a collective responsibility.

Wet Weather - Please remember to send in with your child wet weather clothing.



Care Café

On the first Monday of every month come and share our warmth, hot drinks, and cakes. Support is available if needed from our Parent Support Advisor, Pastoral Lead and our SENDCO. With or without reason we welcome you to our Care Café. The next Care Café will be held on Monday 17th April. Following on from this the next one will be held on Monday 15th May. The changes to the dates are due to Bank Holidays & School Holidays.

Dates for Your Diary Up to Half-Term

Monday 20th March:	Year 5 Science Workshop
Wednesday 22nd March:	Year 3/4 Tag Rugby Mega fest
Thursday 23rd March:	Oral Health Team In School Year 6 RE visit To Church
Monday 27th March:	Scholastic Book Fair (until Thursday) Parents Evening Week
Wednesday 29th March:	Year 2 Multiskills Festival
Friday 31st March:	Last Day Of Term PTFA Easter Eggstravaganza
Monday 3rd April-Friday 14th April:	Easter Holidays
Monday 17th April:	First Day Back For Pupils