

School Matters

The Fortnightly Newsletter from Newton Poppleford School

Friday 7th June 2024

[A Message From Mr Pope](#)

Dear Parents and carers,

We are having a fantastic 'Break the Rules Day' and I would like to thank the PTFA for such a wonderful idea. It is also an opportunity for this week's curriculum focus to be on our approach to personal development. Our PSHE curriculum is an important driver for this and ensures we meet the National curriculum. To go over and above this we also regularly adapt to meet the needs of children as they come up. We also ensure we have our star qualities that permeate everything we do. In our school the children's behaviour is a credit to us and to you. The children we serve are fantastic and we are so proud of them. For all children, they will occasionally make mistakes and (sometimes inadvertently) break the rules. We have already discussed this in relation to one of our British values – The Rule of Law and the story of Rosa Parks. Today we will be speaking about that again in assembly but in a slightly different way, about how it is ok to make mistakes – it is our reaction to it and the actions we take after that that are important. Part of our teaching of personal development is related to having a growth mindset and being positive. We use the analogy of the Learning Pit and 'The Power of Yet' to teach the children about these things in a simple and meaningful way.

You can learn more here if you are interested: James Nottingham's Learning Challenge (Learning Pit) animation. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3IMUAQhuO78>

This week we have been lucky enough to have had a visit from the author Simon James. He has been an inspiration to the children and adults in the school and we are very grateful to him. I would also like to extend my thanks to Mr Morison for organising this. Simon has written many books, some of which we use in school. If you would like to find out more he has a website that you can visit below: <http://www.simonjamesbooks.com/>

The Parish Council have also been in touch recently and we have met to discuss how we can support each other. I am very grateful to Susan Tribble and Johann Malawana for giving up their time and energy to visit and maintain our partnerships. The council has offered us some really invaluable support and helped us make fruitful and beneficial contacts with the local community. We are looking forward to continuing this work and have made plans for the coming weeks and months to work together more.

Next week is Walk to School Week. Each day has a different theme. Please see later in the Newsletter for these. On Thursday and Friday, we would encourage everyone to get together for friendship and community. We will be talking about the importance of these in school.

We have a very busy half term so look out for our key dates section. In particular the community events of Art celebration on the 20th June and the Sports Day on Tuesday 9th July and the reserve dates of the 11th or 12th (depending on weather).

I hope you all enjoy your weekend,

Best wishes Mr Pope



SEND

Mrs Laureys attended the Devon SEND conference this week. The day was extremely informative and will impact positively in our setting. It enabled the school to attend a number of strategic delivery sessions including how SEND data is used in strategic planning and 'Leading a Neurodiverse classroom'. The conference also provided a number of opportunities for collaboration with colleagues across Devon and improved our outward facing approach to delivering a high quality provision for pupils in our school

Year 2

On Friday 17th May, Year 2 visited Plymouth Aquarium enriching their learning in class on the seaside, linking with their Science as well as preparing them for our topic this half term on Oceans. Great fun was had as we were taken on an immersive under-water adventure journeying across the world's Oceans! In the afternoon we became marine biologists - handling a variety of real Ocean artefacts including shark jaws and whale bones and then investigated how plastic makes its way into the food chain and how we can combat plastic pollution and make Ocean-positive choices.



Year 1

Year 1 had a fantastic trip to Brixham. They had lots of fun exploring The Golden Hind and the harbour. They saw lots of exciting things and had a lovely lunch aboard ship!



Adventure Island

We will be exploring different tools over the coming weeks, from hammers to knives, children will have the opportunity to practise using a tool safely. Please can children wear lightweight clothing (long sleeve top and trousers) and a hat for their adventure island session. This is due to stinging nettles and the risk of ticks in long grass. Thank you!



Whole School

We have launched our new Tribes point system with the children. Each child is in a different coloured tribe and they will be given points for their tribe when showing the best of themselves. The children are already in the different colours and we had a special assembly to ensure the children know all about it!



Reception

A fabulous response to our second Rock Up and Read in Reception- inviting parents to come before the end of the day to share books with their children.



Pre-School

Pre-School had their first harvest from their allotment. The children pulled out some radishes and they tasted them. They said they were spicy!!"



Whole School

We had a visit from Guy Russell of Sidmouth Lifeboat and Sidmouth Lifeguards. He spoke to the whole school about being safe on the beach and in the water. If you see someone in trouble in the water, call 999 and ask for the coastguard. Our student council are also running a poster making competition over half term to produce a bright and colourful poster to teach people about beach and sea safety - Guy and his team are going to pick the two winning entries for us! Please enter if you can!

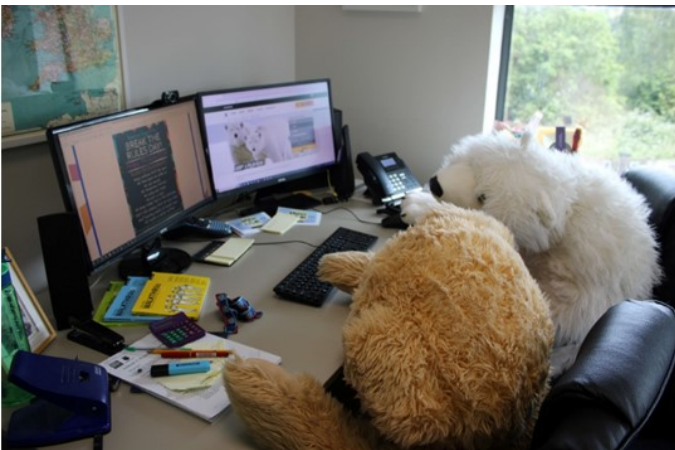


Message from Mrs Turner— Art Week

Art week is approaching and we are collecting different types of paper ready to make our own sketchbooks for the week. If you have any paper spare that you can bring in for the children to use there will be a green box outside the office or your child's class will have a box that they will be collecting paper. We are needing a range of different textured papers, old maps, newspaper, patterned decorative paper or any old book pages that can be used for the children to make their own sketchbooks for the week of A4 size or larger. Any amazon style flat cardboard packaging or flattened cereal boxes would be greatly received as these make fantastic covers too. Thank you.

Whole School

Break the Rules Day is upon us and we have had some mischievous creatures in school today. The children are having a great time and being superstars. Thank you to everyone for supporting the school!



Walk to school week



The MAG C of WALKING
FIVE-DAY WALKING challenge

DAY 1
THE MAGIC OF NATURE

THE MAGIC OF NATURE

Children will learn about the importance of sustainability and the impact walking to school can have on the planet.



DAY 2
THE MAGIC OF MOVEMENT

The MAG C of WALKING
FIVE-DAY WALKING challenge

THE MAGIC OF MOVEMENT

Pupils will discover how great walking to school is for our bodies and the incredible impact it can have on our health.



DAY 3
THE MAGIC OF HAPPINESS

The MAG C of WALKING
FIVE-DAY WALKING challenge

THE MAGIC OF HAPPINESS

Children learn how walking or wheeling is a great way to clear our heads and boost morale, arriving to school happy and ready to learn.



DAY 4
THE MAGIC OF FRIENDSHIP

The MAG C of WALKING
FIVE-DAY WALKING challenge

THE MAGIC OF FRIENDSHIP

Children will reflect on how walking to school provides an opportunity to spend quality time with our family, connect with our friends, or make new ones along the way!



The MAG C of WALKING
FIVE-DAY WALKING challenge

DAY 5
THE MAGIC OF COMMUNITY

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Pupils will learn how by walking to school we have a special opportunity to get to know our surroundings, the members of our community and the important role we all play in it.

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Pre-loved
Uniform Shop

In the shed next to the bike shelter

Find a bargain

The uniform shed is open all the time, have a rummage whenever suits you!

Pay

Suggested donation amounts on display in the shed, but pay whatever you can afford, via School Gateway. This is an honesty system and not monitored

Donations

We need your good-quality pre-loved uniform! Please leave in a bag in the shed and the uniform fairies will sort it, Thank you!

Good for:

Your pocket, the PTFA, and the planet!

Dates for your diary

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| Thursday 16th May | Reception Class cake sale |
| Thursday 16th May | Reception Rock up and Read |
| Friday 17th May | Year 3 Swimming Lessons (lesson 4 of 5) |
| | Year 2 Trip |
| Wednesday 22nd May | Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra livestream 'Sea Stories' |
| Thursday 23rd May | 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) |
| | PTFA Break the Rules Day |
| | PTFA Freezy Fridays |
| Monday 10th June - Friday 14th June | PTFA Scholastic Book Fair |
| Monday 10th June - Friday 14th June | Walk to school week |
| Thursday 13th June | Reception class trip |
| Friday 14th June | 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 |
| Monday 17th June | Book fair in school hall |
| Thursday 20th June | Art Celebration Day /Art Gallery and Sale in Hall |
| 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 |
| Tuesday 9th July | Sports Day (KS1 AM , KS2 PM) |
| Thursday 11th July | Reserve date for Sports day |
| Friday 12th July | Reserve date for Sports day |
| Friday 12th July | PTFA Freezy Fridays |
| Tuesday - Thursday 16th -18th July | Reception home visits |
| Friday 19th July | PTFA Freezy Fridays |