

School Matters

The Fortnightly Newsletter from Newton Poppleford School

Friday 25th October 2024

[A Message From Mr Pope](#)

Dear Parents/Carers,

The last two weeks have been great fun in school and I have thoroughly enjoyed visiting classes to see some of the learning taking place. I have been able to gain lots of valuable insight into learning across the curriculum including: Year 5, who have been looking at contour lines and re-capping their map skills. Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed Clive Pig (as did the adults). He always captures the imagination and gives a taste of what life may have been like in Roman times. Year 6 have learnt about how their lives compare and contrast with people in Brazil and also its main exports. Lower down the school, I have seen some wonderful maths in reception with children learning about the value of numbers under 5. Year 1 have been looking at seasons and the effect of weather and an entertaining Year 2 session on food chains in science. Finally, thank you to everyone who attended the year 3 art session in the hall. I hope you enjoyed it and managed to escape charcoal free!

These are only a few of the experiences the staff team here give as the norm and I am very grateful to them for the hard work they put in to the learning experiences your children have. They are a fantastic, dedicated team and deserve much praise.

We have also had parent's evenings this week and yet again we are so pleased by the level of engagement parent's have shown with the school, I would like to extend my thanks to everyone for coming in to discuss your children's progress and development. I very much hope you enjoyed celebrating their achievements and all the small successes that children have every day they come in.

Reception Intake for 2025

You may have seen on facebook that we are promoting our school for Reception next year . If you know of anyone please do share.

Behaviour

At Newton Poppleford, we have a really positive approach to our behaviour management and frame everything in positive terms. More and more of our staff team have been trained in an extensive programme called attachment-based mentoring this really enables us to utilise a relational approach. We recognise that understanding and relationships underpin school practice and the environment here is a very happy, productive and enabling one. Of course, children are all different – they also make mistakes and it will help them learn but the children here are a great credit to us. The children's behaviour was yet again commented on favourably by a recent educational advisor visit - Julie Stevens from the Devon school effectiveness team. Well done to all the children. We also make sure we draw your attention to our policy each year so if you would like to view it please follow the link below and scroll down to find it:

https://www.newton-poppleford.devon.sch.uk/web/school_policies/90677

www.newton-poppleford.devon.sch.uk

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✉ admin@newton-poppleford.devon.sch.uk

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

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Clubs

The school is looking to expand and develop its extra-curricular offer. If any parents or carers have a particular interest or skill and are interested in running a club at lunchtime or after school, please do let us know.

Have a wonderful half term and thank you again for everyone's support over the parent's evenings. We look forward to seeing the children on the 5th November.

Best wishes,

Mr Pope

[Primary/Infant/Junior School Admissions 2025 - Register your details](#)

If your child was born between the 1/9/2020 and the 31/08/2021 you need to apply for your child's school place from the 15th November 2024.

The Local Authority will no longer be writing out to families reminding them that they need to apply. If you wish to receive a reminder then please complete the form at this link:

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=gzehjWjLP0S7S5I_d_1b-9FqbSDPpfRHqy9SmDYJC4dUN0JSOFFXVkvZMVAXOVIZTEJNQVA5MIBUNI4u&route=shorturl

This form should only be completed if you are a Devon resident, and you pay your council tax to a Devon Council. Note this does not include Torbay or Plymouth Council. If you are unsure you can check your local council here <https://www.gov.uk/find-local-council>

As long as you register some details on this form, you should receive a text/email on the 15th of November to remind you to visit the website and make an online application for your child's school place.

[Flu Vaccinations Consents](#)

In 2024/25 all children in Primary Schools from Reception to year 6 (inclusive) will be offered the vaccine. The vaccination is free and recommended for young children; it is administered by a quick and simple spray up the nose. Please enter www.nhs.uk/child-flu to access information explaining the vaccination programme which also includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate. The patient information leaflet is also in the attached link: FLUENZ Tetra, INN-influenza vaccine (live attenuated, nasal) (medicines.org.uk)

We are due to visit your child's school on 11th November 2024. In order to access the online consent form, please enter or click on the following link: <https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> PLEASE ENSURE YOU ENTER THE FULL UNIQUE SCHOOL REFERENCE CODE. The code for your child's school is: DV113103

[Deadline for consents is 12noon 06/11/2024](#)

[Safeguarding children at home - the dangers of mobile phones for primary school children](#)

[Social Media and messaging apps for children](#)

We are again highlighting social media and the support that is available to parents in this week's newsletter as it is really important that we are vigilant as a community about how much unrestricted access children are given. As a school, we feel that it is a growing area of importance to educate and ensure that children are not given access to social media and messaging at primary school age. If they do have it there is a need for extremely tight parental control and complete transparency. We would very much appreciate everyone's support in this especially for children in the upper year groups.



November 2024 Newsletter

If you can't make the date or time
all paid for talks are recorded and available for 48 hours afterwards

Monday
25th Nov
19:00 - 20:00
FREE



FREE SESSION

Decreasing Depression

A range of steps that can help to reduce the crippling impact of depression.

Thursday
7th Nov
19:00 - 21:00
£24



Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Tuesday
12th Nov
19:00 - 21:00
£24



Anxiety-Based School Avoidance

Understanding and supporting children who are anxious about school. Steps you can take to help them back into the classroom.

Monday
18th Nov
19:00 - 21:00
£24



Understanding Anger: Yours and Theirs!

What is anger? Why do we have it? How do we manage it in ourselves and in our children?

Thursday
21st Nov
19:00 - 21:00
£24



Supporting Healthy Screen Use

Clarifying the difference between healthy screen use and unhealthy screen use. Addressing concerns about blue light and sedentary behaviour.

facefamilyadvice.co.uk

info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk



OCT/NOV TIMETABLE

Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each
If you can't make the date or time all paid for talks are recorded and available for 48 hours afterwards
Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

FREE SESSIONS	
Introduction to Facing Defiance Decreasing Depression	24 OCT 25 NOV
Anxiety Explained	17 OCT
Understanding Anger	21 OCT
Autism: Improving Communication	28 OCT
Introduction to OCD	29 OCT
Improving Family Communication	4 NOV
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	12 NOV
Anxiety Explained	14 NOV
Understanding Anger	18 NOV
Drug Awareness for Parents	19 NOV
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	21 NOV
What is ACT?	26 NOV
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	28 NOV

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Year 1

Met Office Visits



Last week Year One were very lucky to have a visit from Sue Twelve, a Scientific Software Engineer from the MET Office. We found out that there is a special weather forecast for sheep, made a cloud (and a hurricane!) in a bottle and also made our own weather wheels!

PSHE

In Year One we have been working on working with others and how friendships make us feel. We had to work together to make a spaghetti and marshmallow tower.... harder than it sounds!



Reception—Scooterthon



Fever pitch excitement here in the Barn Owls!



Pre-School



Pre-School have been celebrating Autumn by making mini apple crumbles and toffee apples using apples collected at Adventure Island. We've watched apples being pressed for them to drink and explored our Autumn tray filled with wonderful donations from the Tesco Exmouth Community Champions.

Adventure Island

Thank you so much for all the apple donations last week. We had a brilliant time working together to use the press and we made lots of delicious juice! This half term children have had sessions focussing on keeping safe around fire and cooking on a fire. The reason we needed extra apples was because we have made good use of the ones growing in Adventure Island and have explored different ways to cook them over a fire; toasting toffee apples on a stick, baking apples in tin foil and frying cinnamon apples



REQUEST

Next term we will be exploring different ways to make shelters. If you are doing any pruning over the half term break we would love any donations of branches, long sticks etc that we could use to make dens.

Year 3

Year Three did an amazing piece of performance art 'Dancing Through Charcoal' for their families. We have been studying 'Gestural Drawing' using charcoal and chalk in art. For our final lesson, we put on a performance, where the children created some fantastic artwork. They all really enjoyed the process, particularly getting covered from head to toe in charcoal! A huge thank you to all the families that came to watch them.

Thank you very much,

Kirsty Singfield



Year 4

Year 4 had the pleasure of welcoming Clive Pig, an international storyteller, into class on Wednesday morning. Clive became a Celt for the first part of the morning and in an interactive session with the class dramatically taught them about life in Britannia when Celt and Romans were here. The children loved it and were very animated in response! For the second part of the morning, Clive Pig was himself and led a discussion about life back then, weaving in new information for the children to learn. I hope your children have told you all about it.



Welcome to the October 2024 Scomis Online Safety Newsletter for Parents/Carers

New to the Scomis Online Safety Newsletter?

Welcome to the Scomis Online Safety Newsletter for parents/carers. The aim of this half-termly newsletter is to signpost parents and carers to websites which will provide:

- Online safety advice and guidance for parents and carers
- Raise awareness of current Online Safety issues
- Information on how/where to get help

Remember to talk to your child about Online Safety

Be aware of key issues! How?

Visit the following websites to find out:

Internet Matters – [Advice by Age](#) includes: [checking age requirements](#)—inappropriate comments, [activate parental controls](#)—Apple phone and iPad [balance screen time](#)— 5 top tips. download the guide [here](#)

How you can protect your child

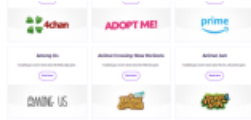
Children use the internet in different ways depending on their age, [Internet Matters](#) has developed checklists for parents /carers that provide top tips on how to help them stay safe. Guides with videos are available for:

[0-5s](#) [6-10s](#) [11-13s](#) [14-17s](#)

Help children understand the dangers of sharing personal information, the best ways to balance screen time and more with the age-specific guides available [here](#)

Parentzone – free digital [Guides for parents](#) including social media, parental controls for Netflix, Peer pressure, PEGI Ratings, Disney+ and much more. Explore the Parentzone library [here](#) and find out about:

- Amazon Prime
- Animal Crossing
- Chat GPT and AI
- Fortnite
- Smartwatches
- Zoom and much, much more!



CommonSense Media – [Age based media reviews](#) for families, including Games, Apps, Films and TV, books. Reviews for what your kids are into (before they get *into* it) Trusted ratings created with families in mind. Including:

[How to help spot misinformation and disinformation](#)

Teach your child how to treat fact from fiction!

[How to talk about crime, violence and war](#)

Get ideas for supporting your child

[Parents ultimate guide to Generative AI](#)

Find out about Generative AI and how it's being used:

- [Key terms to know](#)
- [Common concerns and challenges](#)
- [Benefits of Generative AI for teens](#)

Need Help?

Worried about what a child or young person may have experienced online, contact the NSPCC helpline for free support and advice. Call NSPCC on **0808 800 5000** or [contact NSPCC online](#).

Keeping up to date with Media Sites, Apps and Games

Would you like to:

- Keep up to date with the latest sites, apps and games?
- Find out how to keep your child safe when playing online games?
- Access resources for children with [SEND](#)?

Visit [NSPCC's Chat App](#) site to find out more about Social media and Chat Apps including:

- TikTok; Instagram; WhatsApp

Find out more [here](#)

Activities to do with your child from NSPCC and Ambitious about Autism

[Sharing personal information](#)

[Friendships online](#)

[One page profile](#)

[Talking to people online](#)—visual article



Childline's Advice for Staying Safe Online

There are a number of things **you** can do to keep yourself safe online:

- Think before you post
- Don't share personal details
- Watch out for phishing and scams
- Think about who you are talking to
- Keep your device secure
- Never give out your password

Read how to keep you and your children safe online [here](#)

Find out more about:

- [Keeping your device secure](#)
- [Strong passwords](#)
- [Grooming](#)
- [Be careful about the websites you use](#)

Access and view a range of easy to watch videos on all sorts of things including

- Getting help [here](#)

PEGI Ratings

PEGI ([Pan European Game Information](#)) ratings is a popular gaming rating system used mostly in Europe and Asia.

PEGI ratings are quite easy to understand. They use a clear number to show from which age the game is suitable for. Find out more [here](#)

PEGI ratings: explained



Remember! Children can contact [Childline](#) any time to get support themselves: 0800 1111

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Your ICT Partner

School Choir



Choir have had a fantastic half term singing with our amazing choir leader, Beth McLean, every Thursday lunchtime. The choir will be performing at the Newton Poppleford Primary Winter Fete on Saturday 7th December. We will be opening the fete at 2pm, so please put the date in your diary. More information will follow nearer the time.



Healthy Snacks at Break Time

Please remember that we ask all children to bring healthy snacks to school for break times
For example this can be fruit, vegetables, plain rice cakes , crackers, cheese etc.



Please do not bring Nuts/Seeds, Sesame seed based products or Humous



Also please note crisps, chocolate and sweet biscuits/ treats are not allowed at break times.

THANK YOU
for keeping our school safe!

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school a healthy and safe environment!

Activities on During Half term



Be a Chorister for a Day is a free Chorister open day for children currently in Years 2 – 5 who enjoy singing. It is an excellent chance for young people to be encouraged and coached by professional musicians in an inspirational setting. The children will have a great time with the current Choristers, rehearsing and then singing with them in the Cathedral. In addition they will have a special opportunity to take part in the Christingle Service at 4pm. They will hear all about the Choristers' daily routine, radio and television broadcasts, recordings and tours, and have the opportunity to ask lots of questions. Follow the link below to find out more

<https://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/be-a-chorister-for-a-day/>

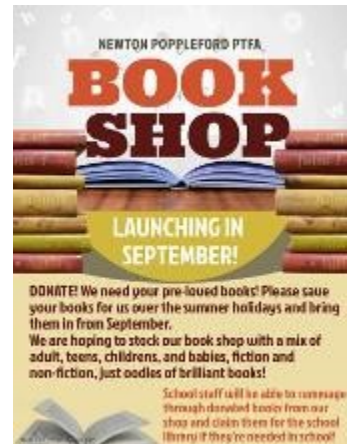
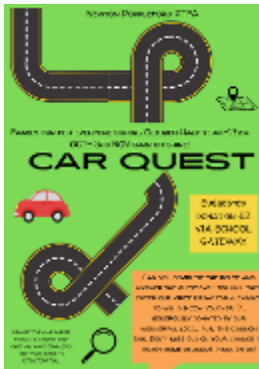
PTFA

SAVE THE DATES: More info to follow, but here's a heads-up for PTFA events for this term.

8th NOV - Bonfire Night—The PTFA are running the BBQ with The Cannon Inn again at this year's village fireworks event on Friday 8th November! If you can help volunteer to sell sausages or as a safety steward, please contact Georgia on 07967 017726, thank you!

22nd NOV - Tropic & Cocktail Night (grown-ups only, evening)

7th DEC - Christmas Fair (afternoon)



How can you support Newton Pop PTFA?

School Lottery
If you're looking for a great way to support the school, why not join our school lottery? It's a fun and easy way to support the school and win prizes. Sign up today!

Online Shopping **easyfundraising**
Online shopping can now be the most fun you've ever had. Every time you shop at over 1000 online retailers, you can donate to the PTFA. It's that easy!

Clothing Bank
Don't forget your wardrobe donations and clothes for the clothing bank. It's the best way to help those in need. Sign up today!

Asda Rewards
Share Asda Pay through your school to the Asda rewards app and start collecting money for us today!

We have some exciting news to share! Newton Poppleford Primary School has been chosen as one of the three local causes for the Coop! By simply signing up as a Coop member for just £1, or logging in if you're already a member, you can select Newton Poppleford Primary School PTFA as your chosen cause

Your support will make a huge difference to our children, helping to make their outdoor playtime even more enjoyable. Thank you for being a part of this positive campaign.

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/91998>

Dates for your diary

Thursday 31st October	Secondary Schools Applications close
28 October -1st Nov	Half Term
1st November	Diwali
4th November	Inset Day
5th November	Children return to school
6th November	Mini Police Year 6 Deadline for consents for Flu vaccinations
8th November	Reception Trip
11th November	Remembrance Day - Remembrance Poetry Performances Year 5 Swimming lessons (1of 6)
12th November	Year 3 - Stone Age Workshop
11th - 15th November	Anti Bully Week
13th November	Positive Noticing Day
13th November	Mini Police Year 6 Year 5 & 6 Basketball - Selected Children
14th November	Year 4 Trip to RAMM
18th November	Year 5 Swimming lessons (2of 6)
20th November	Mini Police Year 6
20th November	Year 2 Multiskills event (Selected children)
21st November	Year 4 Cake Sale
25th Novemeber	Year 5 Swimming Lesson (3of 6)
27th November	Mini Police Year 6 Vision Screening ®
2nd December	Year 5 Swimming Lesson (4 of 6)
4th December	Year 5 & 6 Girls indoor football - selected children Mini Police Year 6
9th December	Year 5 Swimming Lessons (5 of 6)
10th -11th December	Rec and KS1 Nativity 2.15pm
11th December	Year 3 & 4 Multi skills Festival
12th December	KS2 Christmas Concert 1.25-2.10pm & 2.30-3.15pm
13th December	Whole school trip to the Panto (TBC)
16th December	Year 5 Swimming Lessons (6 of 6)
17th December	Whole school Christmas Dinner