

School Matters

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM NEWTON POPPLEFORD SCHOOL

Friday 11th March 2022

From the Headteacher

Dates for Parents meetings this term will be as follows:

Monday 28th March – Years 3 and 6

Tuesday 29th March – Years 4 and 5

Wednesday 30th March – Year 1

Thursday 31st March – Reception and Year 2

The eSchools booking system to book appointments will open on **Wednesday 16th March at 8am** and remain open until **Thursday 24th March at 2pm**. All appointments will be in person in school, unless you email the office requesting a virtual appointment. Please email the office requesting this after you have made your booking through eSchools.



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If you have misplaced your login details please contact the School Office. New parents will be receiving their login details imminently. Please check your children's school bags!!

Next Friday is Red Nose Day. Please wear your red nose to school and dress up in anything red.



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From the PTFA

TWOSDAY CHALLENGE! Enormous thanks to the families who took part in the Twosday sponsorship challenge. They raised a fantastic £88. Well done and thank you!

JUBILEE WEEKEND! The PTFA have joined forces with the Parish Council to help Newton Pop celebrate the Queen's Jubilee! Save the date for the PTFA day and night of brilliant events on **FRIDAY 3rd JUNE!** See posters for details.



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



Year 5



World Book Day



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Year 4





PETE'S DRAGONS

Comfort after suicide loss

Friday, 25 March 2022
9:30 – 3:30pm
at
Ocean Exmouth
Queen's Drive
Exmouth
EX8 2AY



This is a conference for anyone within the geographical county of Devon who would like to expand their knowledge, tools and understanding in all aspects of postvention (suicide bereavement/impact) for the benefit

of helping others. **More Information and Register Here:**

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/postvention-hub-launch-tickets-260140606557



Healthy Start is a national programme that provides financial support to eligible young families and pregnant women for fruit, veg, and milk, as well as providing free vitamins.

Full details are available on the school website or at:

www.devonfoodpartnership.org.uk/home/healthy-start-scheme/

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NEWTON POPPLEFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Parent Drop in Session

Join us for coffee, cake and support.

Come and get to know other parents and relax.

Debbie Tollerfield; SENDCO
and

Cara Shepherd; Parent Support Advisor
will be around to answer questions and signpost to support available.

It's also a lovely opportunity to meet new people, so please do come and join us.

Our next session will run on Wednesday
April 6th 2022
2.30pm until 3.30pm
In the school library.

If you are unable to attend, and would like any signposting or support please do contact
Cara on; or email
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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP



WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encryption means messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted – it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SCAMS

Fraudsters occasionally send WhatsApp messages pretending to offer prizes – encouraging the user to click on a link to win. Other common scams involve warning someone that their WhatsApp subscription has run out (aiming to dupe them into disclosing payment details) or impersonating a friend or relative and asking for money to be transferred to help with an emergency.

DISAPPEARING MESSAGES

Users can set WhatsApp messages to disappear in 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days by default. Photos and videos can also be instructed to disappear after the recipient has viewed them. These files can't be saved or forwarded – so if your child was sent an inappropriate message, it would be difficult to prove any wrongdoing. However, the receiver can take a screenshot and save that as evidence.

ENABLING FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India in 2018, some outbreaks of mob violence appear to have been sparked by false allegations being shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING

Group chat and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'only admins' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a WhatsApp chat, you only need the mobile number of the person you want to message (the other person also needs to have the app). WhatsApp can access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts also use the app. So if your child has ever given their phone number to someone they don't know, that person could use it to contact them via WhatsApp.

LOCATION SHARING

The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are." It is a useful method for a young person to let loved ones know they're safe – but if they used it in a chat with people they don't know, they would be exposing their location to them, too.

Advice for Parents & Carers

[CLICK HERE](#)

CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though someone would need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it's also worth altering a young person's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'nobody' – choosing one of the latter two ensures that your child's profile is better protected.



EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING

If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them using 'settings' in the chat. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undelivered. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list – so they also need to be deleted from the address book.



REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS

Young people shouldn't engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they'll be given the option to report it as spam. If the sender claims to be a friend or relative, call that person on their usual number to verify it really is them, or if it's someone trying to trick your child.



LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is in a group chat that is making them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they don't want to be part of, they can use WhatsApp's group settings to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once; if they leave a second time, it is permanent.



THINK ABOUT LOCATION

If your child needs to use the 'live location' function to show you or one of their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives a range of 'live location' options, and your child should manually stop sharing their position as soon as it is no longer needed.



DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child posts a message they want to delete, WhatsApp allows the user seven minutes to erase a message. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone.' However, it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.



CHECK THE FACTS

You can now fact-check WhatsApp messages that have been forwarded at least five times, by double-tapping the magnifying glass icon to the right of the message. From there, your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was true or not.



Meet Our Expert

Parven Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.



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