

# SCHOOL MATTERS

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM NEWTON POPPLEFORD SCHOOL

## Friday 1st October 2021

### From the Headteacher

For next week *only*, Thursday's menu of Chicken and Ham Pie will be served on the Wednesday and Wednesday's menu of Roast Gammon will be served on the Thursday.

Next Thursday is our Census Day when the number of school dinners consumed on that day affects our school dinner funding. Years R,1 and 2 are entitled to a free school meal. Make sure your child has their school meal next Thursday. For children in the rest of the school, the cost is £2.40 and can be paid online. If you have a problem booking a school meal, call in at the School Office and they will sort it out for you.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>M Toad in the Hole</p> <p>V Vegetarian burger</p> <p>S Pasta, sauté potatoes, veg of the day, gravy</p> <p>D Muesli crunch</p>	<p>M Home-made sausage rolls (DF)</p> <p>V Vegetable samosa (DF)</p> <p>S Pasta, mashed potato, beans</p> <p>D Short cake &amp; custard</p>	<p>M Chicken &amp; ham pie</p> <p>V Vegetable nuggets</p> <p>S Pasta, potato, veg of the day</p> <p>D Banana &amp; chocolate slice</p>	<p>M Roast gammon &amp; pineapple (DF)</p> <p>V Sweet potato casserole</p> <p>S Roast or mashed potatoes, veg of the day, gravy</p> <p>D Fruit cocktail &amp; ice-cream</p>	<p>M Salmon bite &amp; tomato sauce (DF)</p> <p>V Cheesy wheel</p> <p>S Chips, pasta, veg of the day</p> <p>D Home-made cookie &amp; fruit juice</p>

Key to menu items: M: Main V: Vegetarian S: Sides D: Dessert (DF) Dairy Free

Jacket potato, yoghurt, fresh fruit and fresh salad are available every day

If you travel to school by car, please show kindness and consideration in how and where you park. Be aware that parking too close to a junction is an offence. Rule 243 of the Highway Code states you **must not park opposite** or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space. The penalty could be a non-endorsable fixed penalty of £50–£100 for causing an unnecessary obstruction. If an accident occurs it's likely you'll be taking a large proportion of the blame – and be fined accordingly!



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

## School Office Reminders

- When you collect children after school, you naturally assume responsibility for their supervision and safety. Please be aware of where your children are, especially if you are talking to other parents or staff.
- Vanessa Tyrrell from the West Country School of Music, who gives lessons here on a Tuesday, has asked if we can let parents know that there are now spaces available for any KS2 children wishing to learn to play music in school. They can find more info on the website under School Life and book directly with WCSM.

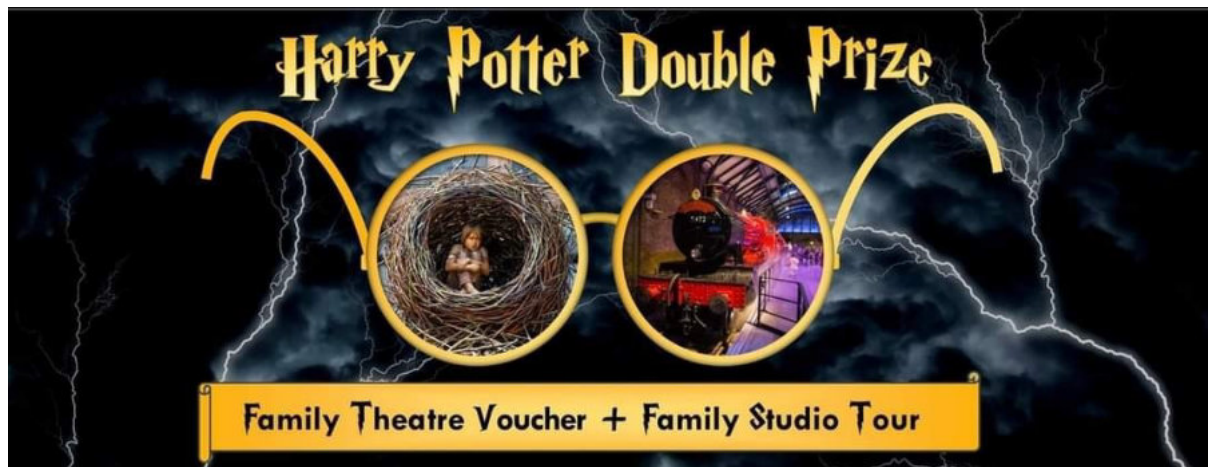
## PTFA AGM

**Wednesday 13th October, 7:30pm** at the school. Please join us for committee elections, reporting on last year, and planning for the year ahead. Everyone welcome! Nominations for committee roles are accepted in advance, please email [terilouisemurphy@yahoo.com](mailto:terilouisemurphy@yahoo.com) for more information.

## SCHOOL LOTTERY!

Last year the school lottery raised a whopping **£1,300** for the PTFA! This included some wonderful winners who donated their winnings back to us, you guys are heroes! Don't forget to buy your tickets at [yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://yourschoollottery.co.uk). We have a weekly jackpot winner from our school, as well as the chance to win £25,000!

Plus non cash prizes, this half term it's an amazing Harry Potter studio tour and theatre tickets! You've got to be in it to win it! 🍀



## Sidmouth Science Festival 2021

Fortunately, most of this year's Sidmouth Science Festival, our 10th, is able to go ahead in person. It runs from **Friday 8th until Sunday 17th October** with a wide variety of activities spread around various venues in Sidmouth. There are events for everyone; adults, children and families.

Hands on activities, talks and demonstrations take place on Super Science Saturday **9th October** with a marquee at Kennaway House where you can make small items to take home. Whilst there come and see the Primary Schools' Art Exhibition. Has your class won a prize? Or try your hand at the what3words treasure hunt. More details can be found in the attached programme.

## Can you help us make playtimes even better?

Our aim is to make playtime the best fun a child can have and we want our Key Stage 2 children to have the opportunity to play and explore with a variety of things. We have put together a wish list for the top playground and field and we would be so grateful for any donations.

Our children would love:

- 2 wheeled scooters (for ages 7-11)
- Bike helmets (for ages 7-11)
- Dressing up stuff such as hats, bags, scarfs
- Plastic guttering
- Decking planks
- Pallets (in good condition please)
- Toy cars
- Metal pots, pans and cooking utensils such as ladles
- and whisks for our mud kitchens
- Flat bed sheets - perfect for den building!
- Clothes pegs
- Chalk



Please leave any large items by the bike shed and anything smaller at the school office.  
Thank you for your continued support!  
Mrs Bradley



**10<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sidmouth Science Festival**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Oct 2021**

In and around Sidmouth with some online events or all online subject to government guidelines.

*Food, materials, robots, dinosaurs, astronomy, geology and much more...*

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**Sidmouth Science Festival**

**Saturday 9th October from 12.15**

**Guinness World Records attempt for the longest tin can telephone**

**Bedford Steps to Connaught Gardens Lookout**

**Come along and show your support**

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# This week's National Online Safety guide to Pokémon GO. What parents and carers need to know about Pokémon GO.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one game of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## What Parents Need to Know about POKÉMON GO



Pokémon GO has been among the world's most popular mobile games since its spectacular release in 2016. It's recently enjoyed a resurgence, thanks partly to people combining entertainment and exercise during lockdown. In Pokémon GO – like the Pokémon TV show, trading card series and other video games – players capture, train and battle with their Pokémon creatures; physically exploring locations while using augmented reality via their phone's screen. The game generally provides a positive experience, but there are still some safety concerns to consider.

### ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

Pokémon GO requires players to visit in-game landmarks like Pokéstops and Gyms. These are often situated at public real-world locations such as churches or post offices. Sometimes, however, they can inadvertently end up being placed in dangerous areas which are unsuitable for children, even when accompanied by an adult: near a construction site or a main road, for example.

### STRANGERS & MEETING OFFLINE

Players often cooperate with friends in the game, and there are many online discussion hangouts. As well as sharing tips and info, these groups may arrange to meet offline to catch Pokémon or attend raids (communal events where players flock to the same real-world place for a mass battle). This can put children at risk of being messaged and invited to meet by strangers under the pretence of talking about the game.

### DATA COLLECTION

When a player logs into their Pokémon GO account, the game collects personal data about the user and their device. Locations, emails, names, ages and even camera images can all be accessed. What then happens to this information is open to debate. Niantic, the game's developers, maintain that they do not sell user information to third parties – but the fact that they have it at all is a concern, nonetheless.

### VISIBLE PROFILES & LOCATION

Pokémon GO players can add each other as 'friends' in the game by sharing their trainer codes. Two trainers who do this can then view each other's information, such as their username. If a username gives any clues to the player's real name or personal details, a stranger may then be able to look them up online. The game also lets users upload images to social media, which could publicly disclose a child's exact location.

### IN-GAME PURCHASES

The game uses a currency called Pokécoins, which can be bought for real money (in bundles between £0.79 and £99.99) and exchanged for in-game items such as Pokéballs and berries. It's extremely easy for a child to purchase Pokécoins (even accidentally) if there's a payment method connected to their mobile phone – and possibly rack up a sizeable bill without realising it!

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### PLAY ALONGSIDE YOUR CHILD

Finding and catching Pokémon with young ones could turn into a great mutual hobby. At 25 years old, it's one of the few games franchises that spans two generations. Enjoying the game together will give you plenty of new things to talk about with your child – and if you played Pokémon in your own childhood, you might impress them with your knowledge of the digital critters!

### ENCOURAGE AWARENESS

Remind your child of the physical dangers they could face while catching Pokémon and emphasise staying aware of their surroundings. The game will often alert children (through their phone) when they are close to an interesting Pokémon item – usually sending them excitedly rushing off to find it – so they should never play Pokémon GO near busy roads or in places they don't know well.

### DISGUISE THE EXERCISE

One of Pokémon GO's benefits is that it encourages young (and not-so-young!) ones to get exercise outdoors. Some parts of the game can be completed from home, but it's best experienced while walking around your local area. Certain tasks (like visiting Pokéstops) can be repeated every day – and an hour outside having fun catching Pokémon will hardly feel like exercise at all!

### USE AN OLDER PHONE

If children use an older phone to play Pokémon GO, then they won't be walking around with their own new device, which could get broken or stolen. Parents are also far less likely to have left a credit card linked to the old mobile. It also means that you can limit the amount of information used to set up an account, and what companies who gain access to your data can do with it.

### AGREE PLAY BOUNDARIES

Ensure your child knows where they are (and aren't) allowed to go searching for Pokémon, when they have to be home, and how often they can play the game. Talk to other young Pokémon GO fans' parents or carers to see what boundaries they set for their children. Lunchtimes (if allowed by the school) or after school are ideal times for getting some exercise and catching all those Pokémon!

### Meet Our Expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for several years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world: UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGBible. Having started gaming at a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work – but, more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.



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