

SCHOOL MATTERS

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM NEWTON POPPLEFORD SCHOOL

Friday 19th November 2021



From the Headteacher

Today is Children in Need day. If you haven't already, don't forget to contribute via the school gateway under the payment request '2021 Children in Need'.

Scholastic Book Fair

We have a Scholastic Book Fair in school all week from Monday 29th November. This will be a

wonderful opportunity for the children to buy new books, while also earning free books for the school. The more books you buy, the more free books the school will earn! There will be over 200 of the newest and best books from over 60 publishers, including exclusive titles that you won't see in shops. Prices start from only £2.99 and there are a variety of discounts.

Each class will have a chance on Monday to look at the books that are available. Parents and carers will be able to come to buy books with their children after school on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Payment can be made in cash after school, or you will be able to purchase books online, which will be sent to the school. To pay online, go to <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay>

Library Volunteer Needed!

We are looking for a volunteer or group of volunteers that can be flexible with their time to come and reorganise some books in our Library. This is not the Accelerated Reader ones, but the books we have for the younger children, and the non-fiction books. If you think you can help, please email or call the school with your details, and someone will be in touch with you to discuss this further. Thank you.



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

Admission to Primary School 2022

for children born between 01/09/2017 and 31/08/2018

Children born between the dates above are entitled to start full time Primary Education in September 2022.

The application facility opens on 15th November 2021 and closes at midnight on 15th January 2022. It is important that parents apply before the closing date, even if you are intending to defer your child's admission until later in the academic year, you must secure a place before that decision need be made.

The Step by Step Guide is now available for download from the School Admission webpages: <http://devon.cc/prospectus> and from our school website.

We know that most families will apply using the online facility at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline

Families should receive a letter from the Admissions Team shortly, providing a Unique Identifying Number which will facilitate that application. It is not essential to have this number to apply and any parent who does not receive a letter may proceed through the screens by first selecting 'NO UID'.

The School Admissions Team is anxious that no application is delayed beyond the closing date as schools have limits placed

upon them and Admissions must offer places up to the determined number in the first round – no places can be held in reserve for late applicants. Each year there are parents who are disappointed that places at local schools are not available because they did not apply on time.

The Education Helpline Advisers are on hand to manage queries and will help you navigate the system if necessary - please telephone 0345 155 1019.

You can also access information on

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/DCCSchoolAdmissions>

Twitter

www.twitter.com/DevonAdmissions

The school office is also willing to help with applications and information - please don't hesitate to contact us if you need help in applying, or if you need any advice.

Was your child born between
1st September 2017 and
31st August 2018?

How to Apply for a Primary School Place in Devon

You can apply online at
www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline
from 15th November 2021 to 15th January 2022

If you cannot access the school admissions website you can get more information by calling our Education Helpline on

0345 155 1019

or email: admissions@devon.gov.uk



Even if you have already given details to a primary school, you must apply for a place through the Admissions Team. This is the only way to apply; other forms or lists held by schools will not count.

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County Council

Parent Talk—an Action for Children website

This website offers free advice for parents and carers of children aged 0-19 in the UK. Their parenting coaches have seen and solved it all – from weaning to teenage worries. Whatever your background or experiences, they would love to help. Everyone's challenges are unique, and they aim to offer a welcoming and trusted place to get support. The Parent Talk website is: <https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/>

From the PTFA

BONFIRE NIGHT: Thank you so much to all the volunteers who helped at the village fireworks event and to everyone who bought a sausage from the PTFA BBQ! This event raised a whopping £770 for the PTFA!

UNIFORM SHOP! The PTFA preloved uniform shop is now live! Next table top sale is at the Christmas Fair on 4th December, or order any time by contacting Camille.

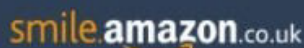
SCHOOL LOTTERY! A winner every week from Newton Pop school! Plus your chance to win the £25k national jackpot and non-cash prizes. This half term you could win 'Christmas!' See yourschoollottery.co.uk to buy tickets!

CHRISTMAS FAIR! Save the date! **Saturday 4th December**, 2-4pm, at school - hamper raffle, Santa's grotto, and much, much more!

Raise money for the school while doing your Christmas online shopping! The school is now signed up to two shopping portals that will donate to the school for FREE every time you shop with them. It takes seconds to sign up to by following the links below.



Easyfundraising - the site includes over 4000 shops (including ebay, Argos, ASOS, Etsy and M&S) and sites (including insurance, mobile, utilities and travel) that will donate to the school. It's really easy, just use the Easyfundraising portal or app every time you shop: <http://bit.ly/2MXWSqJ>.



Amazon Smile - will donate with qualifying purchases through the Amazon Smile website: <https://amzn.to/2Ls2vNu>.

Christmas Dates

Preschool - Our First Nativity on **Tuesday, 7th & Wednesday, 8th December** both at 11:00 AM at St Luke's Church.

Reception & Key Stage I - Born in a Barn on **Wednesday, 8th & Thursday, 9th December** both at 2:00 PM in the School Hall. *(Please complete the Google form and pay via School Gateway and your tickets will be sent home)*

Key Stage 2 - Carol Service on **Monday, 6th & Tuesday, 7th December** both at 6:00 PM in the School Hall. *(Details of tickets to follow.)*

Christmas Jumper Day is on **Friday, 10th December**.

The children's **Christmas Lunch** is on **Tuesday, 14th December** and the party day is on **Friday, 17th December**, the last day of term.

This week's National Online Safety guide is about sharing kindness online. One Kind Word is the theme of Anti-Bullying Week 2021. In this guide you will find tips to reaching out, thinking before commenting and recommending fun things.

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 issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

10 Ways You Can SHARE KINDNESS ONLINE

Last year, around one in five young people aged 10–15 in England and Wales admitted experiencing online bullying: most commonly being insulted or sworn at, or having hurtful messages sent about them. To someone who's being bullied, the world can seem like a bleak, negative place – but just one kind word can be a ray of hope: a turning point that brightens their day and refreshes their perspective. That's why 'One Kind Word' is the theme of Anti-Bullying Week 2021. We're supporting this year's event by bringing you ten top tips for beating online bullying by replacing it with kindness.

1 PRAISE WHERE IT'S DUE

Sometimes a friend or relative might post online about something they're proud to have achieved: maybe an exam they've passed, a new skill they've learned or a task they've completed. Celebrate their hard work and determination by being kind enough to praise them for it publicly.

2 REACH OUT

It's not always easy to tell what kind of mood someone is in just from what they post online. Simply dropping somebody a message to say 'hi', to ask if they're OK or to tell them that you're thinking of them could totally make their day.

3 RECOMMEND FUN THINGS

If there's something you enjoy doing online – perhaps you play a particular game, or you've found a really cool site – share it with someone you think will enjoy it. Even recommending a film or TV show you think they'll like can bring a little happiness to someone who really needs it.

4 OFFER TO HELP

Sometimes you might see a friend or family member posting a question online or asking for help with something they can't do themselves. Don't just ignore it – if you can help, get in touch. Something that's difficult for them might be no trouble for you!

5 POST POSITIVELY

Lots of people seem to go online purely to complain about things or be negative. Just because you're communicating online (and not face to face) doesn't mean you can't be positive, though! Post about things that make you happy and that you're thankful for. It could brighten someone else's day.

6 SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION

If somebody that you know has done something positive or shown kindness themselves, go online and thank them with a message or a post. Expressing your gratitude costs nothing and showing someone that you appreciate them will really make them feel good.

7 BE UNDERSTANDING

Showing empathy towards others is an act of online kindness which often gets overlooked. If you notice that someone you know is upset, drop them a message. Sometimes people just need someone else to listen to them and understand their situation.

8 SHARE INSPIRATIONAL POSTS

When you see something online that inspires you or makes you feel happy, share it with people you know. A spot-on quotation, a beautiful photo or an uplifting video can lift someone's spirits and help them to feel better about life.

9 THINK BEFORE COMMENTING

Thinking before we act can be just as important as acting in the first place. Taking a second to consider what you're saying in advance could stop you from posting something negative, hurtful or offensive – even if you don't mean to. It's better to post positively or not post at all.

10 LIKE, LOVE AND ENGAGE

If somebody posts something that you like on social media, don't just scroll past – take the time to like it, love it or leave an appreciative comment! Reacting positively to other people's posts might seem like a small gesture but could mean a lot to them.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with more than 10 years of experience in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid *The Inquirer*, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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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,
relax, and have fun.

Debbie Tollerfield; SENDCO
and
Cara Shepherd; Parent Support Advisor are
hoping to run a regular parent drop in
session on the first Wednesday of every
month.

We 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 First session will run on Wednesday
December 8th 2021
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; 07495 540415.

