

# School Matters

The Fortnightly Newsletter from Newton Poppleford School

## Friday 13th June 2025

### Message from Mr Pope

Dear Parents/Carers,

The first two weeks of the summer term have been very full and the children have had lots of opportunity to enrich their learning. Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed the aquarium, Years 4 and Reception have visited Seaton wetlands and we have had visitors deliver Climate Care workshops in multiple year groups. We also had an assembly and discussions centring around Hindusim with Muhunthiny who is so full of joy and enthusiasm she is a real inspiration. My thanks to her for changing her plans and even her holiday arrangements to be with us.

Extra-curricular clubs and sports have been a feature for many of the children including lego STEM club, short tennis, maypole, self-defence, dance and boardgames which starts soon. I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing so many children join the martial arts club, we hope they are enjoying it and doing something a little bit different. Well done to the children who took part in multi skills and cricket at Budleigh Salterton over the two days. I have been informed you were excellent ambassadors for our school and performed brilliantly.

A new government plan has been set out recently meaning that all schools are required to have a Climate Action Plan in place. This has been a feature of Devon School Leadership training in recent weeks and having attended this as well as listened to a recent speech delivered by John Laramy who sits on the curriculum assessment review panel I can say with confidence that our school is very much meeting and exceeding these new expectations.

Teachers and teaching assistants have also had some visitors and training recently both in executive function and precision teaching. We are grateful to the practitioners who visited us to deliver these invaluable and informative sessions that will help develop our teaching of all pupils and those with special educational needs.

Well done to our year one and year 4 children who took part in the phonics tests and multiplication tables check recently. 96% of our children passed the phonics test and we will receive the results of our tables check soon. We are very proud of our children - they always try their best!

Coming up we have our Arts week which we are combining this year with a week of learning about the Windrush Generation. This will also involve a menu change on one day and a visitor for the children in KS2 to share their experiences. We are planning a date to invite parents into school to share some of this learning in the last week and more information will follow.

Transition week is also coming up and you will be notified in the next two weeks who your child's class teacher/s will be. We are finalising these arrangements now and we appreciate your patience with this.

Reception parents meeting – thank you to all the parents who attended. It was lovely to meet you all and see you as you prepare for your children's first day at school. We have 29 children joining us in reception next year and we are very much looking forward to seeing them. I know the children in year 4 are also raring to go and meet their new buddies.

Message continued over .....

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

Message continued from Mr Pope .....

### **Lateness - I need to inform parents of some of the new procedures we are implementing as of Monday.**

Firstly, I would like to thank the vast majority of the school community for their punctuality and arrival at school. The early morning is a really important time for children in so many ways. We are now introducing some new measures in the office and procedures for lateness which I need to make you aware of. We will now be insisting that where children are late, parents come to the office where you will be asked to complete a slip giving the school the reason for the incidence of lateness. We would also remind all parents, of children under year 5, you must accompany your children to the office when they are late to sign them into school. The only dispensation we offer is where this has been agreed with the school SENDCO or a reducing lateness plan and meeting has been held and is in place (these are reviewed on a half termly basis).

On a lighter and much more positive note, the Summer fete is coming very soon on the 20th June. The Maypole club has been running and the children have been practising hard. It is such a wonderful tradition and we are grateful to Mrs Raffell and Ms Winterburn for their time. The King and Queen appointed which has been very exciting and hotly contested. As always, the PTFA have done fabulous work to build up to what we are sure is going to be a wonderful event. Please join us if you can as we would love to see you there.

We hope you enjoy your weekends whatever you may be doing and look forward to seeing the children next week!

Best Wishes

Mr Pope

**Menu Change—Friday 27th June**

**Windrush Day**

**Main Meal—Reggae Pulled Pork in a bap**

**Vegetarian option—Bean Stew**

**Sides—Rice Salad and Sweet Potato Fries**

**Dessert—Jamaican Ginger Cake and Mango coulis**

**Water Melon**

**Topical Juice**

**Please note there will be NO JACKET POTATO OPTIONS**

### **Eco Council Notice Board**





## Pre-School



Pre-School invited parents to a Stay and Play down at Adventure Island this week. We played Hide and Seek, built dens, did the limbo, looked at the pond, found bugs and climbed up and down the bank. It was a lovely morning!!



## Reception



Reception Class had a brilliant, if a little WET trip to Seaton Wetlands yesterday for a Pirate Adventure! We did lots of activities including a treasure hunt to find clues to help save 'Percy the Parrot' as well as walking the plank!

### Year 4



On Monday, Year 4 had a visit from Mulhanthiny to teach us about her faith of Hinduism. The children had the opportunity to dress up in traditional Hindu clothing including saris and bangles and learnt about the Gods of Hinduism. This was followed by learning about the traditions of Diwali and getting the chance to practice some classical dance! Mulhanthiny then kindly delivered an assembly to the school. We are very grateful to her

### Year 3



On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June, Year 3 took part in a Climate Care workshop given by Cornwall Climate Care. The key focus was how we can protect our oceans from climate change and at the end of the session, the class designed posters to warn others of the impact of climate change.



## Sporting Events

A group of Year 5 and 6 children took part in the Easter Devon qualifying competition for Countdown Cricket at Budleigh Cricket Club on 6th June. They showed brilliant team work, resilience and made huge improvements as the day went on, winning two of their four games, and scoring a total of 223 runs over the course of the day. We had some great coaching tips from some of our more experienced players, and lots of individual successes, catching the opposition out and scoring 6s. Well done to all who took part!



## PTFA Update

### Dates for the diary

- ♦ Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June- Summer Fete
- ♦ Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June- Sri Lankan Curry Night
- ♦ Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July—School Disco



## PTFA Summer Fete 2025

**Friday 20th June 2025**  
**3:20-5:30pm in the school playground**  
**...And we need YOU to make it happen!**

**PLEASE...**  
 Help us sell **RAFFLE TICKETS** and get yourself a chance to win one of our fabulous prizes, scan our fancy QR code to see the list of prizes so far! Please return completed ticket stubs, cash, and unsold tickets to the school office by the 20th June. Payment in cash or via the School Gateway payment button. Extra tickets available in the school office if you run out!



Please bring in your great condition preloved **SOFT TOY** donations for the teddy tombola. Any time, to the school office.



Please bring in your **FILLED JARS** for the jar tombola (an empty jam jar, filled with anything you like; sweets, toys, hairbands, stationery anything goes!) Drop off any time to the school office.



Remember, it's **NON-UNIFORM DAY** on Friday 20th June, in exchange, please bring a **BOTTLE** for the tombola!



**VOLUNTEER** to help, your class reps are recruiting so have a chat with them!




### SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY TODAY

**£1 per week** **Weekly cash prizes** **£25,000 jackpot**

**How it works...**

It's simple - choose 6 numbers between 1 & 49 and 1 extra number for weekly lottery draws, you win great prizes. Grand lotto players receive a cash prize every week, maybe even the £25,000! Tickets cost just £1 per week and the proceeds are donated to Highwood Primary School PTFA.

Every Wednesday at 5pm in school and online and printed online. Members are contacting email and telephone and the school office to order tickets.

The school will be on our lotto to order tickets by school and online.

It's so easy to join and will make a real difference to Highwood Primary School PTFA.

- 40p goes to our school
- 40p goes to cash prizes
- 30p goes to school costs
- 40p goes to VAT



**The Maths...** 100 tickets sold a week means:  
 = £10 weekly cash prizes  
 = £2,500 a year for our school

**Buy A Ticket**

### How can you support Newton Pop PTFA?

- School Lottery**  
 Every Wednesday at 5pm in school and online and printed online. Members are contacting email and telephone and the school office to order tickets.
- Easyfundraising**  
 Easyfundraising is a free online fundraising platform. It allows you to raise money for your school by shopping online. You can find a list of participating retailers on the Easyfundraising website.
- Classroom Collections**  
 Choose to do a class collection. You can choose to collect for a specific cause or for a general fund. You can also choose to collect for a specific item, such as a book or a toy.
- Classroom Bank**  
 A classroom bank is a collection of items that are donated to the school. These items can be used for a variety of purposes, such as for a class project or for a school event.
- Classroom Fund**  
 A classroom fund is a collection of money that is donated to the school. This money can be used for a variety of purposes, such as for a class project or for a school event.

**CHOOSE US AS YOUR LOCAL CAUSE**

Go to: [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and click on 'Support your school'.

Support us through  
**easyfundraising**

## Dates for the Diary

<b>16th June</b>	Year 1 Swimming lessons - (3 of 6) Art Week
<b>18th June</b>	Year 5 and 6 Ultimate Frisbee - Selected children
<b>19th June</b>	Rock up and Read - Reception
<b>20th June</b>	PTFA Summer Fete change of Menu - Windrush Day
<b>21st June</b>	Sri Lankan Curry Night
<b>23rd June</b>	Year 1 Swimming lessons - (4 of 6) Windrush Day
<b>27th June</b>	Change of Menu - Windrush Day Year 1 Swimming lessons - (5 of 6)
<b>30th June - 4th July</b>	Year 5 Bikeability
<b>1st July</b>	Year 1 Trip
<b>7th July</b>	Year 1 Swimming lessons - (6 of 6) Year 6 School Trip
<b>8th July</b>	Parent Drop - SEND
<b>9th July</b>	Sports day (KS1 am/KS2 pm) Year 5 and 6 Mixed Kwik Cricket - selected children only
<b>10th July</b>	Back up for sports day PTFA School Disco
<b>11th July</b>	Reception and Year 5 Summer walk
<b>15th July</b>	Year 5 Trip Year 6 School Play
<b>16th July</b>	Year 3 and 5 Summer Hike
<b>17th July</b>	Year 4 and Year 6 Summer hike
<b>18th July</b>	Year 1 and 2 Summer Hike
<b>23rd July</b>	Last Day of Term



## Budleigh Music Festival

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# FAMILY DAY

## A MUSICAL TREASURE HUNT

Saturday 5 July  
10:30am - 3:15pm

A series of fun filled music events at venues around Budleigh Salterton designed for all generations to encourage families to explore sound together in a musical treasure hunt.

Your ticket includes entry to five varied workshops across the town, including a final musical event with Jason Thornton (our Artistic Director). Supported by Budleigh Salterton Town Council and local traders, spend the day with us, explore the town and complete your Treasure Map for the chance to win a prize!



### 5 WORK SHOPS

**Drum Devon** - authentic and accessible world roots drum and percussion.

**Ottery Ringers** - try your hand at handbell ringing.

**The Beat Goes On** - high energy body percussion led by Ollie Tunmer.

**Plus, a Treasure Hunt** - Collect stamps at local stores as well as the musical events.

**The Power of the Gong** - experience the deeply relaxing impact of a Gong Bath, led by therapist Ali Colledge.

**'Rhythmic Beats and Games'** - With our Artistic Director, Jason Thornton.

**ALL TICKETS £5**

TO BOOK VISIT: [WWW.BUDLEIGHMUSICFESTIVAL.CO.UK](http://WWW.BUDLEIGHMUSICFESTIVAL.CO.UK)



This year the music festival are having an entire morning to celebrate inter-generational music making, and are running a series of workshops in the town on the final Saturday July 5th.

A ticket to attend all 5 workshops only costs £5 - each workshop lasts 40 minutes, with breaks in between to move around the venues.

There'll be sessions on body percussion, African drumming, Asian gongs and handbell ringing as well as rhythm and song with our Artistic Director Jason Thornton. Lots of shops are helping give the event a real community feel, so we are calling it a Musical Treasure Hunt, and families can get stamps on their map and enter a prize draw too. The Town Council are supporting the event. We are looking forward to seeing lots as many families as possible at this event.