

SCHOOL MATTERS

THE FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER FROM NEWTON POPPLEFORD SCHOOL

Friday 31st March 2023

A Message From Mr Pope

Dear Parents & Carers,

Happy Easter to you all! We have had the annual Easter talent show in school today and the children and staff have thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We really do have a wealth of talent and ability amongst the children who attend our school. We even had a special appearance via video link. There were so many highlights that it is hard to pick out the stand out performers. Well done to everyone for practicing so hard and taking it so seriously! I would like to take the opportunity to express my thanks to Amy Gimson who is leaving our school today. She has been an amazing member of staff who is well loved and respected by all the children and staff. She is moving on to a school closer to her family and we all wish her the very best and are grateful to her for her time at Newton Poppleford. We are encouraging the children to read at least one book of their choice over the Easter break. We would really appreciate your support with this endeavour. Watch this space for our new school reading spine coming soon that will give some excellent recommendations. Have a fantastic break and we look forward to welcoming your children back for the summer term.

Best Wishes,
Mr Pope

Adventure Island

In week 5, children were set a challenge; find and identify as many flowering plants and trees in the school grounds as you can! We had ID sheets to help us and we were amazed at how many different varieties we found. It was brilliant to see the daffodils that we planted in the allotment back in January and between all the classes, we discovered over 20 different flowers growing! This week we have discussed the fire safety and then enjoyed a toasted marshmallow cooked on the campfire. We are all looking forward to the summer term and some sunshine! In the meantime, we are still in need of some spare welly boots, particularly size 4, and a collapsible clothes horse would be so helpful if anyone has one they no longer use and would be happy to donate. Thank you!



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

Reception Clay Pots

Reception had fun with clay this week, making little thumb pots, and then painting them ready to squeeze a little egg in!



Year 5 Easter Biscuits

Year 5 have enjoyed creating some lovely Easter Biscuits this week. They worked well together in small groups.



Year 5 Sidmouth College Transition Event

Last week Year 5 headed to Sidmouth College for a transition event. Newton Poppleford Primary is one of Sidmouth College's feeder schools. The Year 5's took part in a science workshop.



PTFA

This term the PTFA have funded or part funded the following brilliant experiences for our children!

- A trip to Escot for a Saxon experience day for Year 5
- A trip to Lyme Regis for a fossil day for Year 3
- Reception and Year 1 trip to Paignton Zoo
- A visit from a historical storyteller to bring the Ancient Greeks to life for Year 4
- A visiting theatre company bringing 'Storm In A Tea Cup' to Preschool
- A trip to RAMM for an Ancient Egyptian workshop for Year 3

Massive thanks to you all for making it possible for the PTFA to fund such fantastic activities.



Waitrose and Partners Sidmouth need your schools help!

We are running a competition for local school children to decorate our branch with posters to celebrate the Kings Coronation on Saturday 6th May.

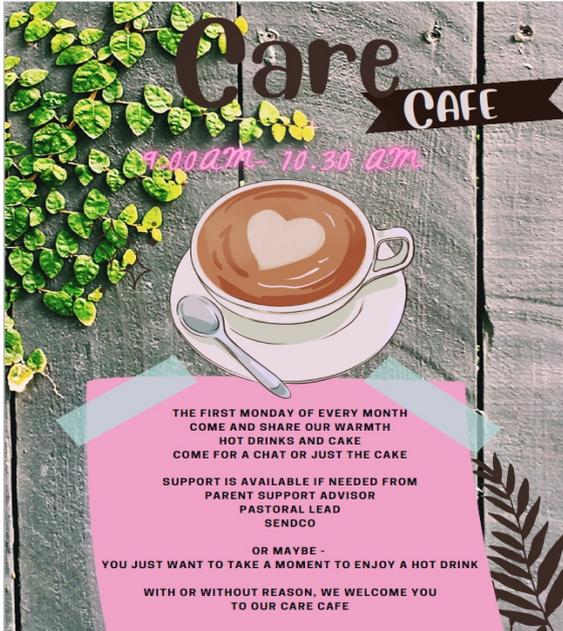
The theme will be King Charles and the Coronation/Waitrose.

3 prizes will be up for grabs in each of the 4 age groups 3-5, 5-7, 7-9, 9-11.
Can all posters be handed into the welcome desk by Saturday 22nd April.
On the back of the poster can you write your name, age, school and class. All the winners will be contacted through the schools, please do not include any personal phone numbers.

Posters will go on display from
Wednesday 26th April to Monday 8th May.
We will invite our customers to vote for the winners, so bring your family members to the branch to vote for your entry!

The schools will be notified on Tuesday 16th May of the winners. The children will then be invited into the branch for a prize presentation.

Good Luck everyone!



Care Café

On the first Monday of every month come and share our warmth, hot drinks, and cakes. Support is available if needed from our Parent Support Advisor, Pastoral Lead & SENDCO. With or without reason we welcome you to our Care Café. The next Care Café will be held on Monday 17th April. Following on from this next one will be held on Monday 15th May. The changes to dates are due to upcoming Bank Holiday's. Then the Care Café will run on 12th June & 3rd July 2023.

Gentle Reminders

Parking– So you are aware our Head Pupils will be raising parking awareness at school on the first week back after the Easter holidays. Leaflets will be handed out to Parents & Carers from our Head Pupils .

Accelerated Reader Word Count

Whole school word count for accelerated reader is –36,113,119

Tawny Owls-107,161

Kestrels-664,726

Buzzards-674,783

Kites-779,544

Eagles-1,191,001-Well Done!

Exmouth Food Bank

Please see information regarding Exmouth Food Bank Easter 2023 opening times.

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During the Easter period the Food Bank will continue to support our clients on the following days:

Tuesday 4th April 2023 – open as usual

10:00 to 15:00 for donations

13:30 to 15:00 for collections/deliveries of food from the Salvation Army Hall

Friday 7th April – closed. We will open instead on Thursday 6th April

10:00 to 15:00 for donations

13:30 to 15:00 for collections/deliveries of food from the Salvation Army Hall

if you usually receive a delivery or collect your food on a Friday, it will automatically be moved to Thursday. Please let us know if this causes you an issue.

Tuesday 11th April 2023 – open as usual

10:00 to 15:00 for donations

13:30 to 15:00 for collections/deliveries of food from the Salvation Army Hall

Welcome to the March 2023 Scomis Online Safety Newsletter for Parents

Access to advice/help for parents and carers

With the Easter break almost here, SCOMIS is reminding parents and carers of where they can find advice and/or help with Online Safety Issues. Knowing where to look can be a challenge! The following websites have lots of information, summarised as follows:

NSPCC— Find out how to keep children Safe Online with help from the NSPCC's guides, including:

[Reporting Online Safety Concerns](#)

[Online Safety Guides](#)

[Resources for children](#)

[Resources for children with SEND](#)

Childnet.com Help, advice and resources for parents and carers including:

[Social media](#)

[Parental controls](#)

[Reliability online](#)

[Online bullying](#)

[Help and advice for 4-11 year olds](#)

- What to do if someone is mean to your child online
- How much time should you spend online
- What you need to know about online gaming

[Help and advice for 11-18 year olds](#)

- Digital wellbeing
- Gaming
- Social media
- Fake news
- Video Calls

[Parent's and carers Toolkit](#)

3 resources offering practical tips and advice on different aspects of keeping your child safe online. Download the toolkit [here](#)

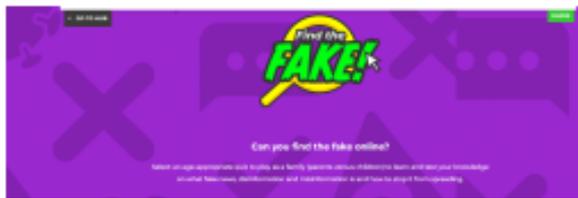
Internet Matters—Access Internet Matters 'one-stop shop' resource centre featuring parent guides, recommended resources. See what's new! Including:

[Age-specific online safety guides](#)

0-6years; 6-10years ; 11-14years; 14years+

[Family Digital Toolkit](#)—watch the video!

[Interactive Family Quiz](#)—find the fake online!



Support for Grandparents!

The [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) has published a resource to support grandparents with online safety. The guidance includes:

- how to support your grandchild in using the internet safely and responsibly
 - how to respond if something goes wrong
 - How to understand the latest technologies and trends?
 - What you should know about parental controls?
 - How to talk to your grandchild about their online life?
 - Where to go for help or to report something worrying or inappropriate?
- Find out more [here](#)

Online Gaming

Scomis has previously included articles on advice and guidance for parents and carers on Online Gaming. The following websites provide useful

Childnet—[Online Gaming: an introduction for parents and carers](#) includes advice on:

- The risks

Parentzone—[Gaming: a parent's guide | Parent Zone](#) includes advice on:

- the links between gaming and gambling
- what you need to know about gaming communities
- top tips on helping your child play games safely
- inappropriate content
- how much time is too much time?

Family Lives—[Gaming | Family Lives](#) includes advice on:

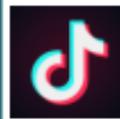
- talking to your child about gaming
- keeping teens safe

Check the [South West Grid for Learning's Gaming Hub](#) to find out the benefits of gaming and:

- why people game
- about the gaming community
- explore virtual reality



TikTok



CommonSense Media's review:

Parents need to know that TikTok is a social network for sharing user-generated videos. Users can remix others' work and browse content created by other users, including famous recording artists. The app features a lot of music, explicit swearing and sexual content in some songs. Read the review in full [here](#)

NB. Recommended Age: 13 CommonSense = Age 15
Find out how to apply TikTok privacy settings at [Internet Matters](#) including how to apply restrictions on:

- **privacy**
- **location sharing**
- **identity theft**

Download the [Parental Guide](#)

Find out more about why children use social media and how to keep them safe when using:

- Instagram
- Snapchat
- Wink
- Whatsapp
- Kik

Visit the NSPCC [here](#)

Where to get help

Visit the [UK Safer Internet Centre's](#) website to access details and links for a number of organisations that can help with:

- Reporting on Social Media
 - Reporting Criminal Content Online
- and much more!

Need Help in the holidays?

Remember **FREE** advice is just a phone call away from NSPCC helpline:
0808 800 5002
Childline: 0800 1111

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Dates for Your Diary Up to Half-Term

Monday 3rd April-Friday 14th April:	Easter Holidays
Monday 17th April:	First Day Back For Pupils Care Café
Friday 21st April:	Year 3 Swimming
Friday 28th April:	Year 3 Swimming
Monday 1st May:	Bank Holiday
Thursday 4th May:	PTFA Reception Cake Sale
Friday 5th May:	Year 3 Swimming Boo To A Goose Pre-School
Monday 8th May:	Bank Holiday For The Kings Coronation
Friday 12th May:	Year 3 Swimming
Monday 15th May:	Care Café
Friday 19th May:	Year 3 Swimming (Last One)
Saturday 20th May:	Exmoor Challenge
Thursday 25th May:	PTFA Pre-School Cake Sale
Friday 26th May:	Last Day Of Term
Monday 29th May– Friday 2nd June:	Half Term
Monday 5th June:	Inset Day
Tuesday 6th June:	First Day Back For Pupils