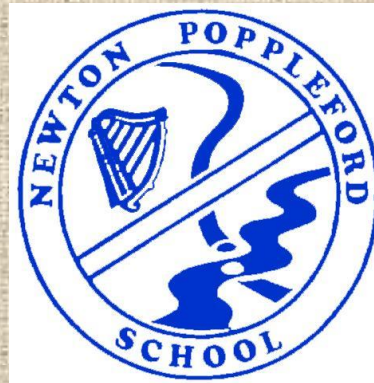




Welcome to the Barn Owls

Parents' Meeting - June 2023



Reception Staff

Mary Raffell

Barn Owls Class Teacher

Sue Dance

**Full time Teaching
Assistant**



Tonight's Meeting

- To help your child make the best possible start to school.
- To help you to understand the curriculum that your child will be covering in the reception class.
- To understand how we teach in order to cover the requirements of the curriculum.
- To identify the key ways in which you can help your child at home and in school.

What is the Early Years Foundation Stage?

- The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is the stage of education for children from birth to the end of the Reception year.
- It is based on the recognition that children learn best through play and active learning.

The three characteristics of effective learning –

- Playing and exploring
- Active learning
- Creating and thinking critically



A typical day in Reception...

- 8.45 am Come in, hang coat up, self register and do some funky finger activities (fine motor skills for our hands)
- 9.00 am Phonics in Carpet Kingdom
- 9.30 am Investigate, Explore & Discover – Inside/Outside
- 10.30 am Snack – prepared by two children
- 10.45 am Investigate, Explore & Discover
- 11.30 am Reading session - everyone together
- 12.00 pm Lunch
- 1.15 pm Register
- 1.20 pm Maths practical activity
- 1.40pm Adventure Island - Monday & Friday
Play Project - Wednesday
Investigate & Explore Tuesday/Thursday
- 2.50 pm Story & get ready for home
- 3.15pm Home time



Adventure Island

Each week the children will enjoy sessions in Adventure Island. Wellies and waterproofs are a must as we go in all weathers!



The first week!

As part of effective transition into Reception, we are implementing a **staggered start** for the first week.

School starts on Thursday 7th September - for the Thursday & Friday the children will attend for mornings only. Please pick up your child at 11.45am from outside our classroom.

Monday 11th All children begin school full time.
School finishes at 3.15pm.

Home visits (20 minutes) will take place on Wednesday 6th September and Thursday 7th September during the mornings of the first week.



The first few weeks

We will take time getting to know your children and will find out what they **already know** and **can do** by talking to the children about what they are learning.

We may record some 'Wow' moments on Tapestry but largely we assess and move children on 'in the moment' and so not everything gets recorded. Less time behind an Ipad and more time with them! Baseline Assessment happens in the first few weeks.



You will be invited to discuss how your child has settled in and their progress so far at the parents consultations just before half term in October.

Medical Matters

- Any sickness, diarrhoea, must be followed by 48 hours absence.
- Any absence requires a note or telephone call explaining why/form completed from the office.
- Head lice are common! Please check regularly and treat as recommended.
- Any medicines can only be administered by prior arrangement.

NO

NUTS

Or products containing nuts to be brought into school.

No peanut butter, cereal bars with peanuts, chocolate with peanuts, bread with sesame seeds, hummus etc

Uniform

- White polo top or shirt
- Grey trousers/shorts/skirt/pinafore/summer dress
- Blue sweatshirt/cardigan with logo or plain
- Sensible shoes that your child can put on themselves! Velcro is best!



PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING!

Other important things!

- Your child will be in one of 4 colour teams – red, yellow, blue or green
- Golden Star - reward for anything!
- PTFA - Please get involved if you can
Class rep – organise the cake stall
- School Matters every other Friday as well as a weekly letter from me informing you what we've been up to – who has had a certificate etc
- Volunteers – reading/helping in the classroom
- Buddies – Your child will have a buddy from Year 5



What does my child need at school?

- Coat- can leave a waterproof coat at school
- Wellies/waterproof trousers- please leave these in school on a peg outside
- Plastic Book bag- please bring everyday so reading books/home school diary can be transported safely
- We fill the water bottle every day



What can I do to help my child?

- Coats
- Toilet- independently
- Count/start to recognise their name
- Read lots of stories and poems
- Play games
- Go quickly in the morning
- Fill in their 'All About Me' sheets



And Finally...

If you have any worries or concerns please do ask or email admin@newton-poppleford.devon.sch.uk and we will do our best to help you 😊

“It is not what you do for your children but what you have taught them to do for themselves, that will make them successful human beings.”

Ann Landers

Thank you for coming – any questions ?