

School Matters

The Fortnightly Newsletter from Newton Poppleford School

Monday 8th July 2024

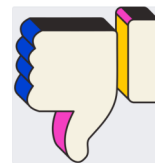
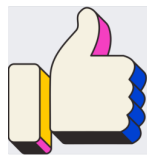
Further Important Information For Next Year

Uniform update:

We know that many parents will be buying new uniform for the upcoming year over the holidays. Thankyou to all parents for being aware of the school's uniform policy. We hope like us that you feel it is balanced and reasonable in terms of cost and expectation. There are two aspects that we would ask parents to focus on and be aware of when considering items for next year.

PE Kit – We are asking from next year that all children are always dressed in the correct PE kit with plain white t-shirts and school sweatshirts. For the element of doubt: The school does not allow PE kit with logos or different hoodies/jumpers on PE days.

Trainers – Children may where all black shoes on days when they are in uniform. Trainers must be completely black if worn. We want children to be active and able to enjoy their playtimes on any day. If children are running and energetic they need the appropriate footwear and we fully support that. We do however ask that they are all black and do not have large logos or different coloured soles.



The school will be more insistent from next year that the above is followed and children will be asked to change into appropriate clothing if they are not in the appropriate kit



Attendance

We are obliged to follow the attendance guidance from Devon County Council as a maintained school. Attendance guidelines are becoming statutory. These are mandatory from the 19th August 2024. We want parents to be aware of this as the school is expected to apply penalty notices for holiday in term time. This is highlighted both in DFE guidance and the Devon code of conduct.

The Devon code of conduct states:

3.1.3 When a pupil's attendance meets the criteria for a penalty notice, the expectation is that schools will make a referral to the LA, unless there are reasonable grounds for not doing so.

The reasonable grounds mentioned above exclude term time holidays.

We want all parents to be informed about the above changes as it has been made very clear in a recent meeting that the school **HAS** to apply them.

Some parents may already be aware of the school's obligation to attendance rules governing term time holiday through letters received.

We hope this is understood in the spirit it is intended as we want all parents to be informed of the above.

At the start of next year we will send an info graphic which will explain how the above system works in more detail.

[Important Information for Year 5 Parents](#)

Year 5 Secondary School Applications

Please note that the admissions team will no longer write to you to invite you to apply for your child's secondary school place.

You will be able to apply for your child's school place between the 1 September 2024 and the 31 October 2024.

You can do this by visiting [admissions online](#) between the above dates. If you wish to be sent an email or text message reminder when the online system goes live, then you can register your details with the admissions team now by [completing this form](#).

You may also wish to consider following the school admissions team Facebook page as they offer important advice and guidance throughout the whole admissions process. You can find them on Facebook by visiting [DCC School Admissions](#) or you can head over to their website for further information on the process [apply for a secondary place](#)

Dates for your diary

Monday 8th - 12th July

Tuesday 9th July

Wednesday 10th July

Thursday 11th July

Friday 12th July

Friday 12th July

Tuesday - Thursday 16th -18th July

Wednesday 17th July

Thursday 18th July

Friday 19th July

Wednesday 24th July

Sports Week

Sports Day (KS1 AM , KS2 PM) - Cancelled

Balsam Bashing Y4 (AM) Yr 2 (PM)

Balsam Bashing YR3 (AM) YR5(PM)

Sports Day (KS1 AM , KS2 PM)

Balsam Bashing YR 1 (AM) - TBC

Reserve date for Sports day (2)

PTFA Freezy Fridays

Reception home visits

YR5 Trip

Yr 6 Production (2 Performances

PTFA Freezy Fridays

Leavers Service

Last Day of Term

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 1st September

Thursday 31st October

Secondary Schools Applications open

Secondary Schools Applications close