

School Matters

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM NEWTON POPPLEFORD SCHOOL

Friday 8th April 2022

From the Headteacher

Thank you to all the staff, parents and children who have helped to make this another action-packed term filled with lots of achievements and challenges.

We finished off the term today with our Talent Show in the Hall following our Cake Sale yesterday in aid of the DEC Ukrainian Appeal. There are a few cakes unsold and these



are available to buy after school at 1.30pm. Again, all proceeds will be donated to the Ukrainian Appeal.

Please have a safe and relaxing break and we will see all the children back in school

on **Monday, 25th April.**

Don't forget school finishes today at 1.30pm.

Our new **Reading at Home** leaflet is available to download and print out.

Paper copies will be available next term.



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

This leaflet is also attached as a printable pdf.

Questions to ask your child

Comprehension is a key part of reading. Ask your child questions every time you read together to check their understanding of the text. Can they find evidence in the text to support their answers?

- Can you predict what might happen next?
- Did you like or dislike the book?
- What was your favourite part?
- Can you describe the characters?
- Can you describe the setting?
- Can you re-tell the book in your own words?
- Does the book remind you of your own experiences?
- Did anything in the story surprise you?
- Why do you think the author chose to use a certain word or phrase?
- What kind of atmosphere was the author trying to create?
- What did you figure out about the book that the author did not tell you?
- If you were the author, how might you have written a different ending?
- Do you have any questions you would like to ask the author about the book?

Learning new vocabulary

Research shows how important it is that children are given every possible opportunity to extend their vocabulary. Books are a wonderful way to do this, both the books that you read to them, and the ones they read themselves.

Every time you read with your child, choose a couple of new words that they don't know the meaning of and discuss them.

Be a WORD EXPLORER.

You might want to:

- Say it - in a loud, quiet, silly voice.
- Spell it or sound it out.
- Put it in a sentence.
- Explain it - what does it mean?
- Act it - think of an action to help you remember the meaning of the word.
- Write it - maybe in a special 'Word Explorer' notepad.

Most children need to hear a new word a number of times before it becomes embedded in their memory and they can confidently use it in their speech and writing.

Please tell us about any new vocabulary your child has learnt in their Reading Diary, so we can celebrate it in school too.

Newton Popleford Primary School



Reading at Home



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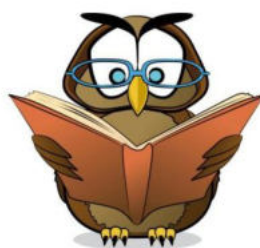
Reading should be a pleasure not a chore! It is really important that you make reading a natural part of daily family activities.

- Read aloud to your child as often as possible regardless of their age. Make it enjoyable.
- Be aware that reading is not just about reading books; it plays a large part in our daily lives.
- Find a magazine based on your child's interests and read together.
- Use local libraries.
- Make use of audio CDs available in libraries.
- Try to make sure that your child sees other people in the family reading regularly.
- Talk about books, newspapers or magazines you have been reading.
- If you have younger children, encourage your child to hear them read or even read simple books to their younger siblings.
- When you are reading with your child at home, try to identify the purpose e.g. Is it for fun or for homework or to find out information on a 'need to know' basis?

Reading aloud with your child

When you are reading aloud to your child, encourage them to follow the text as you are reading it. This will help develop the eye movements needed for reading. Try to make the whole experience enjoyable. If your child is reading aloud to you from a book they have brought home from school, consider the following:

- Choose a quiet place to read where you won't be interrupted.
- Sit side by side in a comfortable position.
- Choose a time when you both feel good (not hungry or tired).
- 10-15 minutes is long enough.
- Be patient.
- Always praise your child for the words/sentences they read well.



Keeping the flow

Try to keep the flow of reading going:

- If your child cannot read a word, do not allow them to struggle. Help them sound the word out or tell them the word and move on.
- Sometimes take it in turns to read a sentence or paragraph if it's a long book. Many children enjoy being read to, so if the reading is becoming a struggle, take over and finish the session. End on a positive note.
- Try to build confidence to have a go. To do this it is important not to criticise any mistakes.

**The more that you read,
The more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
The more places you'll go.
-Dr. Seuss**



CONGRATULATIONS

Newton Poppleford Primary

on achieving the

GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ title

for the **largest postage stamp design competition** in May 2021.

Your school participated in this competition, where a total of 606,049 entries were received.



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Simon Thompson
Chief Executive Officer, Royal Mail

PARENT DROP IN SESSION

Join us for a hot drink, biscuit and support.

Come and get to know other parents and relax.

Debbie Tollerfield; SENDCO
and

Cara Shepherd; Parent Support Advisor
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 next session will run on Wednesday
May 4th 2022*

*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 or email
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We are part of a Guinness World Record having contributed to the Royal Mail Heroes Stamp Design Competition. Although we didn't win, the 8 winners, chosen by Prince Charles, will have their designs featured on Royal Mail Stamps. There were over 606,000 entries.

Our next Drop-in Session for parents is on Wednesday, 4th May from 2.30pm to 3.30pm. All are very welcome.

We have received this information from Devon County Council which we are happy to pass on:

Places where children eat free during the Easter

Marks and Spencer

Kids eat free in the M&S Cafe if you spend £5. One free children's meal per transaction. Between Monday 4 April and Friday 22 April.

Morrisons

Kids eat free all day, every day in Morrisons cafes nationwide with one paying adult. Plus the feed your family for £10 deal will be running at Easter.

Yo! Sushi

Pick any main, a side of edamame beans and a drink, and you'll get it free when an adult spends £10. Running throughout Easter.

ASDA

Kids eat free in ASDA's cafes after 3pm, Monday to Friday.

Gordon Ramsay restaurants

Kids under 12 eat free all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants.

Bella Italia

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Offer valid from Friday 1 April to Sunday 24 April

Table Table, Beefeater and Brewers Fayre

Two children get free breakfast with one full paying adult.

The Real Greek

Kids eat free every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult.

Dunelm Cafe – Pausa

Kids eat free when adults spend £4 or more at Pausa cafes, which you can find inside Dunelm stores.

Hungry Horse

Kids eat breakfast free when accompanied by a paying adult, 9am to 12pm every day through the Easter holidays.

Farmhouse Inns

Up to two kids can eat for £1 with each full paying adult. Monday to Friday, 4-22 April.

Details can be found at:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/document/easter-2022#kids-eat-free>

Welcome to the April 2022 Scomis Online Safety Newsletter for Parents

Access to advice/help for parents and carers

Parents and Carers may be looking for 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:

[Online safety advice](#)

[Worried about something online?](#)

[Online safety guides for parents](#)

[Resources for children](#)

[Resources for children with SEND](#)

[Help to keep children safe online](#)

[Talking about difficult topics](#)

Childnet— Help, advice and resources for parents and carers including:

How to get help – help for parents and carers on how to respond to online issues

Have a conversation – advice and resources to help talk about life online

Let's talk about life online - 10 key messages to share with your child

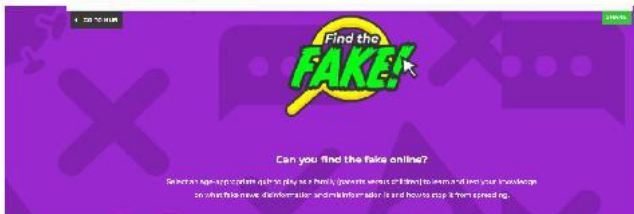
Parent's and carers Toolkit— 3 resources offering practical tips and advice on different aspects of keeping your child safe online. Download the toolkit [here](#)

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](#)

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

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



Online Gaming

In our February 2022 issue we included an article on advice and guidance for parents and carers on Online Gaming. This may be the first time you have received a Scomis Online Safety Newsletter so we thought you might find the following websites helpful if you have any concerns:

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

- The risks
- Frequently asked questions
- Support and Information

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

Support for Grandparents!

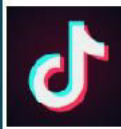
The [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) has published a resource to support grandparents with online safety. The guidance includes:

- how to support your grandchild in using the internet safely and responsibly
 - how to respond if something goes wrong
- Find out the answers to frequently asked questions:
- How to understand the latest technologies and trends?
 - How to understand the roles and responsibilities in relation to online safety?
 - 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?

Be in the know!. Subscribe to the [UK Safer Internet Centre's](#) newsletter:



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. Since the app features a lot of music, you can expect swearing and sexual content in some songs. Read the review in full [here](#)

NB. Recommended Age: 13

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
- 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 the O₂ and NSPCC helpline: 0808 800 5002

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