

School Matters

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM NEWTON POPPLEFORD SCHOOL

Friday 29th April 2022

From the Headteacher

All the best this weekend to 12 intrepid Year 6 children who will be taking part in the **Exmoor Challenge** – a 16 mile walk which they will be completing in teams of 4. Here are some photos from some of our practice walks.



The next parent drop in is this coming **Wednesday 4th May** 2.30 to 3.30pm in the library.

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

Donations and Giving

Owen Phillips in Year 6 came up with the idea to set up a just giving page so that friends and family could sponsor him for the Exmoor challenge as he wanted to raise money for a local Ukrainian charity. If you wish to help him out, here is his JustGiving link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/owen-phillips-1>

The whole school has been so kind in donating to various causes during this school year. Here is a recap of some of them!

- Red Nose Day £55
- Collections over this academic year in Remembrance of Finley Grigsby, who we dearly miss: We have raised a total of £700. This money was split equally between Children's Hospice South West and Neuroblastoma UK, where they both received £350 each. The events we ran to collect this money were: Sunshine yellow day, Xmas jumper day and Scarf to school day.
- Ukraine: total raised was £469.20. This was made up from £263.70 raised in cash from the cake sales and £205.50 raised from online donations for the non-uniform day.

Free Commemorative Jubilee Mug



Newton Popleford & Harpford Parish Council would like to present a free commemorative Jubilee mug to every child of the Parish aged 3-11 inclusive.

Anyone wishing to purchase a mug for a child not of this age, may do so at a cost of £3.50 each.

To order please contact:

Councillor Susan P Tribble on 07568483028 or 567935. Alternatively, you can email - cllr.tribble@newtonpopplefordandharpford-pc.gov.uk with the name, address, and age of child/children along with a contact telephone number.

Orders to be received no later than 20th May 2022. Kindly contact Councillor Tribble with any queries.



Gentle Reminders

If you visit the school during the school day could you please make sure the gate is firmly closed after you have come in or left.



When you are taking photos at Celebration Assembly or other school events, please make sure you only include your own children in the photos. There are some parents who have not given permission for their children's photos to appear either online or in other school publications and this could cause upset to those parents.

From the PTFA

MR LONG'S CHALLENGE! Since new year, Mr Long has been on a mission to eat healthy and exercise to get fit and trim. He has lost a whole stone, that's the equivalent of seven bags of sugar he's no longer carrying around! Congratulations Mr Long! And the even better news is that he has raised a fantastic £152 for the PTFA. Huge thanks to everyone who has sponsored Mr Long!

TERRACYCLE! Sadly, our crisp packet recycling scheme is now closed. However, over the last couple of years Newton Pop school has diverted an amazing 123lbs of crisp packets away from landfill! The great news is that in total this recycling has also raised a brilliant £126 for the PTFA! Thank you for your support and well done to Mrs Turner and the student Eco-Council for organising all the donations!

NEWTON POP PTFA
PRESENTS

Jubilee

PARTY IN THE POP

BANK HOLIDAY FRIDAY 3RD JUNE 7:30PM
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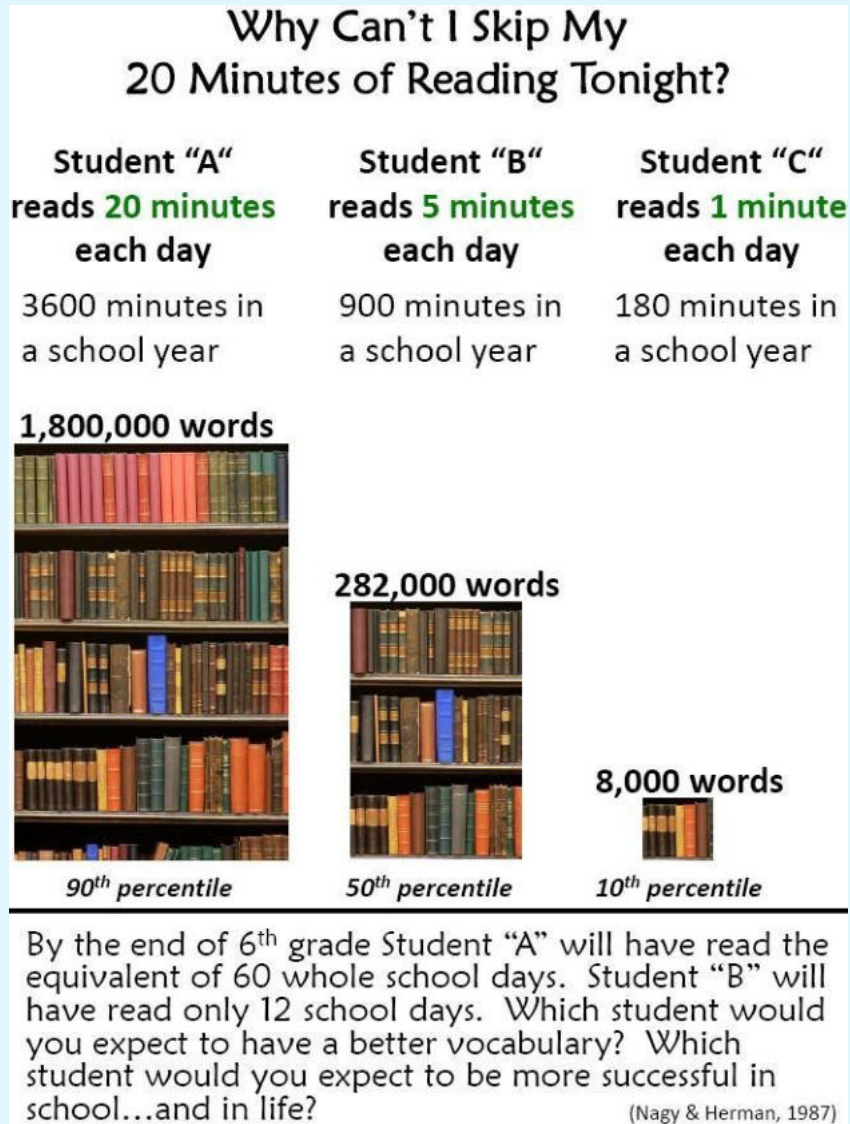
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Daily Reading

Research shows the positive impact reading daily has upon children's development. We are keen to ensure that every child (from Reception to Year Six) spends time reading and sharing books every day. The following research demonstrates very clearly the difference daily reading can make.



Coloured Book Bands

For children reading on the coloured book bands, this means that children (and parents) should only be taking **one book per day from the Book Shed**. (If there is a specific reason why you are unable to access the Book Shed daily, then this needs to be prearranged with the class teacher.) We simply do not have enough books for children to take more than one book per day and this is impacting on some of the children's reading development, as the books they need are not available. This means they are missing out chunks of colour bands, which they need to have access to, as part of their phonetic development. We would be very grateful if every family would follow the policy of one book per day, to ensure that the Book Shed works for everyone. We know the majority of you are already doing this and we really appreciate your support.

Please can books that have been read, be returned to the relevant class box, rather than put back into the reading scheme, as it is easier for us to put them away. Thank you.

Finally, we do not expect the younger children to be reading to you for twenty minutes every day, as that would be rather exhausting for some of them! All the children love to be read to, so ten minutes of them reading to you and then ten minutes of you reading to them would be wonderful.

Accelerated Reader

For children on Accelerated Reader, we would like the children to aim to read for twenty minutes every day. We would still encourage the children on AR to read to a grown up at times, particularly if they are fairly new to AR. It is important that all children are discussing whatever they are reading with you. Mealtimes are often the perfect time to discuss books.

Once the children are in Key Stage Two, they tell us that they are often no longer read to by an adult. They also tell us that they still love to be read to, no matter how old they are. We know that life gets busier the older they become, but having a 'Book Snuggle' is a perfect chance to read a book slightly beyond your child's reading ability to challenge them and improve their comprehension and vocabulary. Perhaps you could read a favourite from when you were their age?

We cannot emphasise enough the impact you as parents have on your children's reading development. Your support at home, to encourage your children to read, not just their school books, but comics, books from home or library books, makes such a difference. Sharing the magic of books with your children and showing them how much you value reading by talking about books and letting them see you read is invaluable. Ultimately we want every child in our school to love reading at whatever level is appropriate for them.

Many thanks for your continued support. If you have any questions regarding reading, please see your child's class teacher or myself.

Kirsty Singfield
English Lead

Free Training

The following training is fully funded and is delivered by Devon Information Advice and Support service (DiAS):

Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) Review

Myth busting

Demystifying SEND

Listening to your Child's Views

Full information including description, time and dates are available on this web-page:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/eys/send-training-for-parents-and-carers/>

