

SCHOOL MATTERS

THE FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER FROM NEWTON POPPLEFORD SCHOOL

Friday 18th November 2022

A Message from Mr Pope

Dear All,

As we head towards late autumn and crisper morning's the children have been engaging in some excellent learning in the school. I have been wowed by some of the historical writing (particularly about the Stone Age) and how knowledgeable the children are. The curriculum continues to be enriched with visitors and trips across the age groups and more is planned for this term. To mention a few Year 6 children have been off to Cobbaton Combat Collection to learn about WW2 and experience first hand some of the machines, weaponry, household items and clothing from the time. Our Year 1's have also been lucky enough to have been visited by a member of the community who took part in the Ottery Tar Barrels and learnt about the dangers and history of this popular local event.

Parents evenings will take place next week and the teachers from Year 1 through to 6 will be providing a progress, attainment and effort report slip. This will give you an understanding of where your child is working in relation to the National Age Group Expectations. The parents evening meeting slots have been arranged for ten minutes and I have asked teachers to be as close to this as possible to avoid the knock on effects of being late to subsequent meetings and to enable teachers to have breaks. I would ask for your help with this. I also wanted to bring your attention to the meetings being offered by Mrs Tollerfield our SENCO in the following week on the 28th November. Please do get in touch with the school if you cannot attend this date but would like a meeting.

Last week we held Remembrance events. I would like to extend my thanks to Mrs Bradley who led this in the school and is responsible for our beautiful display of poppies. We received a letter from the great Niece of Sergeant Bernard Verriour. Bernard was a pupil and used to live in the school as he was the son of the ex headteacher. The pupil leaders placed a poppy on her behalf at the memorial and we will be responding to her letter. It provided a personal link to all of us at the school of the importance of gratitude at this time. This week the school has participated in Anti-Bullying week and the children have been learning what we can do to ensure our school is happy, safe and a caring environment. They have engaged well and showed empathy, understanding and care for each other. We are proud of their views and engagement with this subject. I know that in the past school closed early at the end of term, the school will no longer be doing this and the last day of term will be a full school day as normal.



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

Reception & Year 4 Play Project

Reception and Year 4 worked together on a play project this week. Below are some photos of the pupils all working hard as a team to get involved with the play project. It was lovely to see Reception & Year 4 working together.



Year 5 & Year 6 Indoor Six A Side Football

Newton Poppleford's year 5/6 indoor six-a-side football team represented the school superbly on Wednesday 9th November at Sidmouth College, facing stiff opposition from two teams from Sidmouth and two teams from Sidbury. With four games to be played in quick successions a good start was needed and duly delivered in a close game with Sidbury A ending 0-0. Although I will never know how with so many shots taken. The team were by now very much into their stride and two wins against Sidmouth A and B duly followed 3-0 and 4-0. With positions being swapped and new variations being tried another 0-0 draw saw the event come to a close. The referees did a quick tally of the results of all the games and they had WON!! Great stuff from every player in attendance from all three schools, Newton Poppleford finishing P4 W2 D2 L0 with no goals conceded. WELL DONE TEAM!



Parent Drop-In Session

Newton Poppleford Primary School are holding parent drop in sessions. Join us for coffee, cake and support. Debbie Tollerfield and Fiona Pyle (Parent Support Advisor) will be here to answer questions and signpost to support available. First Wednesday of every month 2:30pm - 3:30pm.

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Next Session:
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Future dates:
November 2nd, December 7th, January 4th,
February 8th, March 8th, April 19th,
May 3rd, June 7th.

Gentle Reminders

- **Road Safety** - A gentle reminder that we have had some pupils walking/ cycling across the road outside school without looking before they cross. Please can we remind pupils about the importance of road safety and to be vigilant.
- **Parking** - We have had multiple issues around parking and dangerous actions at drop off and pick up times. Please can we ask that everyone is mindful of this. Please can we remind all parents/ carers/ visitors to not park on the double yellow lines outside of the school entrance. We also need to remind everyone that the disabled parking bays are for blue badge holders only.
- **End Of Term**-School will finish at normal time at the end of term, there will be no early finish.
- **Coats and Jumpers**-Please can we ask that all children wear coats and jumpers to school at this time of year. Our intention is to send the children outside as much as possible even in rain and windy weather as we believe this is good for well-being. If they don't have coats this becomes challenging.
- **Parents Evening**- A reminder to book and contact us if you haven't already.

Was your child born between
1st September 2018 and
31st August 2019?

How to Apply for a Primary School Place in Devon

You can apply online at
www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline
from 15th November 2022 to the 15th January 2023

If you cannot access the school
admissions website you can get
more information by calling our
Education Helpline on
0345 155 1019
or email: admissions@devon.gov.uk



Even if you have already given
details to a primary school, you
must apply for a place through the
Admissions Team. This is the only
way to apply; other forms or lists
held by schools will not count.



Primary School Applications

You will be aware that children born between 01/09/2018 and 31/08/2019 are entitled to start full time Primary Education in September 2023. The application facility opens on **15th November 2022 and closes at midnight on 15th January 2023**. It is important that parents apply before the closing date, even if they are intending to defer their child's application until later in the academic year, they must secure a place before that decision needs to be made. Below is the link where you can find the portal of where you can fill in the application form in for your child.

https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/en

Message from the PTFA

- **Christmas Hampers!** Our famous festive raffle is back! Please send in your offerings for the hamper appeal to your class teacher or the office by Friday 2nd December. Here is the items we're requesting but you can bring anything from the list, thank you.

Preschool-Arts and crafts (kits/material)

Reception- Jams, marmalades, chutneys (not homemade please)

Y1- Chocolates, sweets, confectionary

Y2-Bottles

Y3-Biscuits, crackers, festive foods

Y4-Toiletries, smellies

Y5-Chocolates, sweets, confectionary

Y6-Bottles

- **Christmas Fair!** Sunday 4th December at school, 2-4pm, see poster for details!
- **Book Buddy!** The PTFA have launched the Book Buddy Appeal, please see poster for details.

PTFA Committee for 2022/23: Chair—Teri Murphy (Y2/Y5) terilouisemurphy@yahoo.com

Deputy Chair- Henry Odbert (YR/Y2) henry.odbert@googlemail.com

Secretary- Georgia Trengove (YR/Y2) grhilton@hotmail.com

Treasurer- Jon Leeson-Kings (Y5) jonathan.kings@philips.com

PTFA Class Reps for 2022/23:

P/S - Sarah Robertson and Tanisha Ellis

Rec- Helen Tubbs and Sian Pond

Y1-Becks Layman and Lindsay Bowden

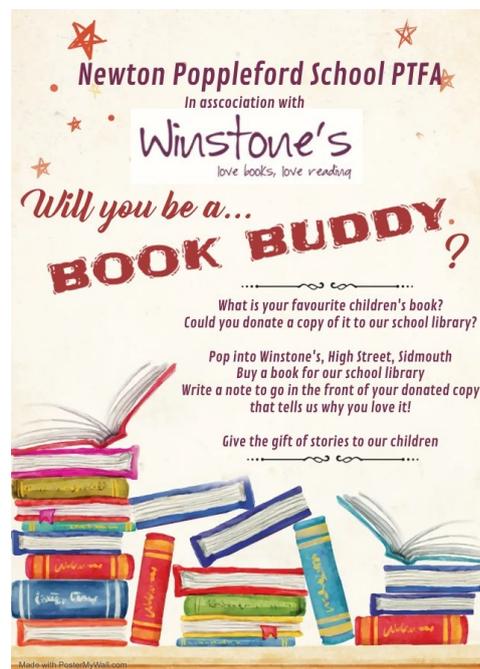
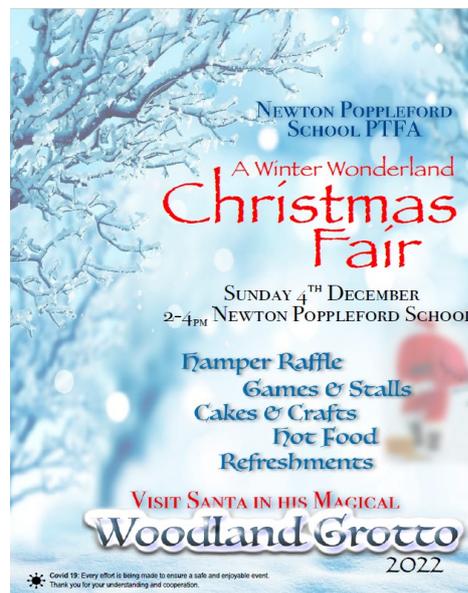
Y2-Gemma Joyner and Mikyla Tribble

Y3-Kelly Rogers and Chlow Pawson-Pounds

Y4-Sarah Furzer and Carla Beckman

Y5-Kate Clements and Emily Wiley

Y6-Liza Mclean and Pia Payne



Christmas at Budleigh Salterton Library

Budleigh Salterton Library are holding lots of Christmas events throughout December for the whole family to access.

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Thursday 1st– Monday 12th December.:

Father Christmas will be leaving his post box in the library during these dates. Post him a letter and receive a lovely reply.

Saturday 3rd December 11-12pm:

Lego club with a Christmas theme. No need to book, just turn up and make something amazing!

Friday 9th December 9.10 -9.40am:

Christmas Bounce and Rhyme (there may be a special visitor!!)

Friday 9 December 5.30pm onwards:

Late night shopping. The library will be open for mince pies and mulled wine, and of course for borrowing books!

Saturday 10th December 10-12pm.

Children's Christmas crafts. Come along to the library and make something special.

For The Joy Of Drawing

There is a new young people's drawing competition that has been launched by The Box in Plymouth. The theme is simply "For the Joy of Drawing." All you need to do to enter is scan or take a high quality photograph of the drawing (min 300dpi) and name the file with their initials, date and age category then email the file to Closing date for all entries is 5pm 11th December 2022. Winners will receive a £150 voucher and have their work displayed at The Box in Plymouth. Full terms and conditions can be found at <https://www.theboxplymouth.com/drawing-competition>

Dates for Your Diary Up to Half-Term

Week beginning Monday 21st November: Parent consultations details to follow

Week beginning Monday 28th November: PTFA scholastic book fair

Wednesday 30th November: Year 4 school trip

Thursday 1st December: Year 5 Transition Event

Friday 2nd December: Year 4 Swimming

Monday 5th December: Fun Run

Tuesday 6th December: Pre-school Nativity

Thursday 8th December: Reception/ KS1 nativity

Friday 9th December: Theatre Alibi

Friday 9th December: Year 4 Swimming

Monday 12th December: KS2 performance carols and readings

Tuesday 13th December: School Christmas dinner

Thursday 15th December: Community sing along with brass band/ Christmas jumper day

Friday 16th December: Last Day Of Term

Tuesday 3rd January: Inset Day

Wednesday 4th January: First day back for pupils

(We are having Christingle services this year, however unfortunately due to the size of the church there isn't enough room to invite parents.)

Do you like to DRAW?

The Box is thrilled to launch our new young people's drawing competition.

Submit your favourite drawing to enter. There are three categories, primary school, secondary school and 18-25 years. The theme is simply 'For the Joy of Drawing'

Winners will receive a great prize and have their work displayed at The Box.

Scan or take a high quality photograph of your drawing (min 300dpi) and email to-

theboxlearning@plymouth.gov.uk

Label the file with your initials, the date and category entered, for example - Joe Bloggs, entered on 30th Nov, in the Primary category would be labelled JB301122P (use S for secondary and YP for 18-25)

Closing date for all entries is 5pm on 11 Dec 22

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