

SCHOOL MATTERS

THE FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER FROM NEWTON POPPLEFORD SCHOOL

Friday 30th June 2023

[A Message From Mr Pope](#)

Dear Parents & Carers,

We have held a number of interviews for teaching posts over the last two weeks and I am very pleased to announce that we have appointed Mikaela Winkler for the upcoming academic year. Mikaela has been teaching at Colyton Primary School. After shortlisting, we interviewed 7 candidates over two days and had some very strong competition for the role. Having visited Mikaela in her current school. I have been very impressed by her strength of practice and positive attitude.

Now that we have appointed this position, the senior leadership team has met and below you can find your child's teaching team for next year.

Pre-School—Kelly Downs (Pre-School Leader)

Reception—Mrs Raffell

Year 1—Miss Pulling & Mrs Hall

Year 2—Mrs Turner

Year 3—Mrs Laureys & Mrs Singfield

Year 4—Mr Morison

Year 5—Mrs Bradley

Year 6—Miss Winkler

The children have been made aware of this today, so please expect them to come home after school talking about this change.

I would like to make a special mention in this week's newsletter to Mr Long & Mr Morison. I am extremely grateful to them for the efforts they have put into making Sports Week such a success. The children have had a fantastic week that has been really well organised. The week has included a variety of competitive sports as well as access to a variety of games and sports they would not have played before such as Boccia and seated volleyball. We have also had multiple volunteers come in to support us from the community and the children have had access to some fantastic role models and upcoming sports professionals. A huge thank you to everyone who gave up their time. This all culminated in a fantastic Sports Day event.

Not only the above, but Mr Long has also sourced and applied for multiple successful grants for this year. He has now funded new football goals and balls, new rugby balls and the tickets for the Exeter Chiefs that were given to the winner of the Sports Day Raffle. He has even sourced a ride in a Ferrari, which we will be raffling, to raise money for reading in the school. We are immensely grateful, so if you have a chance to say thank you to him please do.

We will update you on the Strike Action planned for next week as soon as I am able.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend.

Best wishes,

Mr Pope

Parent View Questionnaires:

The Governors wish to thank you all for completing the parent view questionnaire we sent out. We had 104 responses which give us valuable information to share with Mr Pope and the SLT. Our role is to set the strategic direction of the school and we will ensure your feedback will be considered, as we move forward.

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

Adventure Island

Last week in Adventure Island, Year 6 children had the opportunity to light a small fire using a fire steel. This proved to be a real test of patience and endurance; creating sparks with a fire steel requires a certain knack and can take a lot of practice. Children's efforts were rewarded as they got to experience the joy and satisfaction of making fire!



REQUEST: WELLIES, WATERPROOF COATS AND TROUSERS

The rain today has got me thinking about next year and the inevitable mud and wet weather to come! If you have outgrown waterproof coats, trousers or wellie boots, please can you donate them to school for our bank of spares. It would be so appreciated! Please drop to the office. Thank you!

Mrs Dowsing

Year 4 River Trip

Year 4 had a fantastic morning down at the River Otter as part of their fieldwork for their Geography topic on rivers. Lots of measuring, sketching finding and lots of wet feet! All our findings will help with our enquiry question – How can I protect our local waterways?



Year 5 Food Workshop

Last week Year 5 headed to Sidmouth College to do a food workshop in one of their food tech rooms. Year 5 had to design and create biscuits in the workshop.



Year 5 & 6 MyBNK Financial PSHE

This week, Year 5 & 6 had MyBNK come in to run a programme with them based around financial education. MyBNK help to build children and young peoples money knowledge, skills, mindsets and habits at key transitional moments.



Sports Week

Children have enjoyed Sports Week in school this week. A big thank you to Mr Long for organising and running the events. On Tuesday we had a competitive colour house competitions in football, tag rugby and hand tennis. Thank you to Louis and Nelson, who ran the football matches, Ellie who supported with the tag rugby matches and Mr Filer who ran the hand tennis matches.



On Wednesday there was an inclusive sports morning and children took part in parachute games, target golf, sitting volleyball, netball shoot, corn throwing (using bean bags) and boccia. We thank Joe Thompson from Sidmouth College for his support at the event.

On Wednesday afternoon Year Reception and Pre-School had PE type games session run by Year 5 children.

On Thursday, KS1 and KS2 took part in their Sports Days. The KS1 Sports Day was designed and run by Year 6 children and gave all children the opportunity to play fun sports. Thank you to Ellie & Kieran who helped support the events. The KS2 Sports Day was more competitive and the winning house colour was BLUE!

We hope your children have shared some of their sports experiences this week.



School Photographs

We had the photographer in today for individual & family photos. We hope to receive the proofs by the end of next week. You will then be able to order directly from the photography company.

Parking

We thank the vast majority of parents for parking responsibly near the school. Recently, there have been a few complaints to the school, by local residents, about parking across driveways, meaning that they are obstructed, and when parents have been asked to move their vehicles, residents have been spoken to rudely. Please consider the residents of the roads on which you park.

Upcoming PTFA Events

Newton Pop School PTFA
SUMMER FETE 7th July

In School Grounds

Grand Summer Raffle!
Prize list here:



3:20 til 5:20

BBQ & Bar!

Maypole display & children's parade!

Games, stalls, bouncy castle, face painting!

Free entry - see you there!

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Newton Pop School PTFA
FREEZY FRIDAYS!

Ice pops for sale in the playground after school every Friday!



THIS HALF TERM

16th June - Freezy Friday
23rd June - Freezy Friday
30th June - Freezy Friday
7th July - Summer Fete
14th July - Freezy Friday
21st July - Ice Cream Van

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PTFA Summer Fete 2023!



Friday 7th July 2023

3:20-5:20pm in the school playground

It's here people... the jewel in the PTFA's fundraising crown!

...And we need YOU to make it happen!

PLEASE...

Help us sell the attached RAFFLE TICKETS, this year's prizes are incredible! Please return your completed ticket stubs and money to the school office by the morning of the fete. More tickets available from the school office if you run out! Use the QR code link to see the prize list (yes, we are that hi-tech now...)



Please bring in your great condition preloved SOFT TOY donations for the teddy tombola. Any time, to the school office.

Please bring in your filled JARS for the jar tombola (an empty jam jar, filled with anything you like; sweets, toys, hairbands, stationery... anything goes!) Drop off any time to the school office.



Remember, it's NON-UNIFORM DAY on Friday 8th July, in exchange, please bring a bottle for the tombola!

VOLUNTEER to help, your class reps are recruiting so have a chat with them (you never know, you might even enjoy it!?)



Newton Poppleford School PTFA

GRAND SUMMER RAFFLE

DRAW DATE; FRI 7TH JULY



EPIC PRIZES!

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR THE FULL LIST!

**BIRD OF
PREY
EXPERIENCE**

**HOTEL STAY;
TWO NIGHTS,
BREAKFAST
AND DINNER!**

**£100
TRAVEL
VOUCHER**

**DAYS
OUT!**

**PADDLE
BOARDING**

**12 MONTH
MOT!**

**SPA
DAY**

**£50
CASH!**

**BEAUTY
TREATMENTS**

**GYM
MEMBERSHIP**

**MEALS OUT
AND
TAKEAWAYS**

TICKETS £1 EACH - From school families or The Cannon

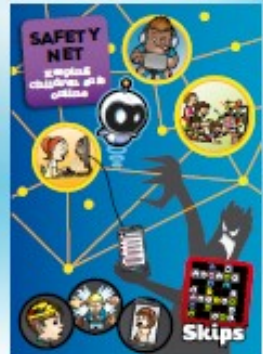
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Summer holidays – Parents guide to help keep children safe online

School's out for summer!

It's always best to be prepared

During the summer holidays, without the distraction of school, internet usage for many young people can increase all the way up to September. This guide is designed to help parents with a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games. Please click on each image below for more information.



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school if you would like to attend a parents internet safety workshop or have any concerns.

Schools please [contact us](#) if you would like a SKIPS Safety Net session delivered to your parent groups or staff.

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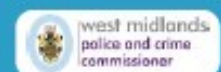
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Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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Dates for Your Diary Up to Half-Term

Monday 3rd July:	Year 2 & Year 4 Trip Care Café Year 6 Transition Day Sidmouth College
Tuesday 4th July:	Whole School Transition Morning Year 6 Transition Day Sidmouth College Menu Change (Roast Dinner) Reception New Starters Taster Session & Parent Lunch
Wednesday 5th July:	Budleigh Music Festival Parent Café Transition Menu Swap Tuesdays Meal Applies Reception Trip & Year 4 Trip
Thursday 6th July:	Sidmouth College Summer Concert
Friday 7th July:	Non-School Uniform Day PTFA Summer Fete Swimming Year 2 (5 of 5)
Tuesday 11th July:	Preschool and Reception class Picnic in the park Year 1 Bus trip
Friday 14th July:	Reports Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Year 2 & Year 5
Tuesday 18th July:	KOOTH Year 6 workshop
Wednesday 19th July:	Year 6 School Play
Friday 21st July:	Last Day Of Term
Monday 4th September:	Non-Pupil Day
Tuesday 5th September:	Non– Pupil Day
Wednesday 6th September:	First Day Back For Pupils