

SCHOOL MATTERS

THE FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER FROM NEWTON POPPLEFORD SCHOOL

Friday 20th October 2023

[A Message From Mr Pope](#)

Dear Parents/Carers,

This half term has gone in a flash. The children have been really amazing once again and have been a credit to our school. There have been so many achievements across the curriculum and I am really proud of so many of them for showing a myriad of different qualities. We have had sporting achievements against other settings, yesterday's expressive art, team work, collaboration and fighting fears from our Year 6, explosive and entertaining science lessons, apple pressing and den making and a continuing focus on bettering ourselves across the curriculum – well done everyone!

We are very excited to see you in the first week back so you can see what has been going on in your children's education over the first half term. When we return in the second half of the autumn term we will have plenty of opportunities to invite you all into school in the run up to Christmas and the annual performances.

Our pupil leaders in year 6 have now been announced and this year we have had some really difficult decisions. We are completely inclusive in our pupil leadership so if any year child would like a pupil leadership role (from year 6) please get in touch. The school councillors will be an important part of the team this year so well done to Monty and Chloe! Our other head pupils are looking forward to getting stuck in and have a clear remit:

1: Improve the school's approach to environmental issues by joining the WAR on WASTE initiative and help us to achieve the eco flag award.

2: Develop our approach to helping everyone in school with their well-being. This includes diversity and anti-bullying initiatives. We want to make sure we have fun, our learning is healthy and active and we spend time in the outdoors.

3: To be agreed with the new pupil leadership team!



Please look out for the curriculum overviews and associated videos early in autumn 2. It is important to us that you know what your children are learning across a half term and these supplemented with Marvellous Me updates are what allow us to keep you informed about the curriculum. As always, if you have any questions or want further information about this, please let us know. Parent consultations will be the first week back after half term. All pupils have been given an appointment reminder slip this week.

Have a lovely holiday break and keep safe everyone. We look forward to welcoming you back on the 30th.

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SEND:

Last week, we included some information on speech and language. This week we would like to follow on from this by drawing your attention to Developmental Language Order Awareness Day. Which is today! <https://radld.org/dld-awareness-day/>

An often hidden, but common disability that affects 1 in 14 people causing difficulties understanding and using language for no known reason. In school, we have recently raised awareness with our teaching team and would like to draw your attention to the resources available through RADLD.org

The Great Big Book Collection:



All across the week of parent's evenings we are going to ask if parents have any books that you feel would be suitable for other children to read and you no longer require we would love to have them for our library stocks. These can be picture books, non-fiction, stories, annuals etc... If you have any spare that are in reasonable condition that your children may have read, enjoyed and would recommend they would be really beneficial for us. Similarly, if you could have a look for books that may belong to the school that have found their way behind cupboards or under beds we would also love for them to be returned.

We will be leaving book collection boxes in the corridors for any kind donations you may be able to provide. Thank you everyone.

Best Wishes,

Mr Pope

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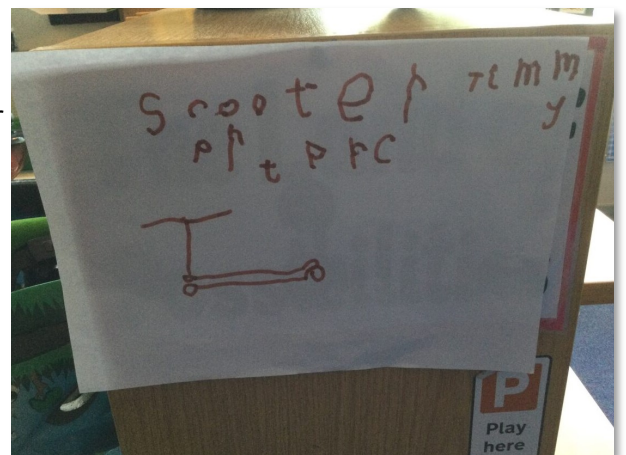
Pre-School Visit From Animal Encounters

Pre-School used their cake sale money to have a visit from Animal Encounters. They got to see an armadillo, a lizard, a python, and a millipede. The children were all really calm and respectful of the animals which made us all very proud.



Reception Class Sponsored Scooter Thon!

Great excitement today in Reception as we did our annual Scooterthon! We scooted along the corridors, round the hall, up the stairs and along the top corridor before doing many laps of the top playground. Thank you to everyone for your sponsorship money. The money will go towards buying some soft furnishings for our book nook area in the corridor.



Year 3 River Otter Trip

Year Three had a fantastic trip to the River Otter as part of Sidmouth Science Week. We went 'river dipping' and found lots of interesting creatures and some fish. Everyone enjoyed splashing about in the river and getting rather wet! Our second activity was bug hunting. The children were fantastic at finding a range of bugs and a huge number of different spiders.



Year 6

In science, we are looking at the circulatory system and the different components of blood. We created our own blood using marshmallows, raisins, salt, food colouring & cheerios!



Adventure Island

This week we all enjoyed using an apple presser which was generously lent to us by Wild East Devon. It was great to see children working as a team to operate the press; first grinding the apples to a pulp and then pressing the pulp to make juice. Everyone agreed the juice we made was absolutely delicious! Thank you for all of the apples children have brought in.

Children have also loved exploring new mud kitchens in The Secret Hideaway and our new Lost Village. These additions were built over the weekend by an amazing group of volunteers, thank you so much!

Pallets and timber were generously donated by Bradford's in Sidmouth and The Fencing Centre in Colaton Raleigh. Thanks again for supporting our school.



World Mental Health Day - Hello Yellow

Last week we raised money as a school for World Mental Health Day. Pupils were allowed to come into school wearing something yellow and donate £1 to this really important charity. Below are some photos of different class groups wearing yellow. As a school we have raised a total of £11, thank you to everyone who donated!



Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6 Cross Country Events



The Year 3/4 cross country team did great in their meet! Both the boys and girls showed super sportsmanship and commitment to their race. They both placed second!

The Year 5/6 cross country team did brilliantly in their cross country event. The boys placed 1st place and will be advancing to the East Devon event at Bicton College! The girls did just as great as well, placing 2nd.

Secondary School Admissions For Year 6 Children

This is a friendly reminder that you are now able to apply for a secondary school place for your Year 6 child.

The easiest way to apply is online by visiting www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline If you don't wish to or can't apply online, you can also complete a hard copy application form which can be obtained by calling 0345 155 1019.

If you need further information then please see the Devon County Admissions webpage at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline

The closing date for applications is 31st October 2023.

Late applications may be disadvantaged, so it is vital that you make an on time application for your child to give the best chance of securing a place at one of your preferred schools.

If you need any help from our school office then please don't hesitate to contact us.

Remembrance Display

As it is coming up to Remembrance Day, Mrs Bradley would like to do another whole school display. Therefore, please can you bring in the bottoms of any sized plastic bottles. We need 200 of them! They can be dropped off at the school office. We also require some cargo netting if anyone has any to donate. Thank you.



PTFA

Bonfire Night! The PTFA are selling tickets for the village fireworks event on Friday 3rd November after school in the playground every day the week after half term (cash only please) come along and support this brilliant community event and buy a burger from the PTFA BBQ while you're there! We still need volunteer stewards, so if you fancy free tickets, a feed from the PTFA BBQ, and that warm fuzzy feeling that comes from volunteering, then please get in touch with Teri on 07909798441, thank you!

Newton Pop School PTFA

In the 2022/23 school year, we raised...

£9,500

Thank you so much for your support!

How we spent it...

Resources

Kings Coronation picnic goodies
Classroom resources
Water play table
Library books
Leavers gifts & activities
Christmas crafting
Spelling Frame subscription
DSLR and Hive equipment

School trips

Dawlish Warren
Paignton Zoo
The Golden Hind
Budleigh beach
Lyme Regis
RAM Museum
Escot
Cobbaton Combat Collection
Sidmouth Science Festival

Visitors & workshops

Boo-To-A-Goose theatre
Theatre Alibi
Chris Johnson animal encounters
Steve Manning historical storyteller
Steve McCracken artist
Clive Pig storyteller
Christmas music brass band

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How we did it...

£520
Bonfire
night BBQ

£315
Christmas
cards

£2,720
Summer
fete

£1,446
School
lottery

£217
Tropic
Party

£27
Sports
day

£181
Uniform
shop

£1,086
Christmas
fair

£335
Book fair

£200
Freezy
Friday/Ice
creams

£1,635
Class cake
sales

£588
Easter
eggstravaganza

£179
Online
shopping
portals

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Messy Church

Don't miss our very special light-themed Messy Church on Monday 30th October. Join us for a fun-filled and meaningful time as we explore light. Bring your family and friends to enjoy interactive crafts, engaging stories, and joyful music. Please register by Saturday 28th October at 11.00 a.m. as this helps with planning.

<https://form.jotform.com/213146082648052>

ST. LUKES CHURCH - NEWTON POPPLEFORD

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Messy Church

Monday 30th October
3.30 pm - 5.45 pm

Join us for fun activities, crafts, discussions, challenges, songs and stories.
At the end we all stay for tea!

Welcome to the October 2023 Scomis Online Safety Newsletter for Parents/Carers

New to the Scomis Online Safety Newsletter?

Welcome to the Scomis Online Safety Newsletter for parents/carers. The aim of our half-termly newsletter is to signpost parents and carers to websites which will provide:

- Online safety advice and guidance for parents and carers
- Raise awareness of current Online Safety issues
- Information on how/where to get help

Remember to talk to your child about Online Safety

Be aware of key issues! How?

Visit the following websites to find out:

Internet Matters – Advice by Age Whatever your child's age, Internet Matters provides guidance to help you find out more about your child's digital lives. Their site includes practical advice on the steps you can take as a parent to keep them safe on social media, in online games and around the web and includes video, tips on how to start a conversation and much more.

How you can protect your child

Children use the internet in different ways depending on their age, [Internet Matters](#) has developed checklists for parents /carers that provide top tips on how to help them stay safe. Get your toolkit [here](#)

Help children understand the dangers of sharing personal information, the best ways to balance screen time and more with the age-specific guides available [here](#)

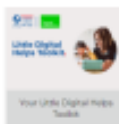
0–5 years Find out what's new and download the [Online Safety guide](#)

6–10 years Find out how they might be at risk and download the [Online Safety guide](#)

11–13 years Find out how to start those tricky conversations and download the [Online Safety guide](#)

Teens 14+ Find out what's new and download the [Online Safety guide](#)

NB. Each age-specific section includes 'easy to view' videos



Childline's Advice for Staying Safe Online

There are a number of things **you** can do to keep yourself safe online:

- Think before you post
- Don't share personal details
- Watch out for phishing and scams
- Think about who you are talking to
- Keep your device secure
- Never give out your password
- How to spot [Fake News](#)

Read how to keep you and your children safe online [here](#)

Find out more about:

- [Keeping your device secure](#)
- [Strong passwords](#)
- [Grooming](#)

Access and view a range of easy to watch videos on all sorts of things including

- Getting help [here](#)

Watch the [toolbox videos](#) and get help and advice on all sorts of things.

Remember you can contact [Childline](#) about anything. online, on the phone, anytime

WAYS TO GET SUPPORT

 Send an email <small>Send an email to your Childline team and we'll reply within 24 hours.</small> Write us back >	 Call for free on 0800 1111 <small>The fastest way to reach us. Call for free on any phone and it won't show on your bill.</small> Call us >	 Log-in for a 1-1 counsellor chat <small>Chat with a counsellor in a safe space online about whatever is worrying you.</small> Chat now >	 Sign with us <small>Talk to a counsellor with help from a friend. Sign up your own member.</small> Join now >
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PEGI Ratings

PEGI ([Pan European Game Information](#)) ratings is a popular gaming rating system used mostly in Europe and Asia.

PEGI ratings are quite easy to understand. They use a clear number to show from which age the game is suitable for. Find out more [here](#)

The age rating confirms that the game content is appropriate for players of a certain age.

PEGI considers the age suitability of a game, not the level of difficulty.

- Find out what the labels mean [here](#)
- Find out what the course descriptors mean [here](#)



Keeping up to date with Media Sites, Apps and Games

- Keep up to date with the latest sites, apps and games
- Find out how to keep your child safe when playing online games
- Access resources for children with [SEND](#)

Visit [NSPCC's Chat App](#) site to find out more about Social media and Chat Apps including:

TikTok; Instagram; WhatsApp; Telegram

Find out more [here](#)

Need Help?

Worried about something a child or young person may have experienced online, you can contact the [NSPCC](#) helpline for free support and advice on **0808 800 5000** or [contact NSPCC online](#).

Reminder! Children can contact [Childline](#) any time to get support themselves: 0800 1111

Dates for Your Diary Up to Half-Term

Friday 20th October: Last Day

Monday 23rd—Friday 27th October: Half Term

Monday 30th October: First Day Back For Pupils & Staff

Monday 30th October –Thursday 2nd November: Parent Consultations

Monday 30th October:– Autumn Walk To Farthings

Tuesday 31st October:– Year 5 Trip

Wednesday 1st November:– Year 4 Trip

Thursday 2nd November:- Jay's Aim Year 5 & 6

Friday 3rd November:– Year 5 Swimming (1 of 5)

Monday 6th November:—**Friday 10th November** UK Parliament Week

Thursday 9th November: Year 5 PTFA Cake Sale
Bicton Cross Country

Friday 10th November: Reception Vision Screening
Remembrance Assembly
Year 5 Swimming (2 of 5)

Wednesday 15th November: Dance Workshop

Thursday 16th November: Dance Workshop

Friday 17th November: Year 5 Swimming (3 of 5)

Tuesday 21st November: Resource Future Workshop Year 2, 4 & 5

Thursday 23rd November: Fire Service Session Year 2 & 5

Friday 24th November: Year 5 Swimming (4 of 5)