

School Matters

The Fortnightly Newsletter from Newton Poppleford School

Friday 8th November 2024

A Message From Mr Pope

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of our first week back at school, we once again have had a positive start to our half term. Fireworks night is just around the corner for the village. We want to say that we hope you have a wonderful time to everyone attending. Be safe and enjoy what we are sure will be a wonderful occasion. There is lots of excitement in school. You may have seen the children in Reception have been preparing the Guy and big congratulations to our winners. All the children have been fantastic as always and we are very proud of the way they are attending to their learning already this half term.

Our INSET day was very productive and they provide an invaluable opportunity for staff training. All staff took part in vital safeguarding training and our approaches to oracy (our professional development focus for the year). The staff team then split into different groups to enable teaching assistants to develop their relational approaches and receive training on our new speech and language interventions run by Mrs Laureys. Teachers then engaged with training on improving writing and how we enable pupils to practice and use vocabulary. We also introduced new approaches to retrieval in English to help children remember key grammatical concepts.

Lost Property

We have a new rail system for Lost property. In school, the item that we find a lot of is school jumpers. This item is the one that we would encourage all families to ensure is labelled with your child's name. Children tend to remove them when it is break, lunchtime or PE and if they are not labelled it becomes very challenging to return them. Many children do a 'sniff test' but this is not the most reliable... The lost property is organised with colours. This term green labels mean we have had them since autumn 1 and yellow is found in autumn 2. The items will be donated to the school 2nd hand uniform 3 weeks into the next half term. We will also make sure it is out on the playground periodically for parents to look at.

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

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Support for all children at home

Spellings and handwriting

Through the school we are placing a real emphasis on children's spelling and ensuring they recognise wherever possible where they have made a spelling error they need to correct in our feedback. Children are taught spelling weekly and we use spelling frame as an app that children can use to practice. We also provide a weekly spelling list that is sent home via your child's termly overview. We ask that children practice and learn these spellings at home regularly. We would very much appreciate your support in ensuring they have opportunity to do this.

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend!

Mr Pope

[Primary/Infant/Junior School Admissions 2025 - Register your details](#)

If your child was born between the 1/9/2020 and the 31/08/2021 you need to apply for your child's school place from the 15th November 2024.

The Local Authority will no longer be writing out to families reminding them that they need to apply. If you wish to receive a reminder then please complete the form at this link:

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=gzehjWjLP0S7S5I_d_1b-9FqbSDPpfRHqy9SmDYJC4dUN0JSOFFXVkvZMVaxOVizTEJNQVA5MIBUNi4u&route=shorturl

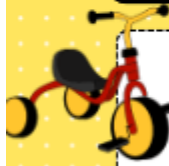
This form should only be completed if you are a Devon resident, and you pay your council tax to a Devon Council. Note this does not include Torbay or Plymouth Council. If you are unsure you can check your local council here <https://www.gov.uk/find-local-council>

As long as you register some details on this form, you should receive a text/email on the 15th of November to remind you to visit the website and make an online application for your child's school place.

A PLEA FOR PLAYTIME



HAVE YOU GOT ANY SPARE?



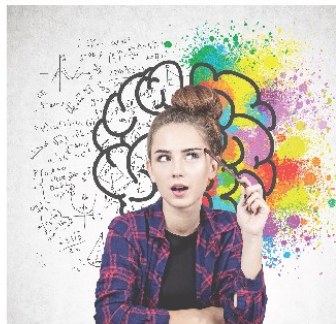
We are looking for helmets, scooters, trikes or young children's ride ons for playtime. If you have any spare we would love to have them.

SEND

Winter Gift from FACE

join via facefamilyadvice.co.uk

FREE



Understanding the Teenage Brain

Watch the recording of Jane Keyworth delivering this online session (one hour 45 minutes) to parents in the UK

"We need every parent and teacher to attend this outstanding presentation. It provides a brilliant exposé of the challenges young people face as they develop from child to young adult. The presentation is very informative but also very accessible and entertaining. I cannot recommend this talk highly enough"

Mr Andrew Mead, Headteacher at Lytchett Minster, UK High school

SENDCO



PARENT & CARER
DROP-IN SESSION

TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER



WITH SENDCO ELS LAUREYS &

PARENT SUPPORT ADVISOR FIONA PYLE

ALL WELCOME - SO PLEASE COME ALONG



9:00AM - 10:30 AM

SCHOOL LIBRARY 

FUTURE DATES:

10/12/24, 14/1/25, 11/2/25, 11/3/25, 1/4/25,
13/5/25, 10/6/25, 8/7/25

Pre-School



This week Pre-School have learnt about Halloween and Bonfire Night by exploring inside pumpkins and also made some lovely bonfire pictures



Reception



Children from Reception have really enjoyed designing Guy Fawkes.



Dear Parents/Carers,

Next week the school is taking part in Anti-Bullying Week. As part of this on Tuesday the 12th November we are joining in with Odd Socks Day. We would like to invite all children to wear odd socks on this day for the donation of a pound. Please see the attached flyer for more information. Choose Respect is the theme for the week and as one of our core school values we will be undertaking a variety of activities as part of it.

Once again if any parents would like to get involved and send in their pictures of odd socks in their daily lives we would love to see them and would show the children in assembly. Our bullying ambassadors have also been tasked with coming up with an anti-bullying pledge for all children in the school to undertake which we will share as part of our activities once we have met to finalise which pledge is appropriate for us.

Thankyou as always for your support.

Best Wishes,

Ant Pope

Dear Parents/Carers,
WOOHOO... TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER IS ODD SOCKS DAY!

WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY?
Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week! To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on Tuesday 12th November. Last year over 13,000 schools took part in Odd Socks Day. Andy Day (CBeebies/CBBC) and his band Andy and the Odd Socks are partnering with the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help bring Odd Socks Day to life again this year. Have a listen to the brilliant song they have recorded especially for Anti-Bullying Week, 'Choose Respect'.

WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT?
The day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.

Tuesday 12TH November

WHAT DO WE NEED FROM YOU?
It's so easy! Here's what you do:

1. Make sure your child wears odd socks to school.
2. Donate £1 (or whatever you can afford) to help the Anti-Bullying Alliance carry on important work.
3. If you want to, you can share a photo or video online and feel free to add the 'Choose Respect' audio to your posts! Don't forget to tag us using #OddSocksDay #AntiBullyingWeek and tag @ABAonline and @AndyOddSock on X. Or @AntiBullyingAlliance and @AndyandtheOddSocks on Instagram.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!
Every penny goes to the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help continue all their work. We can't wait to see all the odd socks on Tuesday 12th November ...

If you have any questions please ask:

ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE ORGANISER
CHOOSE RESPECT PARTNER
Andy Day PARTNER

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PE Enrichment

Next Thursday and Friday 14th and 15th November, children in years 1—6 will have PE enrichment with Miss Hannah's School of Dance. Please can the following classes come to school in PE kits on these days

Thursday 14th

Year 1 and Year 2

Friday 15th

Years 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6



War Horse Concert with Michael Morpurgo

Exeter Cathedral invites you to a captivating evening with Michael Morpurgo, author of the beloved novel War Horse, on **Wednesday, 13 November 2024, at 7pm**. Set in the stunning surroundings of the cathedral, this event will feature Morpurgo reading an abridged version of his renowned story, which follows Joey the horse through the trials of the First World War. Accompanied by musician Ben Murray performing music and songs from the National Theatre's stage adaptation, this experience will bring to life the heartwarming and courageous tale of Joey and the soldiers he encounters.

[War Horse Concert with Michael Morpurgo | Exeter Cathedral](#)



Devon Family Hubs Monthly Newsletter - November 2024

Each month we will share with you information, advice and top tips on a number of themes, as well as fun things that you and your family can do in and around Devon, and much more!

We hope you enjoy reading it and we would love to hear your thoughts, or suggestions about anything you would like us to cover in future issues by completing the short questionnaire at the end of the Newsletter.

Devon Digital Team, Devon Family Hubs,
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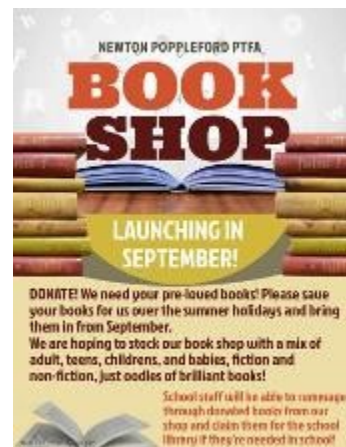
SAVE THE DATES: More info to follow, but here's a heads-up for PTFA events for this term.

8th NOV - Bonfire Night

21st November—Year 4 Cake sale

22nd NOV - Tropic & Cocktail Night (grown-ups only, evening)

7th DEC - Christmas Fair (afternoon)



How can you support Newton Pop PTFA?

School Lottery
If you're never away from a lottery, why not help support PTFA and support your school? Buy a £10 Super Draw ticket at your local lottery shop.

Online Shopping **easyfundraising**
Online shopping made easy! Use the app when you shop online and make money for the PTFA while you shop. No extra cost to you!

Clothing Bank
Don't forget your unwanted clothing and books for the clothing bank in the School Store on each open day! We give you £10 for your donations!

Alida Rewards
Share Newton Pop PTFA and your school on the Alida rewards app and earn instantly money for us today!

We're thrilled to kick off our crowdfunding campaign to build new play equipment for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Your support will make a huge difference in making playtimes more enjoyable and engaging for the pupils. Every contribution, no matter the size, brings us closer to our goal. Please donate and share our page to help spread the word!"

Below is the link to the page where you can donate :
<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/newton-pophelford-school->

Dates for your diary

8th November	Reception Trip
11th - 15th November	Anti Bully Week
11th November	Remembrance Day - Remembrance Poetry Performances Flu Immunisation Year 5 Swimming lessons (1of 6)
12th November	Year 3 - Stone Age Workshop Odd Sock Day Parent Drop in
13th November	Positive Noticing Day
13th November	Mini Police Year 6 Year 5 & 6 Basketball - Selected Children
14th November	Year 4 Trip Year 1 and Year 2 PE Enrichment - Dance
15th November	Years 3,4,5 and 6 PE Enrichment - Dance
18th November	Year 5 Swimming lessons (2of 6)
20th November	Mini Police Year 6
20th November	Year 2 Multiskills event (Selected children)
21st November	Year 4 Cake Sale
25th November	Year 5 Swimming Lesson (3of 6)
27th November	Mini Police Year 6 Vision Screening ®
2nd December	Year 5 Swimming Lesson (4 of 6)
4th December	Year 5 & 6 Girls indoor football - selected children Mini Police Year 6
9th December	Year 5 Swimming Lessons (5 of 6)
10th -11th December	Rec and KS1 Nativity 2.15pm
10th December	Parent drop in
11th December	Year 3 & 4 Multi skills Festival
12th December	KS2 Christmas Concert 1.25-2.10pm & 2.30-3.15pm
13th December	Whole school trip to the Panto
16th December	Year 5 Swimming Lessons (6 of 6)
17th December	Whole school Christmas Dinner