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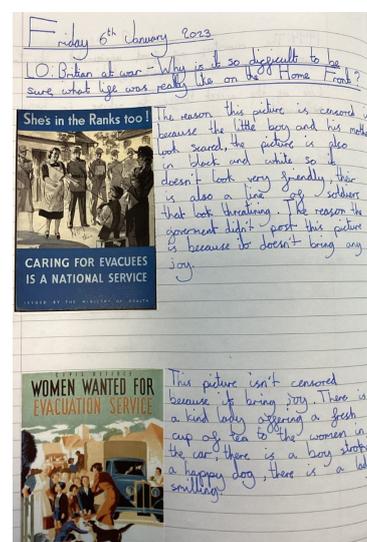
THE FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER FROM NEWTON POPPLEFORD SCHOOL

Friday 13th January 2023

A Message from Mr Pope

Dear All,

This half term and over the Autumn term, we have really encouraged the children to improve their presentation in their work. We are really proud of the way the children have responded and they have produced some fantastic pieces. I am sure many parents may well receive a Marvellous Me update over the next few days and weeks from the school as we continue this effort. Please see the photo of some beautifully presented work from one of our pupils. I hope that you are aware of the updated curriculum overviews for the Spring term and I know they are also available on our school website. We are asking the children to focus on reading at home over the coming weeks and months. We have made some alterations to the way that we are using accelerated reader in school to enable us to track and promote reading more successfully. Mrs Habbishaw (our reading champion) is now conducting weekly drop-ins with classes and providing the teachers with some information on how well your child is reading at home. We believe that this will help us to further promote a love of reading at our school. We place reading at the heart of our curriculum as it is the gateway to so much of the learning that takes place in school. As a minimum, we have asked that across the week children read five times or more for an average of twenty minutes each time. We hope that as children move up the school they would read for even longer. I want to express my thanks to everyone in advance for your support in this. I also hope as always that everyone enjoys their weekends and we look forward to seeing the children again on Monday for some more exciting lessons and learning opportunities.



Pre-School and Reception children enjoyed a Winter Walk to Farthings. They had a lovely time looking at vegetable patches, following a Peter Rabbit Trail, and looking at some chickens and seeing the eggs they had laid. A big thank you to Anna and Doug for allowing us to have this lovely experience that the children and adults all thoroughly enjoyed.

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

Year 3 John Sheehan Visit

Year 3 were extremely lucky to be visited by John Sheehan this week to launch their mountains topic in Geography. John is an experienced mountaineer, explorer and all-round adventurer. He shared his experiences of climbing mountains in France and around the rest of the world. He also showed the children the different pieces of equipment he uses and what they are used for. We are really grateful as it was a really memorable and fascinating experience for all children.



Adventure Island Sessions

We have had a brilliant start to our Adventure Island Sessions. In the first week we discussed play parameters (rules) and keeping safe during our sessions. This involved discussing risk and how to minimise it, for example when playing on the rope swings, we all agreed to check no one is in the way before we swing. We will revisit play parameters in future sessions and together we will generate new ones as the area develops.

This week our Key Stage 2 children have been weeding and digging in the allotment. We added weeds to the compost bin and then spent time digging in the earth. We found plenty of worms that we carefully relocated to the beds without any children wielding spades! We also planted daffodil bulbs on the grassy bank and we look forward to seeing them flower in the spring. The bulbs were kindly donated by Kings Garden Centre in Sidmouth. It was so lovely to see everyone getting stuck in and working hard to get the allotment ready for the growing season!



Important Information

Free School Meals A letter has been emailed to parents this morning regarding free school meals. Please read this letter and apply if you think your child may be eligible, even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and receives a free meal in school. If you are eligible, this will result in more money for our school to support your child's education.

Census Day Thursday 19th January is School Census Day when we need as many children as possible in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to have a school meal as this will determine the funding we receive for the Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) grant. If your child does not normally have a school meal then please allow school to order one for them and bring packed lunch as a back-up. The menu on this day will be roast pork, roasted vegetable tartlet or jacket potatoes.

Change to school dinner menu The menu for Wednesday and Thursday next week will be swapped so the options will be as follows:

Wednesday 18th January: Beef Hot Pot, Quorn dippers or Jacket Potato.

Thursday 19th January: Roast Pork, Vegetable Tartlet or Jacket Potato.

Newton Poppleford Primary School

Parent Drop in Session

Join us for coffee, cake and support.

Debbie Tollerfield & Fiona Pyle (Parent Support Advisor)
will be here to answer questions and signpost to support available.
First Wednesday of every month 2.30-3.30pm

Next Session:
Wednesday, October 12th

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

Parent Drop-In Session

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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.

If you need any help with making an application then please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

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

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.

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Flu Immunisations

The School Aged Immunisation Team have now finished visiting Primary Schools to deliver the nasal flu vaccination. The flu season continues until the end of March, and we are already seeing high levels of infection and hospital admissions as a result of the virus. This year the vaccine is an extremely good match to the circulating virus, and it remains of benefit to your child, their family and the community in which they live, to receive the vaccination throughout the flu season. If your child has not yet received the flu vaccination and you would like them to be vaccinated, please use the link below to book into a community clinic in your area.

<https://schoolimms.hcrgcaregroup.com/flu/2022/bookdevon>

If you have any queries or would like support, please contact our immunisation SPA on **0300 247 0082** or email on vcl.immunisations@nhs.net

INFORMATION SESSIONS

(Parents, teaching assistants, teachers, child-minders and all other interested parties very welcome.)
Sessions are 1:30 – 3pm, repeated 3:30 – 5pm, in the community room at

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Topic	Date	Notes
How social stories and comic strip conversations help children with anxiety or autism.	Friday 6th January	As anxiety is at the root of so many behaviours, anyone wanting a greater understanding of these would benefit from attending. A quick drop-in session to help you write them for children in your class or at home.
Does your child rock on their chair or fiddle? Do they struggle with noisy, busy situations? Do they leave going to the toilet until the last moment? Are they really fussy about food? Do they get upset suddenly? It's sensory!	Friday 13th January	How do I know if my child has a sensory issue? WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF SENSORY ISSUE, e.g. sight, hearing, touch, taste, smell, interoception, proprioception, balance, etc? Is my child over- or under-sensitive and how can you be both?
Is your child impulsive? emotional? disorganised? inflexible? no self-awareness? off task? can't remember what they were supposed to be doing? forgets what they have learned? It's executive functioning!	Friday 3rd February	We will be looking at children who over-react or are not maximising their potential. We will be trying to map, understand, and change disruptive or unhelpful learning behaviour at home or at school. We are fortunate to have a very experienced retired educational psychologist co-presenting at this and other sessions.

PLEASE NOTE, DUE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING WE WILL LIMIT NUMBERS TO 12 ATTENDEES SO BOOKING WILL BE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED ON THE NUMBER/EMAIL BELOW.

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To book a place or ask for further information, please ring 01395-263397 ext 2 (do leave a message) or email chollingsworth@wrpschool.org. Thank you!

NB: Parking is not available on the school site. Thanks

Information Sessions

Information sessions are being held at Withycombe Raleigh Church Of England Primary School. The sessions are free and refreshments are included. The sessions run from 1:30pm—3pm and then they are repeated at 3:30pm—5pm. More information can be found on the poster.

Let's Talk Pre-Teens

Let's Talk Teenagers and Pre-Teens are a series of online support sessions and an opportunity for parents and carers of teenagers and pre-teens to hear about the challenges young people are facing today. The sessions have been running throughout 2022 and discuss the tools and techniques that can be used to support young people and their community, covering topics such as: drugs and alcohol, body image, mental health, social risks, safety online and peer pressure. To book onto a FREE online session please follow the link below.

<https://saferdevon.co.uk/lets-talk-teenagers/>

Dates for Your Diary Up to Half-Term

Wednesday 18th January :	Menu Change (Beef hot pot, Quorn dippers or Jacket Potato)
Thursday 19th January:	School Census Day Menu Change (Roast Pork, Vegetable Tartlet or Jacket Potato)
Wednesday 25th January:	Year 6 Trampolining whole class
Thursday 19th January:	PTFA Year 3 Cake Sale
Tuesday 31st January:	Glow In The Dark Dodgeball With Sporty Stars
Wednesday 8th February:	Parent Drop In Session With Parent Support Advisor Year 5/6 Hi 5 Netball
Thursday 9th February:	PTFA Year 2 Cake Sale
Friday 10th February:	Last Day of Half-Term
Mon 13th—Fri 17th February:	Half-Term
Monday 20th February:	First day back for Pupils