

School Matters

The Fortnightly Newsletter from Newton Poppleford School

Friday 13th September 2024

[A Message From Mr Pope](#)

Dear Parents and Carers,

We could not be prouder of the way the children have returned to school this week. They have settled into their new year groups and shown some excellent personal qualities as they have got to know their new teachers. Leading the way in this were our Year 6 children who have been fantastic ambassadors for our school. They approached their residential with real enthusiasm and passion. My thanks to Miss Winkler for organising and making the trip such a success and to Mr Filer for giving up his time to support our school.



This half term we have lots of events and exciting curriculum enrichment activities to look forward to. We are looking ahead this year and will try to communicate things to you in a timely manner. Some of the events of note are Coding Week, National Poetry Day, World Space week and Anti Bullying week. In Autumn 2 there will be the normal Christmas Activities and I am also very excited to say that Mrs Pulling is busy organising a whole school trip to the pantomime in Exeter which will be a fantastic occasion.

We are also organising our extra- curricular clubs at the moment and next week the office will be giving a date to sign up to these for autumn 1. We will also make you aware of those confirmed for autumn 2. We will be adding to the autumn 2 club list later in the term.

You should have received your children's curriculum overviews and be aware of what they will be learning this year. If you have any questions about the curriculum or what you can do to support learning at home please do have a conversation with your class teacher. We are asking parents to ensure their children are reading at least 5 times per week and practising the spellings that are given on a weekly basis. You will also have access to TT rock stars. If you would like to further support maths at home the White Rose Home learning website follows the same progression as school and is a fantastic resource for parents to access.

<https://whiteroseeducation.com/parent-pupil-resources/maths/home-learning>.

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Message from Mr Pope continued...

It is an exciting year ahead and we are sure the children will continue to go from strength to strength. We are committed to making our school a secure, happy and warm environment that everyone wants to be in. By adopting this approach, we also feel we will continue to keep our attendance high and inspire the children to achieve all they can. Next week we will be holding our student council elections so if your children would like to take part we look forward to hearing their thoughts on how we can continue to improve our school.

As always, please get in touch if you have anything you would like to discuss as we look forward to another exciting year.

Best Wishes,

Mr Pope

Secondary School Admission Applications are now open.

Applications for secondary school places are now open, please see link attached giving more information. Applications will be closed on 31st October 2024. If parents of year 6 students need any help with applying for a place please do not hesitate to contact the school office

[Apply for a secondary place – Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk/apply-for-a-secondary-place)



The poster features a photograph of three smiling students in school uniforms. Below the photo, the college name 'Sidmouth College' is written in a bold, white font, with the motto 'believe • inspire • succeed' in a smaller, cursive font underneath. The event details are listed in two columns: 'Open Morning' on Wednesday 25th September from 9:30am-11:00am, and 'Open Evening' on Wednesday 25th September from 5:00pm-7:30pm. A list of bullet points provides further information, including arrival times for talks, campus tours, and contact details. At the bottom, it states that booking is essential and provides the college's phone number, website, and address.

Sidmouth College
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Open Morning
Wednesday 25th September
9:30am-11:00am

Open Evening
Wednesday 25th September
5:00pm-7:30pm

- Please arrive at the College in time for the Headteacher's welcome talks at 9:30am and 5pm or 6pm
- College campus tours and the opportunity to meet with staff and students
- Telephone: 01395 514823 for more information

Booking essential. To book a place call the College on **01395 514823**
www.sidmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk
Primley Road, Sidmouth EX10 9LG

Year 2



Year 2 have started their Hot and Cold places Geography topic this half term focusing on one of the coldest places- Antarctica. They created great artwork inspired by the landscape of the beautiful continent.

Year 3



Year Three have had a fantastic start to the year and are learning all about the 'Stone Age' in History. We have been reading 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth' and are going to write our own set of instructions which explain how to wash a different creature in English. We had a great time making our own woolly mammoths and giving them all a name.



Pre-School



We have enjoyed welcoming our children back to Little Popples and also meeting some new friends



Reception



Reception have settled really well and are enjoying exploring and investigating the classroom and outdoor area.



Year 5



Year 5's have been having fun with their Spaghetti Towers and making memories with their new buddies



Vacancy—Mealtime Play Assistant

Newton Poppleford Primary School are looking for a caring Mealtime Play Assistant (MTPA) who can lead play, interact with the children and undertake the responsibility of supervising and ensuring the safety of the children at all times. You will be required to work for one hour per day (12:15 – 13:15) Monday to Friday (days negotiable if more than one candidate wishes to share the role).

The main duties of the role are:

- To set up and lead play activities in the playground;
- To co-ordinate play for pupils;
- To assist with the well-being of pupils during lunchtime;
- To support the supervision of children during lunch and play, using your initiative to ensure caring quality provision is continuously made.

Experience of working with children is not essential, just the passion to help improve the life chances of children within a school environment whilst being prepared to work inside and outside in all weathers.

Newton Poppleford Primary is a caring school, who nurture the whole child; we pride ourselves on looking after one another, like a family. We look forward to welcoming the right candidate into our family community.

If you have any questions about the role, please contact the school office on 01395 568300

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS check is required for all successful candidates. Candidates are encouraged to read our Safeguarding policy before applying.

An application form and more details can be found on our website. https://www.newton-poppleford.devon.sch.uk/web/job_vacancies_at_newton_poppleford/155061

Your completed application form should be returned by email to admin@newton-poppleford.devon.sch.uk

There is no closing date – the post will be active until a suitable candidate is appointed.

5 hrs per week, 38 weeks per year. £11.59 per hour.

We would like the successful candidate to start as soon as possible once all recruitment checks are completed.

Thank you Bradfords



Bradfords have ever so kindly donated 15 bags of play sand to us this week so that we could transform a very sad and sorry looking pit to something so much more inviting for our KS1 children. Thank you so much for your generosity Bradfords! .

PTFA

Welcome back everyone! We're excited over here at PTFA HQ for another year of fun and fund-

REMEMBER: If you are a parent, grandparent, carer, or staff at the school then you are automatically a member of the PTFA, woop! How involved you get is totally up to you, if you'd like to hear more about how you can help, please contact Teri 07909 798441 or Georgia 07967 017726.

SAVE THE DATES: More info to follow, but here's a heads-up for PTFA events for this

17th OCT - AGM (evening)

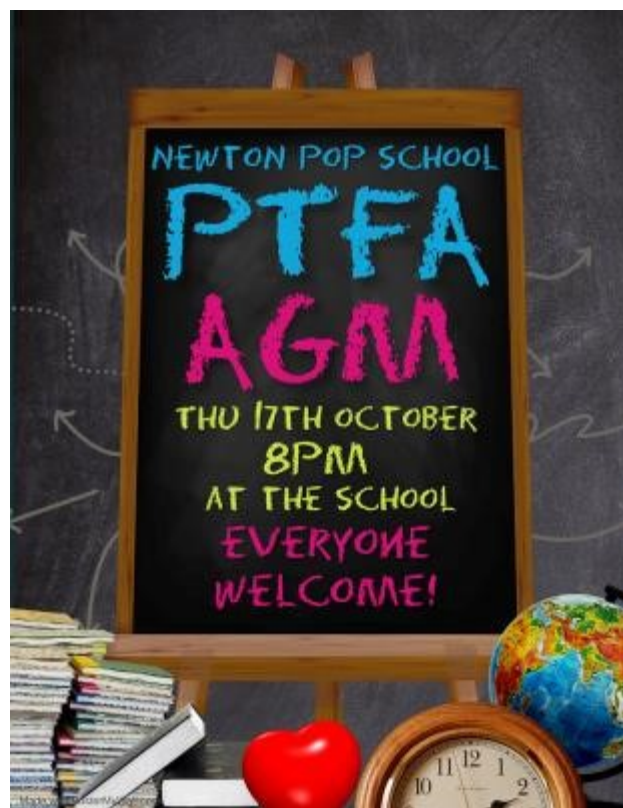
23rd OCT - School disco (after school)

8th NOV - Bonfire Night (not yet confirmed that PTFA will be involved, but save the date and watch this

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

7th DEC - Christmas Fair (afternoon)

QUESTIONNAIRE: We'd love to hear what you think! Please complete our questionnaire at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScnCXnGfdw_tHXZwHonqRLx0mVWflje6nUxL0KPEnu_Ej1vnQ/viewform



NEWTON POP PTFA

Pre-loved Uniform Shop

In the shed next to the bike shelter

Find a bargain

The uniform shed is open all the time, have a rummage whenever suits you!

Pay

Suggested donation amounts on display in the shed, but pay whatever you can afford, via School Gateway. This is an honesty system and not monitored

Donations

We need your good-quality pre-loved uniform! Please leave in a bag in the shed and the uniform fairies will sort it, Thank you!

Good for:

Your pocket, the PTFA, and the planet!

NEWTON POPPLEFORD PTFA

BOOK SHOP

LAUNCHING IN SEPTEMBER!

DONATE! We need your pre-loved books! Please save your books for us over the summer holidays and bring them in from September. We are hoping to stock our book shop with a mix of adult, teens, childrens, and babies, fiction and non-fiction, just oodles of brilliant books!

School staff will be able to rummage through donated books from our shop and claim them for the school library if they're needed in school!

New prices for this year!

£1 per cake!

PTFA cake sales 2024/25

- 26th Sep - Year 6
- 24th Oct - Year 5
- 21st Nov - Year 4
- 30th Jan - Year 3
- 27th Feb - Year 2
- 27th Mar - Year 1
- 8th May - Reception
- 19th June - Preschool

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Dates for your diary

1st September	Secondary Schools Applications open
24th September	Year 3 & 4 Cross Country - Selected Children
25th September	Year 5 & 6 Cross Country - Selected Children
26th September	Year 6 Cake Sale
2nd October	Year 3 & 4 mixed Football - Selected children
3rd October	National Poetry Day
4th- 10th October	Space Week
9th October	Year 5 & 6 Mixed Football - Selected children
10th October	Hello Yellow Mental Health Awareness
23rd October	Year 1 & 2 Multiskills Festival - Selected children
W/C 21st October	Parent Meetings
Thursday 31st October	Secondary Schools Applications close
28 October -1st Nov	Half Term
1st November	Diwali
4th November	Inset Day
5th November	Children return to school
6th November	Mini Police Year 6
11th November	Remembrance Day - Remembrance Poetry Performances
11th - 15th November	Anti Bully Week
13th November	Positive Noticing Day
13th November	Mini Police Year 6
	Year 5 & 6 Basketball - Selected Children
20th November	Mini Police Year 6
27th November	Mini Police Year 6