

School Matters

The Fortnightly Newsletter from Newton Poppleford School

Tuesday 26th November 2024

Message From Mr Pope

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, thank you to everyone for their understanding around the recent school closure due to the snow. On Friday, the children were given lots of opportunity to be outside and spend some extra time playing in the snow. We are so fortunate with our school grounds and it was so nice to see the children playing and enjoying what is a rare event. They were over the moon to be given some extra time to simply enjoy it.

We are very proud of our year 6 pupils who spoke last night at the Parish council. They were a credit to our school and their presentation was delivered excellently! You will also see in the newsletter that year 6 have been proving themselves in their sporting achievements as well. All the children who participated were excellent ambassadors for our school. It is fantastic to have such great role models in our setting. Well done to all of them!

We have also set our pupil leadership goals for the upcoming term which you can find below:

- 1: To maintain our commitment to the eco-flag award**
- 2: To improve the quality of playtimes by working with everyone in our community.**
- 3: To ensure that all children in Newton Poppleford Primary School know how to keep themselves safe online**
- 4: Yet to be decided by the pupils of the school – all classes are voting on four options this week.**

We are now on the verge of entering our Christmas period and the PTFA fair is on the horizon. I know we are all very much looking forward to the event and thank you for being supportive of it.

Many thanks as always,

Mr Pope

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

[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.

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Winter Drop In for All Parents



On 10/12, The parent drop-in will be **winter parent drop-in for all parents** .

We will look into ways to save money during the winter months. This will be together with a representative of the PTFA who will have some previously loved uniform and toys available as well as a representative from the Community food larder, who share out food from local supermarkets to stop it from going to landfill and to reduce food waste in the community.

Besides this, we hope to offer lots of information about local events and projects that are set up to help all parents save some money during the winter months



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Year 2 - Enjoying the snow on Friday

Snow Day Fun !

Everyone that made it in to school on Friday had a great time playing in the snow.

Reception children having great fun!



Pre-School Enjoying the Snow day



Year 6



Year 6 had a visit from the local PCSO and enjoyed learning all about the Police

Year 3

On 12th November, Year 3 spent the afternoon listening to Stone Age stories told by local storyteller, Steve Manning. He transported the children back to prehistoric times, enabling them to live events through the eyes of those who witnessed them.



PE Enrichment



On Monday 11th November a team of Year 6 children took part in the EFL Kids Cup Tournament at Exeter City training ground. The team played brilliantly and came 5th out of 11 teams and have qualified for the next round!



On Wednesday 13th November, Years 5 & 6 took part in a cross court rotational basketball tournament at Sidmouth College. Both teams played really well, with Year 6 coming first in their group, and year 5 coming second in theirs.



Whole School



Our Year 6 art leaders are holding a half termly challenge which they introduced to the children in assembly last week. This half term's art challenge is inspired by Vincent Van Gogh's painting 'Poppy Field'.

- You may decide to create your own painting, drawing, chalk or collage of a Poppy Field. You may also decide to use this as inspiration for your own landscape piece of art work.
- Remember to take a photograph of your artwork and email it or bring it into school by Friday 29th November. You can also bring it in to Mrs. Turner (Year 2) or any of the Art leaders.
- The artwork will be judged and there will be a prize for someone in KS1 and Reception, Years 3 and 4 and Years 5 and 6.

PTFA

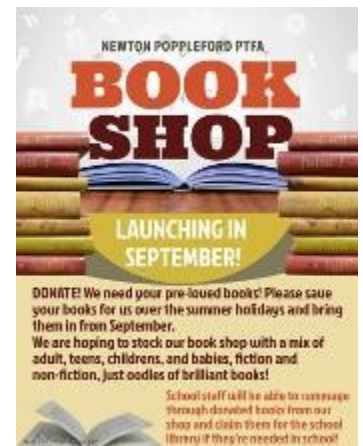
SAVE THE DATES: More info to follow, but here's a heads-up for PTFA events for this term.

7th DEC - Christmas Fair (afternoon)



Here are some of the things the PTFA have funded or part funded:

- ☑ Year 4 visit to Exeter RAMM.
- ☑ Year 4 Clive Pig storytelling session.
- ☑ Whole school East Devon Band for the Christmas singalong
- ☑ Preschool for Professor Bumble for a Christmas treat.
- ☑ Whole school Christmas crafting.
- ☑ Year 3 Steve Manning storytelling session.
- ☑ Preschool double sided easel
- ☑ Year 5 towards the Escot trip
- ☑ Whole School Pantomime trip



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-poppleford-school->

Coop- choose Newton Poppleford School PTFA

We have some exciting news to share! Newton Poppleford School PTFA has been chosen as one of the three local causes for the Coop! By simply signing up as a Coop member for just £1, or logging in if you're already a member, you can select Newton Poppleford School PTFA as your chosen cause.

Your support will make a huge difference to our children, helping to make their outdoor playtime even more enjoyable. Thank you for being a part of this positive campaign ☑

Wanted



We are looking to build up our stock of LEGO bricks to support a variety of creative and educational activities in the classroom. We would be extremely grateful if you could consider donating any unwanted LEGO sets or pieces that you may have at home. Your contributions will be used for a wide range of activities across the different year groups.

If you are able to donate any LEGO, please feel free to send it into school with your child, or drop it off at the school office. Any amount—whether large or small—it will be greatly appreciated.

Dates for your diary

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
Year 3 Winter Hike Adventure Island 10.50-12.15
Year 5 Winter Hike Adventure Island 1.15-3.00
Mini Police Year 6

5th December

Year 4 Winter Hike Adventure Island 10.50-12.15
Year 6 Winter Hike Adventure Island 1.15-3.00

6th December

Year 1 Winter Hike Adventure Island 10.50-12.15
Year 2 Winter Hike Adventure Island 1.30 -3.00

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
Pre School Nativity @ 11.00am

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

19th December

Brass Band in school

20th December`

Party food for school