

SCHOOL MATTERS

THE FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER FROM NEWTON POPPLEFORD SCHOOL

Friday 24th November 2023

A Message From Mr Pope

Dear Parents & Carers,

The second part of Autumn is a very busy time of year. Having had parliament week the school immediately moved into anti-bullying week raising awareness with odd sock day. Thank you so much to the parents who also supported us – the children and adults enjoyed seeing that anti – bullying is so important for everyone. Each half term the school tracks, monitors and reviews the statistics relating to behaviour. Behaviour at Newton Popleford is extremely good and very often exemplary. We have so much to celebrate with our children all the time from the way they show their enthusiasm for learning, how they behave towards one another to how they speak and interact with adults. A recent arranged visit from our school development partner led to the following comment and feedback

“Newton Popleford children are polite and articulate. They demonstrate happiness at school and a real desire to learn.”

Well done to our children once again! We are always looking to improve and we will be carrying out further anti-bullying work across the year including some pupil voice activities to find out what our children think we can do to get even better.

The children spoke to their local MP and each class gave 2 questions (these came from the children and were voted on in class) such as: Can you plant more trees and plants (year 1), How do you help the poor? (Year 2) and culminating in more challenging questions from year 6, What should happen if MP's lie in parliament? Each class received feedback and the answers to their questions form their chosen representatives. It was a valuable experience for all the children and a great way to end our parliament week.

Positive Noticing Day was a great way to spend some time for all the children and adults. In our school, we make reference to positivity as one of our key characteristics. These characteristics are not just for children and is something that we as adults hold very strongly in our collective values. It is so important for children to be positive, have a growth mindset and strive to reach their full potential. The day was amazing and we noticed so many lovely behaviours, attitudes and qualities on the day. We of course see these things day in day out but to be able to raise the awareness and bring those to the fore for everyone was of great benefit.

My thanks go to Hannah our dance teacher for the dance workshops that were delivered this week. The children thoroughly enjoyed performing and learning their West-end dance routines. I hope that you all enjoyed hearing about the days that the children spent practising and performing. Last newsletter, I wrote about reading. Another key aspect we are constantly looking at in school is our maths provision. Below you will find the link to the home learning videos that we refer to in your child's curriculum overviews. These videos provide a really useful insight into what your child is learning. Broadly as a school we follow the

progression (adapting on occasion <https://whiteroseeducation.com/parent-pupil-resources/maths/home-learning?year=year-1-new> to ensure we are meeting the

needs of pupils) laid out in the schemes – please pick the most current V3 from the drop down.

These videos will help you to be aware of what your child is learning in school at the moment and from this past term. This is something we want to continue to help parents be aware of so we can work in partnership to support your child as much as possible. Finally, this is such a busy term for everyone and we are approaching our Christmas period. We have lost planned including a whole intra school PE competition, pupil led art activities, curriculum review day, carol performances, nativity shows, Christingle and a brass band to name just some. We look forward to seeing you all there and welcoming you into the school. Best Wishes, Mr Pope.

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

Important Information

Parking: Unfortunately, it falls on us to ask everyone to PLEASE ensure that you are civil and polite to local residents. We have had reports of parents shouting and being verbally abusive to local residents when they have been asked not to block their driveways when parking. This is clearly unacceptable behaviour and the police have encouraged us and people affected to report the matter to them. A very small minority can have a big negative impact so please work together to model positive behaviours for our children.



SEND: Attachment based mentoring. Currently two of our staff team are undergoing training in ABM. This will be of great benefit to our entire school community:

AMB is a relational approach to supporting children with their social and emotional development. The approach includes both universal and targeted support, particularly for children who may have had adverse childhood experiences, those who are struggling with their emotional health and well being and those who are finding it difficult to engage with learning and social aspects of school. Developed from the ground, it looks at specific needs of these children and how these can be met through our relationships, what we are doing and how we are being with the child.

Pre-School Dancing With Miss Hannah School Of Dance

Pre-School enjoyed learning a new dance with Miss Hannah and finished with a cooling down session.



Adventure Island

This week the children have been out and about on our Winter Hike. With assistance from our brilliant parent helpers we negotiated the muddy banks of the river, the boggy field beyond and then the climb up to the orchard where we were rewarded with the most beautiful views! The children did themselves proud and I look forward to hiking with them again sometime in the new year!



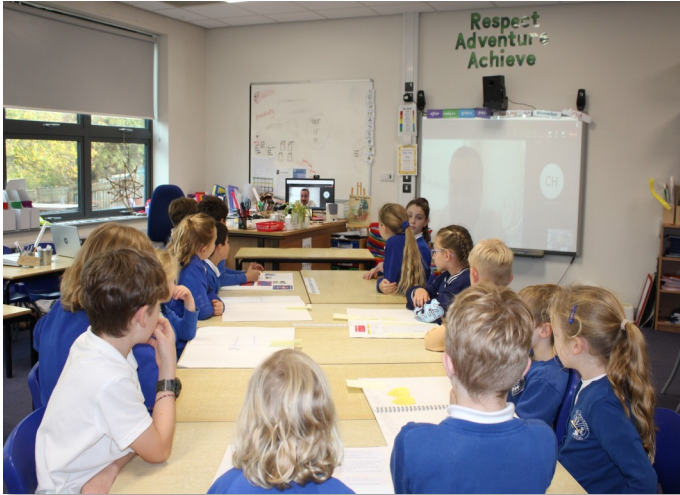
Year 5 Resource Future Workshop

Hannah Farnie from Resource Future came in to do a workshop with Year 5 this week. She spoke about the importance of recycling and how we can sort waste.



Speaking With MP Simon Jupp

The School council and a group of year 6 pupils did a fantastic job of speaking to our MP Simon Jupp. They asked some brilliant questions that each class had provided. Thank you to everyone involved in what was a fantastic experience for all of our children in having their voices and opinions heard!



Positive Noticing Day

Positive Noticing Day has been fantastic! So easy to find the positives when you have children like ours. Well done everyone!



PTFA

Clothing Bank! Woop woop, our clothing bank is back! Good for the PTFA and good for the planet! It's in the corner of the car park opposite the school now and open for donations now!

Christmas Hampers! Our famous festive raffle is back! Please send in your offerings for the hamper appeal to your class teacher by or the office by **Friday 1st December**. Here are the items we're requesting, but you can bring anything you fancy from the list. Thank you.

Pre-School– Arts & Crafts (kit/ materials)

Reception– Jams marmalades & chutneys

Year 1– Chocolates, sweets & confectionary

Year 2– Bottles

Year 3– Biscuits, crackers & festive foods

Year 4– Toiletries, smellies & candles

Year 5- Chocolates, sweets & confectionary

Year 6– Bottles

Christmas Fair! Don't forget our Christmas Fair is next Saturday 2nd December, 2-4pm at school. Featuring Santa's magical woodland grotto, Elfridges 'kids only' Christmas shopping emporium., hamper raffles, games, stalls, mince pies and mulled wine, see you there!

NEWTON POP PTFA
Christmas Fair 2023
SAT 2nd DEC
2-4pm
At the school
Visit Santa's magical woodland grotto!
Elfridges 'kids only' gift shop!
Hamper raffle!
Stalls, games, mulled wine & more!

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PTFA
CLOTHING BANK
OPEN 24/7!
NEWTON POPPLEFORD CAR PARK

Tucked in the corner!

No Thanks	Please Donate
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pillows	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clothes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Duvets	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paired Shoes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bric-a-brac	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bags & Belts
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waste	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Soft Toys
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plastic Toys	

RECYCLE YOUR CLOTHING & SHOES TO RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

Proceeds to Newton Poppleford School PTFA
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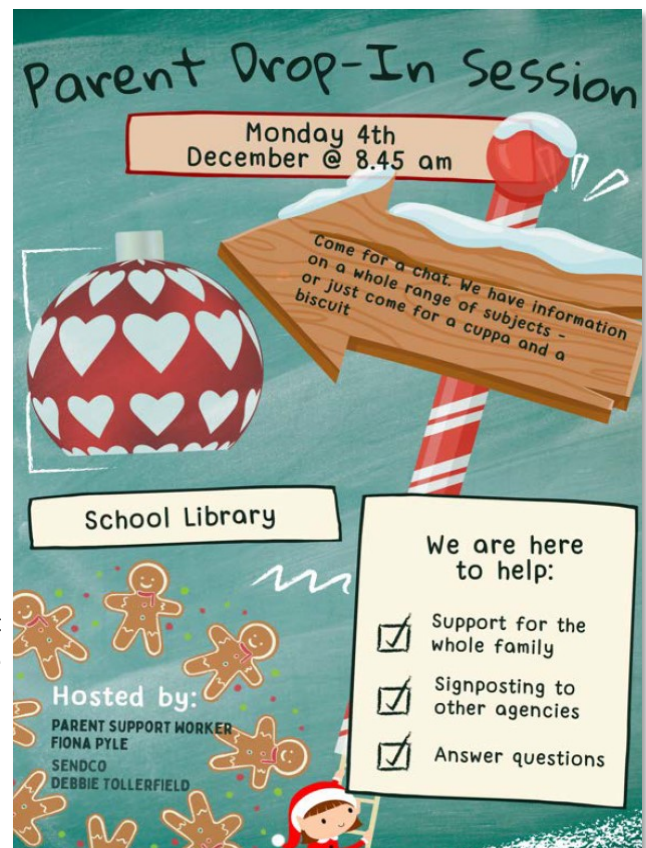


Christmas Lunch

This year, the children's Christmas lunch is on Wednesday 13th December. (Jacket Potatoes will not be available on this day) The cost is £2.50 per child and payable on the School Gateway. Please click on the link below to make your child's selection. Please submit 1 response per child. <https://forms.gle/YaFc5AHJdLfeMJgB9> Please complete the Google form by Monday 27th November.

Parent Drop-In Session

Monday 4th December at 08:45am - 09:45am. Come for a chat! We have information on a whole range of subjects or just come for a cuppa & a biscuit. Hosted by parent support worker Fiona Pyle & SENCO Debbie Tollerfield. See the poster below for more information!



Messy Christmas

On Monday 27th November come and join us for our Messy Church Christmas Party. There will be fun and games, Christmas crafts, party songs, and of course party food. It would be fantastic see you. Please register by Saturday 25th November 11.00 am as this helps with planning. Follow the link below: <https://form.jotform.com/213146082648052>



Dates for Your Diary until the End of the Year

- Monday 27th November:** Pre-School Stay & Play Session
9am Deadline For Requesting Reception & KS1 Nativity Tickets
9am Deadline For Requesting Christmas Performance Tickets
End Of Day Deadline For Ordering School Christmas Dinner For Your Child
- Thursday 30th November:** Jay's Aim Year 5 & 6
- Friday 1st December:** Year 5 Art Workshop Sidmouth College
Year 5 Swimming (5 of 5)
- Saturday 2nd December:** PTFA Christmas Fair 14:00pm-16:00pm
- Monday 4th December:** Christmas Parent Drop In 08:45am –09:45am
Christingle
- Tuesday 5th December:** KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal
- Wednesday 6th December:** 11.00 am Pre-school Nativity
2.00 pm Reception & KS1 Nativity
- Thursday 7th December:** Christmas Jumper Day
2.00 pm Reception & KS1 Nativity
- Friday 8th December:** KS2 Christmas Performance. Performance 1: 13:25pm-14:10pm. Performance 2: 14:30pm-15:15pm.
- Monday 11th December:** KS1 Church Visit
- Wednesday 13th December:** Christmas Lunch
- Thursday 14th December:** Christmas Singalong With Brass Band
- Friday 15th December:** Last Day Of Term
- Tuesday 2nd January:** Inset Day
- Wednesday 3rd January:** First Day Back For Pupils