

School Matters

The Fortnightly Newsletter from Newton Poppleford School

Friday 11th October 2024

A Message From Mr Pope

Dear Parents/Carers,

This past two weeks we have had a busy time in school. The children have been fantastic as always and there have been lots of little achievements all over the school including: performing poems as part of National Poetry Day - the wonderful Walking with my iguana performed by year 4 with the djemba drum as a highlight; Reception and Pre-school had a visit from the police; Year 5 have taken part in a history workshop looking at sources with The National Archive and we are all learning about space during national Space Week.

We were visited by the Sidmouth Learning Community headteachers recently who were looking at writing across the school and sharing our best practice. We have already seen lots of children writing some wonderful pieces including poems, stories, biographies, science investigations and non-fiction pieces. I would draw everyone's attention to the weekly spellings on your curriculum overviews and ask that wherever possible you ensure the children are practising these regularly at home.

A big school wide fundraising project

A big announcement we have in this week's newsletter is a shared goal that we have agreed with the PTFA to develop our playground areas for the children. We would like to invest in a trim trail for KS1 and a climbing frame for KS2 as part of a longer term project to develop the outdoor area of our site. I am very grateful to the PTFA for their ongoing help and support. We will shortly be launching a crowd funding page and are planning a number of school and PTFA events to try and raise funds for this. Some of the pictures of what we are trying to achieve are included here to give you an idea of the project.

All of our pupil leaders and school council members have also now been appointed and the first meetings of these will be taking place next week. The first challenge we are setting them this year is linked to play and improving our playtimes.

Thank you to everyone as always for your ongoing support of our school. We have had many new children join us over the first few weeks of term and we have loved welcoming them into our school community. I hope they already have a strong sense of belonging to our wonderful school.

Enjoy your weekends everybody!

Best Wishes , Mr Pope



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

Don't forget—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 \(devon.gov.uk\)](#)

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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Flu Vaccinations Consents

In 2024/25 all children in Primary Schools from Reception to year 6 (inclusive) will be offered the vaccine. The vaccination is free and recommended for young children; it is administered by a quick and simple spray up the nose. Please enter www.nhs.uk/child-flu to access information explaining the vaccination programme which also includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate. The patient information leaflet is also in the attached link: FLUENZ Tetra, INN-influenza vaccine (live attenuated, nasal) (medicines.org.uk)

We are due to visit your child's school on 11th November 2024. In order to access the online consent form, please enter or click on the following link: <https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> PLEASE ENSURE YOU ENTER THE FULL UNIQUE SCHOOL REFERENCE CODE. The code for your child's school is: DV113103

Deadline for consents is 12noon 06/11/2024

Space Week -Year 6



Year 6 had a great time creating art work for Space Week. We looked at the work of Peter Thorpe and maggied his Rocket inspired art work.



Space Week—Year 2

Year 2 have really enjoyed learning about space this week during Space week. They created fantastic mixed media artwork in their art using paint and chalk pastels. The results were out of this world!

Space Week—Reception



Reception made a pop up space station in their classroom and dressed up as astronauts. They made rocket pictures and loved doing a play project making rockets with their buddies from Year 5.

Pre-School



Pre-School enjoyed having a visit from the Police last week. We got to look inside their van and see some of their equipment. We also got to hear the sirens which were very loud!!"

Pre-School took part in World Mental Health Day by wearing yellow, incorporating yoga into their daily PE session, doodling what makes them happy and sharing books such as 'Kind'."



Sporting Achievements



Two teams attended the mixed Year 5 and 6 Football Event at Sidmouth College on Wednesday 9th October. Both teams played exceptionally well, with the 'United' team coming 3rd place. The 'Rovers' team made it to the final, and only due to a goal to goal finish, finished in second place. Congratulations to everyone who took part.

Science Week
Whole School



As part of Sidmouth's Science Festival, the school took part in the annual Hexagons art competition, on the subject of 'Things we throw away'. Our Hexagons were on display at Kennaway House and, although we had no winners this year, they looked magnificent!

Year 6

In science, we talked about the different components of blood and used household items to make our own! We had a great time and now have a clear understanding of our blood!



Year 3



Year Three had a fantastic morning in Adventure Island, as part of Sidmouth Science week. Jon Ball talked to the children about the water cycle and did a brilliant demonstration of water flow and the different things that impact upon it. Penny Evans led a bug hunt and we found a wide variety of different invertebrates. Thank you to all the volunteers for your hard work.



Adventure Island— Request



Next week in Adventure Island, children will be pressing apples to make juice. Last year we had so many donations of windfall apples it was amazing, please can we have the same this year! Crates will be left on the bridge by the office each morning for any donations. Thank you!

Activities on During Half term at—Seaton Wetlands

Autumn Trail at Seaton Wetlands

October 25 – November 4

10am to 4pm daily

Come on down to Seaton Wetlands and get involved in the Seaton Wetlands Autumn Trail this October half term!

£3 per trail, includes a prize (no booking required)

[Event Detail \(wildeastdevon.co.uk\)](http://wildeastdevon.co.uk)

Guide in the Hide for Kids

October 29

November 9

November 23

10am to 4pm

Come and learn about the birds found at Seaton Wetlands with an experienced volunteer guide.

£2 per child (booking required) [Event Detail \(wildeastdevon.co.uk\)](http://wildeastdevon.co.uk)



PTFA

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

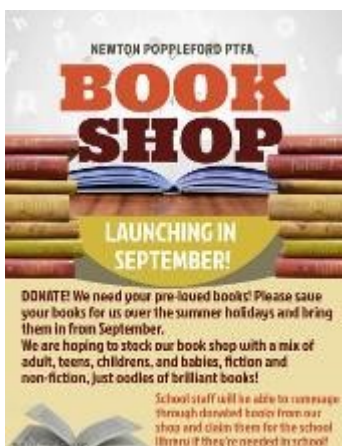
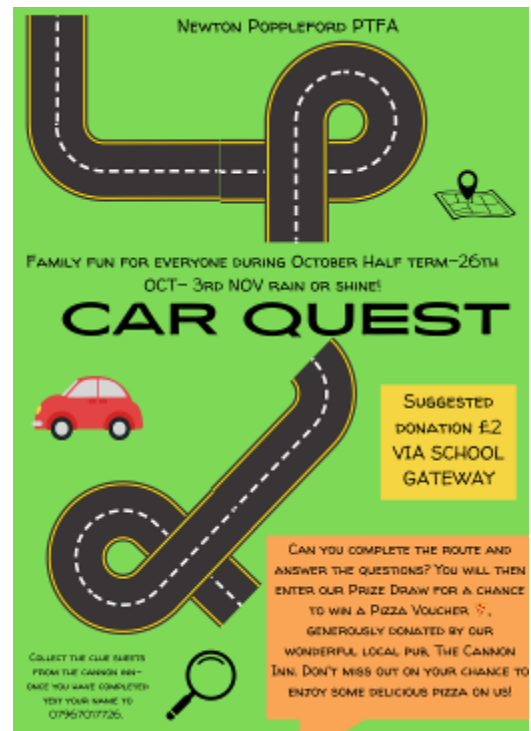
17th OCT - AGM (evening)

23rd OCT - School disco (after school)

8th NOV - Bonfire Night—The PTFA are running the BBQ with The Cannon Inn again at this year's village fireworks event on Friday 8th November! If you can help volunteer to sell sausages or as a safety steward, please contact Georgia on 07967 017726, thank you!

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

7th DEC - Christmas Fair (afternoon)



Dates for your diary

15th October	Year 5 Trip
23rd October	Year 1 & 2 Multiskills Festival - Selected children Year 4 Celts V Romans
W/C 21st October	Parent Meetings
23rd October	Year 4 Workshop Celts V Romans
24th October	Year 3 Dancing through Charcoal
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 Deadline for consents for Flu vaccinations
8th November	Reception Trip
11th November	Remembrance Day - Remembrance Poetry Performances Year 5 Swimming lessons (1of 6)
12th November	Year 3 - Stone Age Workshop
11th - 15th November	Anti Bully Week
13th November	Positive Noticing Day
13th November	Mini Police Year 6 Year 5 & 6 Basketball - Selected Children
14th November	Year 4 Trip to RAMM
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 5 Cake Sale
25th November	Year 5 Swimming Lesson (3of 6)
27th November	Mini Police Year 6
2nd December	Year 5 Swimming Lesson (4 fo 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
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 (TBC)
16th December	Year 5 Swimming Lessons (6 of 6)