# SCHOOL MATTERS

# THE FORTNICHTLY NEWSLETTER FROM NEWTON PORPLEFORD SCHOOL

# Friday 14th July 2023

### A Message From Mr Pope

Dear Parents & Carers,

In school this week we have been celebrating diversity and asking the children to reflect on what makes us all special and unique. Acceptance and belonging are a huge part of our school life and form a vital part of the education we want the children to receive in school. The week has given us an opportunity to celebrate each other as well as broaden our horizons and look out across modern Britain and beyond. Next year we will be continuing this in many ways and I would encourage all parents to make themselves aware of the No Outsiders information and ethos you can find below. https://no-outsiders.com/about-us

The Summer Fete was simply excellent and I want to extend a huge thank you to everyone involved. Yet again, I find myself amazed at the kindness and willingness to help from so many members of our school community. The children had so much fun and despite the challenges, I believe it was again a massive success. Thank you to all involved.

This year sees the re-introduction of published assessment data for all schools. You can find our results below. Although as a school we focus on educational experience, results are still an important part of our school life.

#### School results for this year

**Phonics:** 88% of pupils achieved the pass mark in phonics.

	Combined	Reading		Writing		Maths	
	WA	WA	GDS	WA	GDS	WA	GDS
Key stage 1: Com- bined: reading: writing: maths:	61.3%	77.4%	22.6%	61.3%	9.7%	74.2%	25.8%
Key stage 2: Combined: reading: writing: maths:	59% NB: National average for 2023 is also 59%	67%	48%	63%	11%	70%	22%

Achieved the standard = WA (working at)
Higher Standard of Greater Depth in Writing =GDS

A more detailed breakdown will be published on the school website that includes comparative data. A special mention goes to our marvellous Year 6 pupils who we will be celebrating more next week as we reflect on their time in school and the exciting journey into secondary school that lies ahead of them.

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You will be all receiving your pupils reports today. They will be coming home with a paper-based copy so please expect them to have this document. You will find that the template is different from previous years but the information you receive is consistent. You will also receive their achievement and effort grades from across the curriculum and in the core subjects. I hope you enjoy reading them. The teachers have been working extremely hard to prepare these and I would like to express my thanks to them for their hard work. As always, if you have any questions please contact the school.

#### **Curriculum Overviews**

Look out for the curriculum overviews and videos that are posted on the website each half term. We will also ensure that you are emailed a link to the new version for Autumn 1 next year. The teachers videos will also continue to be uploaded to the website. In the future, we will also let you know via our Facebook page so that everyone can keep abreast of what your children will be learning each half term.

#### The beginning of term next year

I want to remind parents that the school day has been extended next year to fall in line with the minimum requirements from the DFE. We will send out more information during the school inset days on the 4th and 5th of September next year. Children in KS2 will be collected from the playground at o8:45am by teachers. Doors in KS1 and Reception will open at o8:50am. The pick-up time for the children will remain the same.

# SEND A focus on Special Educational Needs at Newton Poppleford Primary School.



Each newsletter, we will now be sharing some of the improvements we have made to our provision for SEND pupils. To begin with, I would like to share how we strive to ensure our classrooms and whole school approach is consistent and inclusive for all pupils. One way we do this, is through the EEF's 5 a day framework. All staff have received training in this during the academic year and as we move forward our approach and delivery of this will continue to improve in what we term as 'Quality First Teaching.' (The daily implementation of excellence).

https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/news/eef-blog-five-a-day-to-improve-send-outcomes

Best Wishes, Mr Pope

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

# **Pre-School Mini Olympics**

Pre-School had a great time doing their Mini Olympics last week, and enjoyed a picnic in the park this week!







Year 1

On Tuesday 11h July Year 1 went on a trip to Exeter City. We took the public bus and then walked from the bus station to the RAMM Museum where we had an explore around the different exhibitions. Throughout the day the chil-

dren were pointing out the physical and human features that they could see, including the different type of houses that we had learnt about previously. The children were all able to talk about the differences they identified between the urban and rural areas.









## Year 2 & Year 4 Trip To Budleigh Beach

Year 2 and Year 4 had a great day at the beach last Monday on a field trip based on their Geography topic on sustainability. We had sun, wind, and rain but it did not stop us creating some fantastic sketches and carrying out a beach clean with volunteers from the Marine Conservation Society.





## **Year 4 Trip To Pinbrook Recycling Centre**

Last Wednesday saw Year 4 visiting the Pinbrook Recycling Centre in Exeter. We had a tour of the centre and were given lots of amazing recycling facts and even became scientists to test materials that help in the recycling of waste. The main message Year 4 want to spread about our waste is to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!





#### **Adventure Island**

The big pond clearance has been a great success with our KS2 children rolling up their sleeves and getting stuck in. Together we cleared a huge amount of pond weed and the carpet of thick roots to create an area of clear water in the centre. Children worked so well together and really enjoyed seeing the difference they were making. The pond is now a far healthier habitat and will support far more wildlife than it did before.

In other news our KS1 children have been busy harvesting vegetables from the allotment which have been added to our school dinners. So far children have had the opportunity to try homegrown potatoes with mint, carrots in a sweet and sour chicken and swiss chard in a pie! A huge thank you to Otter Nurseries for a large donation of seeds back in the Spring.





### A Big Thank You!

The children of Newton Poppleford were delighted to receive their new footballs and 4 new goals. Theses were very generously paid for by the Adam Stansfield Foundation. The Foundation aims to provide football for all. These new resources will greatly help with the football provision during the PE lessons, after school clubs, matches, ect with other local primary schools. The whole school would like to give a huge thank you to Gig Stansfield and everyone at the Foundation for their very generous support.



### **School Hall Available To Hire**

Our school hall is available to hire. If anyone is interested please contact the school o1395 568300 or email the school at <a href="mailto:admin@newton-poppleford.devon.sch.uk">admin@newton-poppleford.devon.sch.uk</a>



### **Meal Time Assistant Vacancy**

Newton Poppleford Primary School are looking for multiple, caring, Mealtime Play Assistants (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 and a quarter hours per day, 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. Please find further details & the application form on our school website. Your completed application form should be returned by email to admin@newtonpoppleford.devon.sch.uk Please apply by 12:00 on the closing date (17/07/2023). 6.25 hrs per week, 38 weeks per year. £10.60 per hour.

#### **PTFA**

School Uniform: The PTFA is gratefully accepting all donations for school uniform for the preloved shop, drop your no longer needed uniform to the office any time. Also very keen to receive waterproof trousers to create a stash at school for those soggy forest school sessions, thank you!

This Term: The PTFA have funded or part funded the following for our children, thank to YOU and your fund raising efforts! Thank you do much for your support, it means we can make stuff like this happen!

- Goodies for the Kings Coronation picnic
- Year 1 trip to the Golden Hind in Brixham
- A DSLR and accessories for The HIVE pupils
- Reading raffle prizes
- Year 2 trip to Budleigh Beach
- Pre-School leavers gifts
- Year 6 leavers activities

Thank you so much! To everyone who attended the Summer

Fete last week, especially to everyone who volunteered to help on the day, and extra especially to Kate, Henry & Georgia, the PTFA dream team who worked so hard to pull off a

brilliant event! We'll announce the total funds raised asap! A special mention to a very soggy Mr Pope! This thank you extends to everyone who helped support our events and fundraising efforts in any capacity over the last year; all of you lovely parents, grandparents, carers, staff and the wider community. Your generosity and support is so appreciated, you're all wonderful.

If you'd like to get more involved with the PTFA next year, please contact Teri on 07909 798441, everyone is welcome (and you might even enjoy yourself!)



# PTFA Pre-loved Uniform Shop

Good for your pocket! Good for the PTFA! Good for the Planet!

All Items 50p - £2

- Table top sales at PTFA events
- Pick up from school ANY TIME throughout the year by arrangement

Contact Camille to ask about the items you need on 07709 496029 or camillevilches@me.com

Donations of pre-loved uniform welcome any time. Please leave with the school office.

Thank you!





### **Dates for Your Diary Up to Half-Term**

Tuesday 18th July: KOOTH Year 6 workshop

Wednesday 19th July: Year 6 School Play

Thursday 20th July: Pre-School Leavers Celebration

Friday 21st July: Last Day Of Term

Monday 4th September: Non-Pupil Day

Tuesday 5th September: Non- Pupil Day

Wednesday 6th September: First Day Back For Pupils