

SCHOOL MATTERS

THE FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER FROM NEWTON POPPLEFORD SCHOOL

Friday 4th November 2022

A Message from Mr Pope



We hope that you have found the new curriculum overviews and associated videos informative and they have helped to give you insight into the curriculum coverage for this half term. We have a busy term and we are looking forward to lots of visitors and events in the lead up to Christmas. The recent Scooterthon success raised almost £600 for the school and we are hugely grateful to everyone who offered sponsorship. I will let everyone know what we will use that money to buy for the children in the near future.



This term, our community events will not be sponsored. The first of these is a fun run that children will be taking part in to boost their health and well-being. More details on dates and times will follow.

We are also very proud of our new school leaders. We have begun to inform the children how these will be organised and led and I have asked them to be patient as they are extremely keen. We are sure their impact on the school will be hugely positive. I met with the head pupils today and they are undertaking their first role in assembly today as we discuss fireworks night. I hope you enjoy your weekends and we look forward to seeing you soon at our parents consultation evenings.



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

Year 3 dancing in charcoal

Year 3 did an amazing performance art for their families before half term. We have been studying 'Gestural Drawing' using charcoal and chalk in art. For our final lesson, we put on our performance, which the children all really enjoyed, particularly getting covered in charcoal.

"We were artistic and creative and all made art in our own style." Amity

"I felt excited, happy and very dirty." Ammara



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Parent Drop in Session

Join us for coffee, cake and support.

Debbie Tollerfield & Fiona Pyle (Parent Support Advisor)
will be here to answer questions and signpost to support available.

First Wednesday of every month 2.30-3.30pm

**Next Session:
Wednesday, October 12th**

Future dates:
November 2nd, December 7th, January 4th,
February 8th, March 8th, April 19th,
May 3rd, June 7th,

Parent Drop-In Session

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Gentle Reminders

- Please can we remind all parents and carers to please close the main gate properly to ensure that we are keeping our pupils and staff safe at school.
- **Uniform:** When your child isn't timetabled to do Adventure Island or PE can we please ensure you are sending them into school in full school uniform and appropriate shoes.
- **Attendance:** We have recently had our attendance overview for the last half term. Attendance letters will be going out in due course if your child/ children's attendance is below 90% and was problematic last year.

Message from the PTFA

- **UNIFORM SHOP!** We have a wide range of pre-loved uniform for sale all year round. Prices from 50p. We are also gratefully accepting your donations of all uniform items at any time. To check stock and purchase uniform contact Camille on 07709496029.
- **CLOTHING BANK!** Don't forget our clothing bank is always available for you to drop off your reusable textiles. We receive a price per kilo for the bags collected, so this recycling scheme is good for the planet and good for the PTFA!
- **SCHOOL LOTTERY!** There is a weekly jackpot winner from the Newton Poppleford school community every single weekend, could it be you? There is also the chance to win the national £25,000 jackpot and non-cash prizes, this term it's a Harry Potter double prize family studio tour plus theatre tickets! Visit yourschoollottery.co.uk to buy your tickets!



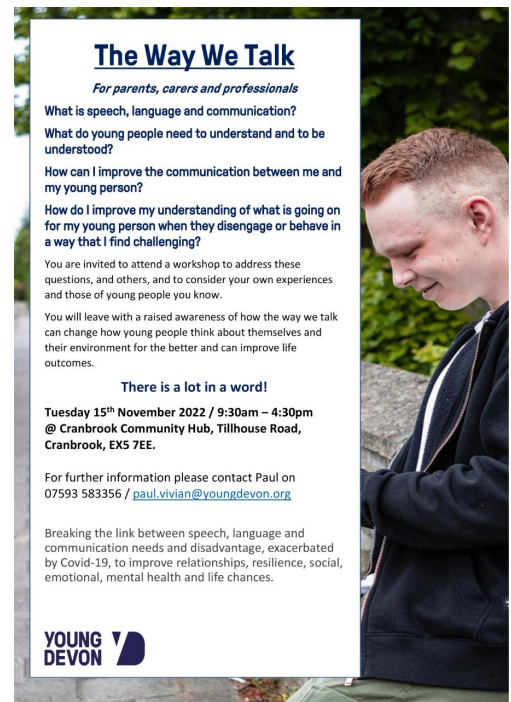
HAF Christmas Activities and Food Programme

HAF Providers have some information on holiday activities and food programme during the holidays on their website below. **This funding is targeted at children eligible for free school meals.** It is being delivered by a number of individuals and organisations across Devon. All activities will be operating for a minimum of four hours and will include a hot meal. The schemes are fully inclusive and accessible so please discuss this with any of the organisations you choose to book with. To book follow the link below.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/document/haf-providers-christmas-2022/>

The Way We Talk

Young Devon are offering The Way We Talk workshop on Tuesday 15th November 09:30am—16:30pm at Cranbrook Community Hub Tillhouse Road Cranbrook EX5 7EE. This is an interactive work shop and training session aimed at supporting our community. It will explore the link between speech, language and communication needs and social and emotional disadvantage, that has been exacerbated by the impact of Covid-19. You will leave this workshop with raised awareness of how the way we talk can change how young people think about themselves and their environment for the better and can improve life outcomes. For further information please contact Paul on 07593583356 or email Paul paul.vivian@youngdevon.org To book your place please visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-way-we-talk-tickets>

A flyer for 'The Way We Talk' workshop. The flyer has a white background with black text. At the top, the title 'The Way We Talk' is in a bold, sans-serif font. Below the title, it says 'For parents, carers and professionals'. The flyer lists several questions: 'What is speech, language and communication?', 'What do young people need to understand and to be understood?', 'How can I improve the communication between me and my young person?', and 'How do I improve my understanding of what is going on for my young person when they disengage or behave in a way that I find challenging?'. It then invites attendees to address these questions and consider their own experiences. The flyer also states that attendees will leave with a raised awareness of how the way we talk can change how young people think about themselves and their environment. The date and time are 'Tuesday 15th November 2022 / 9:30am - 4:30pm' at 'Cranbrook Community Hub, Tillhouse Road, Cranbrook, EX5 7EE'. Contact information for Paul is provided: '07593 583356 / paul.vivian@youngdevon.org'. At the bottom, there is a paragraph about breaking the link between speech, language and communication needs and disadvantage, exacerbated by Covid-19, and the Young Devon logo. The flyer is set against a background image of a young man in a black jacket looking down at something in his hands.

Online Health Support & Guidance For Young People & Parents

Life can be difficult enough sometimes, and for children and young people, those day-to-day interactions with others, your attitude about yourself, your relationships with people at home, at school or work, can be especially overwhelming. It's also a change for parent's and carers seeing changes in their child's behavior or personality and not really knowing what's going on or the best way to support them. Devon's Public Health Nursing Team have **launched three websites** dedicated to providing help and advice for young people and their parents and carers, from pre-natal right through to teenage years. <https://www.devon.gov.uk/news/public-health-nursing-launches-online-support-and-guidance-for-young-people-and-parents/>

Health for under 5s - Offers pre-natal advice for children up to aged five year old. <https://healthforunder5s.co.uk/devon/>

Health for Kids- Aimed at parents and carers of children primary school aged includes games, videos and quizzes. It's split into four 'worlds': healthy bodies, healthy minds, health issues and getting help. <https://www.healthforkids.co.uk/devon/>

Health for Teens- For young people of secondary school age and their parents and carers it tackles the issues many teens go through, as their bodies change and they become more self-aware, while also still working out who they are. <https://www.healthforteens.co.uk/devon/>

The sites welcome any additions from local residents. If you have any content, articles or local events you would like to submit for consideration please email health.publichealthnursinghealthwebsites-mailbox@devon.gov.uk

Dates for Your Diary Up to Half-Term

Wednesday 9th November: Year 5/6 six-a-side football

Friday 11th November: Year 4 Swimming

Year 3,4,5&6 Cross country finals

Tuesday 15th November: Year 6 school trip

Wednesday 16th November: Year 5 & 6 Sportshall Athletics

Thursday 17th November: Year 3 & Year 5 History workshops

PTFA Year 6 Cake Sale

Friday 18th November: Year 5/6 ability counts challenge

Year 4 Swimming

PTFA Tropic Party

Week beginning Monday 21st November: Parent consultations details to follow

Week beginning Monday 28th November: PTFA scholastic book fair

Wednesday 30th November: Year 4 school trip

Thursday 1st December: Year 5 Transition Event

Friday 2nd December: Year 4 Swimming

Thursday 8th December: Reception/ KS1 nativity

Friday 9th December: Theatre Alibi

Friday 9th December: Year 4 Swimming

Monday 12th December: KS2 performance carols and readings

Tuesday 13th December: School Christmas dinner

Thursday 15th December: Community sing along with brass band

Friday 16th December: Last Day Of Term

Tuesday 3rd January: Inset Day

Wednesday 4th January: First day back for pupils