

School Matters

The Fortnightly Newsletter from Newton Poppleford School

Friday 27th September 2024

A Message From Mr Pope

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the mid-point of the autumn term we have reflected on what a fantastic start to the year it has been. It is always a busy one but we are very proud of the children. We even had some first-place sporting achievements to celebrate which you will read about later. I have also thoroughly enjoyed visiting lessons and watching the children's science come alive in various year groups with lots of learning through investigations and experiences.

You should have received the information on what your children will be learning about this year in the form of your curriculum overviews. Please reach out and ask should you have any questions comments or queries.

You will also have seen our attendance bulletin drawing attention to the recent changes. Our approach to attendance is clear – we strive to support children to be in school because they want to be. We will always seek to open that conversation to support and we are really impressed by the children who have overcome boundaries to improve their attendance. Our intention has been to communicate the changes in attendance guidelines and the school's obligations clearly. If you have any questions do please raise them.

School improvement and development is always an ongoing priority. Just this week, two senior members of the staff team visited a very high performing school in Somerset to view lessons and discuss excellence in teaching and learning. This term will be focusing on oracy and the steps we take as a staff team to ensure children are using and improving on their use of higher level vocabulary; supporting them to be confident when speaking and listening and engaging in debates; constructive conversations in the classroom; elevating the talk generally and impacting positively on their writing. As always, we are basing this on current research and in particular the work of voice 21.

<https://voice21.org/what-is-oracy/>

Writing is also a focus for us as it is across Devon schools. We will be seeking support from you as parents in this where we identify children as need some additional support with their spellings and handwriting as well as opportunities to get creative we will be reaching out across the year with various initiatives.

Our enrichment activities have also started well, Children across the school will be engaging in a variety of different exciting activities over the coming weeks before October half term with Roman storytelling, an Escot trip related to the Anglo Saxons, a police visit, a history seminar from The National Archives, a River Otter trip, play leader training and music workshops in Adventure Island just some of the notable activities.

We hope you all have wonderful weekends,

Kind Regards, 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.

SEND

Message from Mrs Laureys

I will aim to be out on the upstairs playground on Tuesday mornings and on the downstairs playground on Wednesday mornings, in case parents would like to talk to me briefly or book a meeting.


SEP/OCT TIMETABLE
Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each
Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

FREE SESSIONS Supporting Kids with School Anxiety Introduction to Facing Defiance	26 SEP 24 OCT
Understanding Anger	23 SEP
Supporting a Child with ADHD	24 SEP
Understanding the Teenage Brain	7 OCT
Raising Self-Esteem	8 OCT
Decreasing Depression	15 OCT
Anxiety Explained	17 OCT
Understanding Anger	21 OCT
Drug Awareness for Parents	22 OCT
Autism: Improving Communication	28 OCT
Introduction to OCD	29 OCT
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	31 OCT
Improving Family Communication	4 NOV
Raising Self-Esteem	5 NOV

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Reception

Message from Mrs Raffell

Please help me collect empty toothpaste tubes and ring pulls for The Purple Community Trust charity. They get sent to the Philippines and are turned into bags, purses, Christmas decorations and lots of other brilliant things!

Please drop them off at Reception or bring them to me in school.

Thank you!

Mrs Raffell



Pre-School



Pre-School have enjoyed restarting their daily PE and Phonics sessions



Sporting Achievements

Despite battling road closures and major detours, some of our Year 3 & 4s made it in time for the cross country event at Sidmouth College on Tuesday.

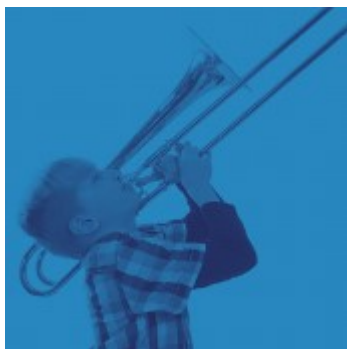
All children ran brilliantly with both teams finishing in third place in the team competition. Well done to Josh for finishing in first place



On Wednesday 25th September five Year 5 & 6 children took part in a cross country event at Sidmouth College. Everyone ran well and supported each other brilliantly. Both the girls and boys team finished in third place. Some excellent individual performances with Max coming first boy, Flossie third girl and Nola first girl.



Devon County Youth Brass Band & The Flowers Band Open Day



Please see link attached for more information

<https://www.musiceducationhub.org/site/whats-on/devon-county-youth-brass-band-flowers-band-open-day/>

Unwanted Visitors

We have had headlice in school this week , please could we ask that you check your child's hair carefully over the weekend and treat if necessary .



Buy a book for the school through Winstones Book store in Sidmouth

We have a new scheme up and running with Winstones book shop in Sidmouth. They have a range of 15 books displayed in their shop which can be purchased for our school. If you would like to purchase and donate a book to us we would be extremely grateful and it would help us to update our stock with new exciting reading material for the children. Winstones will add your name inside the cover as the donator unless you would like to remain anonymous. Please pop in their shop and take a look, or visit their website where you will find the list of books available ,under the community links tab . The book list will change regularly and we will keep you update about the books that have been purchased.

Many thanks to Denise at Winstones Books for organising this great opportunity.



PTFA

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

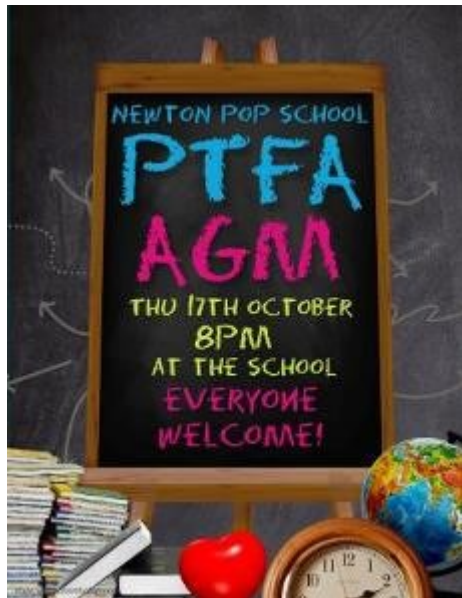
17th OCT - AGM (evening)

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)



NEWTON POP PTFA
Pre-loved Uniform Shop
 In the shed next to the bike shelter
Find a bargain
 The uniform shed is open all the time, have a rummage whenever suits you!

Pay
 Suggested donation amounts on display in the shed, but pay whatever you can afford, via School Gateway. This is an honesty system and not monitored

Donations
 We need your good-quality pre-loved uniform! Please leave in a bag in the shed and the uniform fairies will sort it, Thank you!

Good for:
 Your pocket, the PTFA, and the planet!

NEWTON POPPLEFORD PTFA
BOOK SHOP
LAUNCHING IN SEPTEMBER!

DONATE! We need your pre-loved books! Please save your books for us over the summer holidays and bring them in from September. We are hoping to stock our book shop with a mix of adult, teens, childrens, and babies, fiction and non-fiction, just oodles of brilliant books!

School staff will be able to rummage through donated books from our shop and claim them for the school library if they're needed in school!

*How can you support
 Newton Pop PTFA?*

School Lottery

A local winner every week! A chance to win the national £25k prize! And non-cash prizes too, this term it's a £7k Sainsbury's voucher! Buy your tickets at yourschoollottery.co.uk



Online Shopping **easyfundraising**

Online shopping? Why not use the easyfundraising.org.uk portal and raise money for the PTFA while you shop at no cost to you!

Clothing Bank

Don't forget your unwanted clothing and textiles for the clothing bank, in the School Lane car park, open 24/7! We get paid per kilo for your donations!



Asda Rewards

Choose Newton Pop Primary as your school on the Asda rewards app and start collecting money for us today!

Class Fundraising

LOOK IN MY BAG!

Check your little ones School bag for their unique Christmas order card!

OUR SHOP IS NOW OPEN!
 HURRY! LIMITED TIME ONLY!

Dates for your diary

30th September	Pre school Police visit
2nd October	Year 3 & 4 mixed Football - Selected children
3rd October	National Poetry Day
4th- 10th October	Space Week
9th October	Year 5 & 6 Mixed Football - Selected children
10th October	Hello Yellow Mental Health Awareness
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
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
11th November	Remembrance Day - Remembrance Poetry Performances
	Year 5 Swimming lessons (1 of 6)
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 (2 of 6)
20th November	Mini Police Year 6
21st November	Year 5 Cake Sale
25th November	Year 5 Swimming Lesson (3 of 6)
27th November	Mini Police Year 6
2nd December	Year 5 Swimming Lesson (4 of 6)
4th December	Year 5 & 6 Girls indoor football - selected children
	Mini Police Year 6
9th December	Year 5 Swimming Lessons (5 of 6)
13th December	Whole school trip to the Panto
16th December	Year 5 Swimming Lessons (6 of 6)

We will confirm the dates of the Christmas performances before half term