

# SCHOOL MATTERS

THE FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER FROM NEWTON POPPLEFORD SCHOOL

## Friday 16th December 2022

### A Message from Mr Pope

Dear Parents & Carers,

For me, today is a day of gratitude and thanks. The Staff Team, Children and Community have been so supportive and I have been wowed by the kindness and generosity of others. Many people have given their time and energy to the school and continue to do so. Many have donated, organised and attended amazing events that wouldn't be possible without them. The generosity of others has been humbling and we are so grateful. I want to send a very special thank you to Miss Gaston and to everyone who has attended our Christmas performances and events. She has worked extremely hard with the children across the school to put on all of our shows and events. Miss Gaston really has gone above and beyond and we hope you enjoyed them! The children have had a magical time this morning at the Christingle Service. My thanks to Reverend Ward and Graham for hosting us.

Finally I wish you all a very festive Christmas with your families and loved ones from everyone at Newton Popleford Primary School. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



### Pre School Nativity

Last week on Tuesday 6th December we had the Pre -School Nativity . All the children were dressed in amazing costumes, and they all performed for the parents and carers with such confidence and character. The children all learnt the songs so well for their Nativity performance. We would like to send a special Thank You to all the parents & carers who



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

## Theatre Alibi

The wonderful Theatre Alibi performed their show 'The Parcel' to the whole school last week. The children were very surprised to find such an enormous parcel had been delivered to the school and even more surprised once they found out what was inside it! A huge thank you to the PTFA for partly funding their visit. Below are some comments the children made about the show.

"I liked it because they lived in the box and it was quite funny"

"They showed us things I hadn't seen before, so I learnt something new."

"It was fun to watch."



**Newton Popleford  
Primary School**

**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

Newton Popleford Primary School are holding parent drop in sessions. Join us for coffee, cake and support. Debbie Tollerfield and Fiona Pyle (Parent support advisor) will be here to answer questions and sign post to support available. First Wednesday of every month 2:30-3:30pm. The next session will be Wednesday 4th January.

## Primary School Applications

You will be aware that children born between 01/09/2018 and 31/08/2019 are entitled to start full time Primary Education in September 2023. The application facility opens on **15th November 2022 and closes at Midnight on 15th January 2023**. It is important that parents apply before the closing date, even if they are intending to defer their child's application until later in the academic year, they must secure a place before that decision needs to be made. Below is the link where you can find the portal of where you can fill in the application form in for your child.

[https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal\\_LIVE/en](https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/en)

If you need any help with making an application then please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Was your child born between  
1st September 2018 and  
31st August 2019?

## How to Apply for a Primary School Place in Devon

You can apply online at  
[www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline)  
from 15th November 2022 to the 15th January 2023

If you cannot access the school  
admissions website you can get  
more information by calling our  
Education Helpline on

**0345 155 1019**  
or email: [admissions@devon.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@devon.gov.uk)



Even if you have already given  
details to a primary school, you  
must apply for a place through the  
Admissions Team. This is the only  
way to apply; other forms or lists  
held by schools will not count.

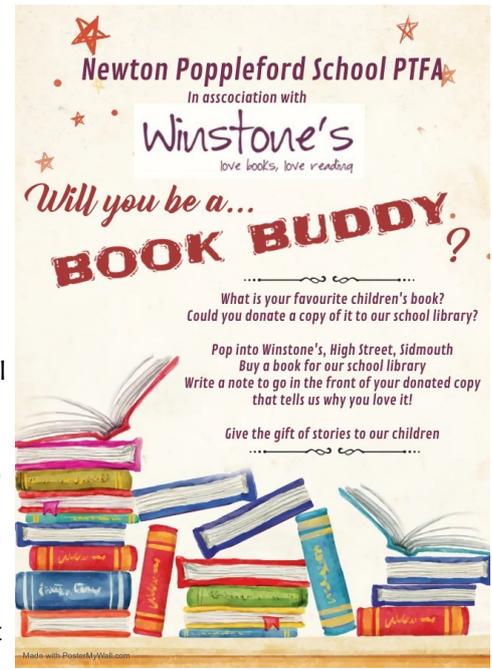
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County Council

## Message from the PTFA

**Book Buddy!** Can you be a Newton Popleford Book Buddy? Pop into Winstones in Sidmouth and dedicate a copy of your favourite children's book to the school library, give the gift of stories this Christmas!

**This Term!** The school have been busy spending our hard earned PTFA money on your children! This Autumn term alone we have funded (or part funded): a water play table for Early Years outdoor area, Reception Classroom resources, Clive Pig story telling workshop, Steve Manning Historical Storyteller Workshop, Steve McCracken Artist Workshop, Theatre Alibi Visit, Year 4 trip to Sidmouth Science Festival Workshop, Year 4 Roman Workshop at RAMM, Year 6 trip to Cobbaton Combat Collection, books to accompany an author workshop during Budleigh Literary Festival, Christmas crafting materials and a Christmas Brass Band Musical Singalong.

A Heartfelt thank you from the PTFA team for all your support this term; it is thanks to you that we are able to fund such brilliant activities for the school!



## Exmouth Food Bank Christmas & New Year Opening Times

During the Christmas and New Year period the Food Bank will continue to support our clients on the following days:

### **Tuesday 20th December 2022**

10:00 to 15:00 for donations and deliveries to Clients

13:30 to 15:00 for clients to collect food from the Salvation Army Hall

### **Friday 23rd December 2022**

10:00 to 15:00 for donations and deliveries to Clients

13:30 to 15:00 for clients to collect food from the Salvation Army Hall

### **Friday 30th December 2022**

10:00 to 15:00 for donations and deliveries to Clients

13:30 to 15:00 for clients to collect food from the Salvation Army Hall

**If you have any questions please telephone 07787 758511 or 07749 322291**



## Welcome to the December 2022 Scomis Online Safety Newsletter for Parents and Carers

### Remember—Set up devices!

**Christmas is just around the corner! Will you be ready?**

**If you are buying your child a:**

- SMART device (TV, Speaker)
- new mobile phone
- games console
- tablet PC

**Consider the following tips:**

- Make sure the device is working correctly
- Charge it up
- Set up the device and try it before you wrap it up
- Check the parental controls
- Check the safety settings
- Ensure filtering is applied to your home's Wi-Fi

**Consider and review advice on the following websites:**

**Internet Matters** [Parental controls](#) Step by step guides for Broadband, Smartphones, Social Media, Games Consoles  
**Parentzone** [Setting up new technology](#) Access Parentzone's library of resources [here](#)

**Childnet** Advice on [Screen Time](#) Find out what the 'experts' say and what 'parents' say

**UK Safer Internet Centre's** [Parent Guide](#) Advice on using:

[SMART speakers safely](#)

[SMART TVs](#) includes how to use safely and parental controls

[Games Consoles](#) includes top tips to stay safe

**NSPCC** Help children to stay safe on [CHAT Apps](#) including:

WhatsApp; Kik; Telegram; Omegle; Facebook Messenger

Find out about:

Gaming Chats; Chat Rooms; Live [Streaming and Video Apps](#)

We've also included a link to Netflix's

[Help Centre for setting up Parental Controls](#)

**REMEMBER BEFORE YOU WRAP IT—SET IT UP!**

### Don't forget to talk to your child about Online Safety

**Be aware of key issues!**

**How?**

Visit the following websites to find out:

**Parentzone** – [Guides for parents](#) includes social media, Fortnite, Peer pressure, PEGI Ratings, Disney+, [Help and Support](#), [Loot Boxes](#) and much more

**CommonSense Media** – [Age based media reviews](#) for families, including Games, Apps, Films and TV, books.

**ThinkUKnow** - [Advice on keeping your under 5 safe](#)

Learn about [Jessie & Friends](#)—advice for 4-7 year olds.

Watch the [films for 8-10 year olds](#)

Review the [advice for 11-18 year olds](#)

Get **Safe Online** advice on how to [protect yourself](#), mobiles computers, tablets against fraud, identity theft, SCAMS ++.

### HELP IN THE HOLIDAYS!

Don't forget! advice is just a phone call away from the NSPCC helpline 0808 800 5002

Childline 0800 1111 email: [childline.org.uk](mailto:childline.org.uk)

Websites to check:

[Childnet's Parent and Carer's Toolkit](#)

[ThinkUKnow's advice for Parents and Carer's](#)

### Reminder—Be a good digital parent

- Keep passwords safe and do not share them
- Schedule notifications to turn off for certain times of the day
- Talk about things you read online with your children
- Think about what you are sharing online
- Give practical tips for dealing with unwanted content or contact
- Show your child how to take screen shots
- Reassure your child that they can talk to you or another trusted adult to ask for help

**Need help?**

Visit the following websites for more guidance:

**Vodafone's** [Digital Parenting](#) Helping your family live a happy and safe digital life

**Childnet's** Parent and Carers [Toolkit](#) Three resources offering practical tips on keeping your child safe online

**UK Safer Internet Centre's** [Advice on online issues](#) includes guidance on how to report, when to report and where to report.

### Have you heard of the Metaverse?

The *metaverse* allows interaction in a 3D environment using virtual reality headsets or augmented reality glasses, providing the capability to see what it would be like to live in imagined worlds in the same way we live in the real world.

Tech companies exploring the *metaverse* include:

- Facebook
- Microsoft
- Roblox



**What should you be aware of?**

Many companies hope the metaverse will engage younger audiences.

**Consider the potential risks:**

- How will it impact on younger audiences?
- Younger audiences could be lured into spending large sums of money
- Increased opportunity for bullying

**Parentzone's** [new guide](#), explores what the *metaverse* might be like, its possibilities, uses and potential risks.

### The Internet of Things

**Did you know many devices now connect to the Internet?**

- Internet connected devices can send and receive data
- respond to voice commands and be controlled remotely using a smartphone app.

Examples of internet connected devices include:

- Doorbells, CCTV
- Toys, robots, drones and much more

If not set up properly, the risks include:

- Developers or hackers may be connected to your device without your knowledge
- Baby monitors, children's tablets, drone toys, can be hacked and used by people outside of your home.

Find out how to keep you and your family safe and visit the

[NSPCC's website](#)

Have a happy safe Christmas!

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

<b>Friday 16th December:</b>	Last Day Of Term
<b>Friday 23rd December:</b>	Deadline for club Google forms to be returned
<b>Tuesday 3rd January:</b>	Inset Day
<b>Wednesday 4th January:</b>	First day back for pupils Parent Drop In Session With Parent Support Advisor
<b>Friday 6th January:</b>	New year fun run at the playing fields. 10:45 Winter Walk for reception and pre-school Year 1 and year 6– leaving school at 13:40 Year 2 and year 5– leaving school at 14:10 Year 3 and Year 4 - leaving school at 14:30
<b>Monday 9th January:</b>	Year 5 Transition Event
<b>Thursday 19th January:</b>	PTFA Year 3 Cake Sale
<b>Tuesday 31st January:</b>	Glow In The Dark Dodgeball With Sporty Stars
<b>Wednesday 8th February:</b>	Parent Drop In Session With Parent Support Advisor
<b>Thursday 9th February:</b>	PTFA Year 2 Cake Sale
<b>Friday 10th February:</b>	Last Day of Half-Term
<b>Mon 13th—Fri 17th February:</b>	Half-Term
<b>Monday 20th February:</b>	First day back for Pupils