

# School Matters

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM NEWTON POPPLEFORD SCHOOL

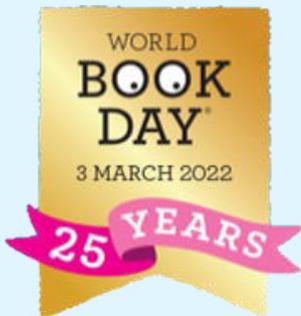
## Friday 4th March 2022

### From the Headteacher

We had a wonderful World Book Day on Thursday. All the children came in with amazing costumes on and were keen to share their favourite books. When we did a special parade in the hall, each class had a chance to show everyone their costumes. Older classes visited younger classes within the school to share books, which they all really enjoyed.

Every child has been given a token to get a free book. These can be collected from various locations, including book shops and supermarkets.

Why not have an extra 'Book Snuggle' with your child/ren over the weekend, as they always tell us how much they love to be read to by their families.



Little Popples enjoyed their World Book Day. More pictures on Page 2.



Whole school word count so far this School Year-

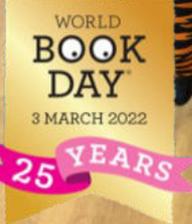
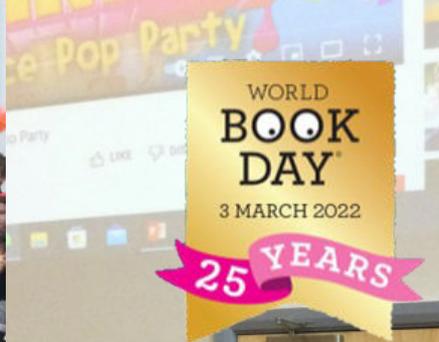
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For any Twilight after school club matters please phone the main school number.





**PETE'S  
DRAGONS**  
Comfort after suicide loss

Friday, 25 March 2022

9:30 – 3:30pm

at

Ocean Exmouth

Queen's Drive

Exmouth

EX8 2AY



This is a conference for anyone within the geographical county of Devon who would like to expand their knowledge, tools and understanding in all aspects of postvention (suicide bereavement/impact) for the benefit of helping others.

**More Information and Register Here:**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/postvention-hub-launch-tickets-260140606557>

## From the PTFA

**TWOSDAY CHALLENGE!** Don't forget to pay your Twosday Challenge sponsorship monies via School Gateway, the button will close at the end of today (Friday 4th). Thank you!

**THANK YOU** for recycling your crisp packets with us! As flexible plastics can now be recycled via more than 3,500 supermarket collections points, the Crisp Packet Recycling Scheme will close on 8th April. Please drop off your empty packets in plenty of time so we can send them to TerraCycle before the scheme closes.

**MR LONG UPDATE!** Despite being on holiday over half term, Mr Long has still managed to lose another pound this week! In the last half term he has lost the equivalent of the average new born baby (a lot of us have done the same, but in a slightly more painful process...) We are going to track his journey up to Easter, so why not sponsor him via the School Gateway to help motivate his progress!



The **Healthy Start** Scheme has been in place for some time now and if you're more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk.

If you receive 'Healthy Start' you could claim up to 3 FREE local fruit and veg boxes in March from a local fruit and veg supplier, worth £10 per box! To see whether you are eligible or to sign up, please use the following link:

<https://services.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/apply-for-healthy-start/>

Currently there are two local collection points, but you will need to have signed up first before you can contact the suppliers in order to request a box. Please see today's School Matters Extra on the news page of the school website for more detailed information.

# Covid Isolation Rules

The Covid isolation rules for children in primary school has not changed:

If your child has Covid symptoms then they should isolate immediately and go for a PCR test. If the PCR test is positive then the day that symptoms start, counts as day zero of isolation.

If your child has symptoms but their PCR tests comes back negative then they can come out of isolation and return to school once they are well and have been clear of a high temperature for at least 24 hours (without medication).

If your child has no symptoms and takes a lateral flow test which is positive, then they should isolate. The date of the test counts as day 0. There is no requirement to do a PCR test.

If your child has a positive result (either PCR or lateral flow) then they can carry out a lateral flow test on day 5 and day 6 of isolation (no earlier). These tests must be at least 24 hours apart. If both are negative and the child has been clear of a high temperature (without medication) for at least 48 hours then the child can come out of isolation on day 6 and return to school.

If lateral flow tests are not negative on days 5 and 6 then the child can continue to do lateral flow tests, each 24 hours apart, and can come out of isolation when they get two consecutive negative lateral flow tests, or when they have completed 10 full days of isolation, whichever is earliest. If a child does have to complete 10 days of isolation, they would return to school on day 11. Children who have had Covid must also be 48 hours free of a high temperature before they can return to school.

If your child does test positive then we need to know the following information:

- Whether the child had symptoms and if so, when the symptoms started
- Date of test and whether it was a lateral flow or PCR test
- Any special advice/information you have been given by test and trace that might affect the isolation period.

Based on the information you provide, we will inform you by email when we believe your child's isolation dates start and end.

If your child receives free school meals (not universal free meals given to all children in R, 1 and 2) then we will offer you a food parcel for the duration of the isolation, for each child isolating, which we will plan to deliver to you.

If your child is in years 1-6 then you will receive work for your child on Google Classroom the day after you let us know a positive Covid result. Children in Reception will receive details of any activities via Tapestry.

*This is a repeat of the guidance sent out in the February 11th School Matters.*

NEWTON POPPLEFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Parent Drop in Session

Join us for coffee, cake and support.

Come and get to know other parents and relax.

Debbie Tollerfield; SENDCO  
and

Cara Shepherd; Parent Support Advisor  
will be around to answer questions and  
signpost to support available.

It's also a lovely opportunity to meet new  
people, so please do come and join us.

Our next session will run on Wednesday  
April 6th 2022  
2.30pm until 3.30pm  
In the school library.

If you are unable to attend, and would like  
any signposting or support please do contact  
Cara on; or email  
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