

SCHOOL MATTERS

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM NEWTON POPPLEFORD SCHOOL

FRIDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2021

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

At the end of another interesting term, can I thank you all for your continued support. The staff have, as always, made strenuous efforts to make life as normal as possible for all our children and the children have responded with their usual good humour and determination.

I would like to thank the staff for their amazing support during the whole term.

As the Christmas holidays bring yet more potential disruptions, please keep an eye of our school website and your email inbox for any changes that may be forced upon us. May you have a happy and memorable Christmas and we will see you all next year on Tuesday, 4th January.

PARKING

We have had a request from a local resident about not parking across garages in the village car park. Thank you to the many parents who park responsibly and respect the residents and houses around our school premises.

HELP SOUGHT

A parent with a child in year 2, who lives in Sidmouth, is asking if anybody is able to help with picking up her child some mornings and dropping them off at school. The bus service at the moment is quite irregular and it is difficult to get to school on time in the mornings. Pick up from Lidl or Manstone Avenue.

Please pass on any details to the school office for the parent to contact them directly .

FOR PARENTS OF LITTLE POPPLES CHILDREN

If you would like to apply for 30-hour funding for the Spring term 2022, you need to have applied to HMRC and received a code by 31st December 2021 in order for us to claim funding for next term. There are further details on how to apply for this under the 'Little Popples' tab of the school website. For parents who already have a valid code, please just check the expiry date of your child's eligibility and reconfirm if required.

GENTLE REMINDER

We are not sending Data Collections sheets home this year BUT if any of your details (particularly email addresses or phone numbers) have changed please let us know either by email or in person at the School Office.

www.newton-poppleford.devon.sch.uk

01395 568300

✉ admin@newton-poppleford.devon.sch.uk

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

PRE-SCHOOL'S AUTUMN ADVENTURES

This term we have had a lot of fun with the characters that live in Adventure Island and we wanted to share some of our highlights with you.

Back in September, we discovered bits and pieces left by the Minpins (Minpins are tiny people that live in Adventure Island); a tiny hair brush, a tiny walkie-talkie and a burger and chips up a tree! We got busy and drew and scribbled all sorts of things for them; George loves animals so he worked hard to scribble them their own zoo full of wild animals! Mili and Arlya made them some slides out of logs, Monty built them a bridge, Emily found an acorn which made a super boat and lots of children drew their own secret symbols for the Minpins to find.

We rediscovered the Bog Babies and had great fun chasing them with Bog Baby detectors and chatting to them through our Bog Baby telephones. The following week the Poggle popped up and had left us a trail of shapes to discover. Some of the shapes had secret symbols hidden on them which caused all sorts of magical things to happen. Some children became lightning fast and others turned into zombies!

In October we discovered lots of secret symbols with the 'z' sound hidden all over Adventure Island and we knew the Tiny Zebras had arrived! We wondered about them and imagined them trotting about among the trees. Some children found a little den with lots of apples that looked like they had been nibbled so we think they had been in there munching away. After that many children drew their own stripy zebras and we kept finding their secret symbol in Pre-School too.



On a breezy day in November we met Windy Dindy (the wind in Adventure Island). We listened and watched to see and hear where she was. We noticed the leaves flitting and fluttering and we heard her whooshing through the trees. It was a lovely opportunity to listen and chat. We played with streamers and Windy Dindy joined us from time to time and blew our streamers in the breeze.

As the weather has turned colder we have made hot chocolate and warmed ourselves by the campfire in Finley's Classroom. We are very grateful to the PTFA for our brilliant new suits that have also helped to keep us warm and dry whatever the weather.

Have a lovely Christmas and we look forward to telling you all about our adventures in the new year. If you would like to explore the magic of Adventure Island at home then you can download the Adventure Island e-magazine 'Cosy Club' on the school website here

https://www.newton-poppleford.devon.sch.uk/website/adventure_island



Newton Poppleford School PTFA Fundraising!

Autumn Term 2021

£950
Mini Summer
Fete

£500
Magic Little
Grant

£770
Bonfire Night
BBQ

£300
Book Fair

£47
Terracylce
crisp packets

£600
Christmas
cards

£40
Christmas sale
and donations

£120 Looby's
Kitchen cake
raffle

£480
Christmas
Hamper Raffle

What have we bought?

Pergola

Year 1
carpet

Theatre
Alibi visit

Preschool
puddlesuits

Aardman
Animation
workshop

Christmas
crafting

Bike
helmets

Adventure
Island
outdoor
classroom

Buddy
benches

Brand new
books!

Kapla
Blocks

Author
session

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