

SCHOOL MATTERS

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM NEWTON POPPLEFORD SCHOOL

Friday 22nd July 2022



From the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a privilege to lead such an amazing school with such enthusiastic and engaging young people, supported and challenged by caring, dedicated staff who always go that extra mile for the children in their care. Headship in any school is a roller-coaster existence and I have experienced so many highlights and fantastic achievements by the children. My memories will be immensely positive with overwhelming support from staff, parents, governors and the wider community. Indeed, a true test of any organisation is how they cope in times of adversity and I genuinely believe that we have shown great resilience in every case, during recent times. I have been incredibly proud to be Headteacher at Newton Poppleford Primary School and to be part of the wonderful wider community.

There have been many edicts from the DfE, but one that did mean something to how I believe a school should be was 'Every Child Matters' and I strongly believe every child should be treated as an individual and to be nurtured.

We were all pleased to move into our new school building. Whilst we have a great new learning environment, a school is not defined by bricks and mortar, it's about people and more importantly the quality of relationships between staff and students and I am sure that retaining our ethos will prove more of a legacy than the new building itself.

I am confident that the existing inspirational staff team and leadership structure will ensure the school is sustained and continues to grow. I have met with Mr Pope quite a few times already and I am confident I am leaving the school in very capable hands and that it will continue to grow and flourish under his leadership and with the continued commitment of the inspirational staff. They will be wholeheartedly supported and scrutinised by the Governing Body.

I must also mention Teri Murphy and all the PTFA, their unstinting hard work to raise money for our children, should be recognised for without it, those many extras that create such amazing memories for them would not happen – Thank you!

Newton Poppleford Primary School has worked its way into my DNA and I leave with a heavy heart but having devoted the last 19 years to Headship, I am looking forward to now spending some quality time with my beautiful wife (who has always been there to support me) and visit some of the places together that we have always dreamed of.

Newton Poppleford Primary School will always have a place in my heart and I wish the governors and the team every success for the future in the certain knowledge that they will do everything in their power to continue the quest to improve the life chances of every Newton Poppleford Primary School student.

Many thanks for making me feel so welcome and all the very best for the future.

Stuart Vaughan

We look forward to seeing the children back on Monday 5th September

Year 6 Leavers

It is also with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to other members of our Newton Poppleford School Family—our fantastic group of Year 6 children. We wish them all the best in the future, as they go on to have many new exciting challenges and adventures. Good luck— and don't forget us!

Summer Reading

The children have made fantastic progress with reading this year and we are very proud of them. Please encourage your children to continue to read over the summer to maintain this progress. Any reading would be wonderful: books from home, the library, borrowed from friends, online or comics. Please also continue to read to your children, as they love to be read to by you.

One of the librarians from Sidmouth Library came to talk to us in assembly about the Summer Reading Challenge <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> which is a fun way to celebrate their summer reading. Mr Pope, our Headteacher from September has also asked the children to join him in reading a lot over the summer.

Congratulations to our all amazing readers. Total word count: 57,380,103

Millionaires this year:

Year 6	Year 5	Year 4
Oscar A	Maisy	Sophie
Rebecca	Lawrence	Monty
James	Claire	Leo M
Ava	Ben	Toby

Multimillionaires:

Jasparan (Y4)
Elsa (Y5)
Ophelia (Y5)



A request from Mrs Turner

We are reorganising our art resources ready for the new school year in September and are needing more craft materials. If at the end of the holidays you have any crafty bits left over, please can you bring them in for us to use in school. Buttons, sequins, pipe cleaners, pom poms, googly eyes...anything crafty! Thank you.

Equipment request for September start

As with previous years, can we please ask that children from year 2 upwards have a pencil case which they keep in school with a mixture of stationery. HB Pencils and colouring pencils, rubber, glue sticks etc. Further details will be sent out in September

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Newton Poppleford School PTFA

Fundraising total 2021-2022

£11,624!

What we spent it on...

Preschool splashsuits | Library books

YR trip to World of Country Life | Kapla blocks

Y3 trip to Powderham | Christmas crafting

EYFS classroom resources | Climbing wall

Adventure Island shelter | Dance workshop

Buddy benches | Preschool leavers gifts

Aardman Animation workshop | Y1 Carpet

Y6 leavers activities | Author session

Theatre Alibi visit | Bike helmets | Pergola

This is all possible thanks to
YOUR SUPPORT!

Thank you!

Despite having two major fundraisers at Easter and Christmas cancelled, we have still had an incredible year of fundraising.

We have made a huge difference to the school and our children with this money and it would not have been possible without your support and that of the community. So, a massive THANK YOU for your support and have a lovely summer

Teri Murphy (PTFA Chair)

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How we did it...

£77 Terracycle crisp packets | £88 Twosday

£140 Uniform shop | £400 Bench sponsorship

£1,440 School Lottery | £120 Clothing bank

£950 Autumn 'summer' fete | £306 Book fair

£770 Bonfire night BBQ | £40 Christmas sale

£606 Christmas cards | £700 Jubilee day

£480 Christmas hamper raffle

£120 Loobys Kitchen raffle | £152 Mr Long

£136 Ice cream Friday | £3,350 Summer Fete

£1,214 cake sales | £500 Magic Little Grant

THANK YOU for all your support over this past year!!

PTFA Pre-loved Uniform Shop

Good for your pocket!

Good for the PTFA!

Good for the Planet!

All Items

50p - £2

- Table top sales at PTFA events
- Pick up from school ANY TIME throughout the year by arrangement

Contact Camille to ask about the items you need on
07709 496029
or camillevilches@me.com



- **Donations** of pre-loved uniform welcome any time. Please leave with the school office.
Thank you!

