

# School Matters

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM NEWTON POPPLEFORD SCHOOL

## Friday 4th February 2022

### From the Headteacher Good Manners Café

At the Good Manners Café we welcomed Elsie and Emily Jane from Reception, Jax and Sennen from Y1, Harlan and Sofia from Y2, Noah and Rosie from Y3, Sophie and Lucy from Y4, Junior and Ben from Y5 and Elsie and Barney from Y6.

### Devon Parents Childcare Survey

Whether you use childcare or not, your voice counts. The answers you give in this short survey will help the early years and childcare team in Devon County Council to plan and make sure there is enough childcare for you to work or train.

This data is being collected to assess the need for childcare and will be used with information from childcare providers to determine the sufficiency of childcare provision in Devon.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ParentsChildcareSurveySpring2022/>



Exmouth Road in Colaton Raleigh will be closed from Saturday, 12th February until Monday 14th February whilst a new water supply is installed. For more information please read the News item on our School Website.



Whole school word count this Spring Term-

# 3,603,252

This includes 1,134,977 from Leo Murphy alone!  
Wow! Super job Newton Poppleford Accelerated Readers!

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

## From the PTFA

The **TWOSDAY CHALLENGE!** Your half term challenge, see the poster below for details!  
**MR LONG UPDATE!** Down to 20st 13lbs this week! Still going in the right direction Mr Long, keep it up! If you want to encourage him, why not sponsor Mr Long's mission via the School Gateway?

Mr Long says "Just the 1lb off this week due to family functions. However I have now started to try and eat my main meal at Lunchtimes if I can, thus giving me more time to work off those calories. Today also sees the start of an extra 30 minute (minimum) walk in the evening. Even if raining this can be transformed into up and down the stairs. Work out the height and as a family climb Snowdon for example. if you climb your stairs 16 times a day every day until end of February you will have ascended the height of Snowdon. Good luck!"

Newton Poppleford PTFA

# TWOSDAY CHALLENGE!

## 22.02.2022 Kids!

can you earn £22 in sponsorship money for tuesday twosday?

*What will you do?*

- 22 odd jobs around the house?
- 22 minutes of dancing?
- 22 laps on your bike?
- Read 22 books in a month?
- Learn 22 words in another language?

get your grown-up to pay your sponsorship money via the school gateway!

You can complete your challenge any time, not limited to 22.2.22

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| 31/01/22 | Barnstaple | Roundswell Primary School |
| 01/02/22 | Ivybridge  | Manor Primary School      |
| 30/03/22 | Online     | Join us via Zoom          |

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# From the School Office

## Breakfast and Twilight Club

Dear Parents,

We have had a number of occasions recently where children who have not been booked to attend Twilight or Breakfast club have turned up at the club expecting a place. This has caused difficulties with staffing on several occasions as staffing is planned in advance based on bookings. We are also having a large number of last-minute cancellations.

As a friendly reminder:

- If you require a place for your child please book where possible, by 12:00 midnight on the Thursday before the week you require the session.
- If you require a session after this cut off time, please email or phone the school office to see whether you can book a place. We will book a place for you if we have sufficient staffing and if we are not at the number limit for the session (the maximum we can have in a session is 20 children).
- If the office books a place for your child then please make payment on the Gateway as soon as possible.
- Accounts must not get into arrears. The system we use in School Gateway effectively 'runs itself' as parents have to pay at the time of booking. This obviously cuts down on admin time chasing payments. However, if the office books places then payment is not taken at the time of booking which means accounts can get into arrears. Parents must make payment as soon as bookings are made on their behalf by the school office.
- If you require a place to be cancelled then please contact the office as far in advance as possible. We are having a lot of cancellations late afternoon on the day of the session which wastes admin time in changing registers and informing staff and can mean we end up being over-staffed for the session. We have always had a policy that cancellations should be made at least 24 hours in advance in order to receive a refund (with the exception of illness and exceptional circumstances) but have not chosen not to implement this. However, as late cancellations have become an issue we will be re-instating this so please bear this in mind if you need to cancel a session and please give at least 24 hours' notice if you require a refund.



To raise awareness of Children's Mental Week which runs from 7th– 13th of February we are holding our first ever **Wear your Scarf to School Day** event on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February with all donations going to the charities Neuroblastoma and Children's Hospice South West, in memory of Finley.

Wear your scarf  
to school day  
11th Feb 2022

SCARF

# This week's National Online Safety guide is: What parents and carers need to know about YouTube.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps that we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# YOUTUBE

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate material. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

### CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as messaging other users directly. Connecting with strangers online, of course, can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, to cyberbullying and even to encountering online predators.

### SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but can also lead to binge-watching and the risk of screen addiction, especially if 'auto-play' is activated. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

### HIGH VISIBILITY

Content creators can also be put at risk – especially young ones who try to make their online presence as visible as possible. Creating and uploading content exposes children to potential harassment and toxicity from the comments section, along with the possibility of direct messaging from strangers. Videos posted publicly can be watched by anyone in the world.

### TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends, challenges and memes that are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may harm children through either watching or copying. The painful 'salt and ice challenge', which can cause injuries very quickly, is just one of many such examples.

### SNEAKY SCAMMERS

Popular YouTube channels regularly have scammers posing as a well-known influencer in the comments section, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and sometimes offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users are not who they claim to be.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence and sexual situations) to underage viewers. To prevent your child from chancing across age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that your child uses to access YouTube.



### TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching, uploading and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives you an oversight of how your child is using sites like YouTube and helps you ensure they are only accessing appropriate content.



### CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that your child is subscribed to can be hidden. If your child is only uploading videos that are protected as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.



### CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS

Influential content creators usually have other social media accounts which they encourage their fans to follow. Having an open discussion about this with your child makes it easier to find out how else they might be following a particular creator online. It also opens up avenues for you to check out that creator's other channels to see what type of content your child is being exposed to.



### MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them children. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course, and react to content differently. You may want to keep an eye on how your child interacts with content on YouTube – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand the types of videos they are interested in.



### LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases: users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch, for example. If you're not comfortable with your child purchasing content online, limit their access to your bank cards and online payment methods. Many parents have discovered to their cost that a child happily devouring a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!



### Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



**National Online Safety**

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