

POPPLEFORD POST

2017/3

MARCH 2017

Diverse Dates for your Diary

Friday, 17th March
Y5 Ancient Greek
Day

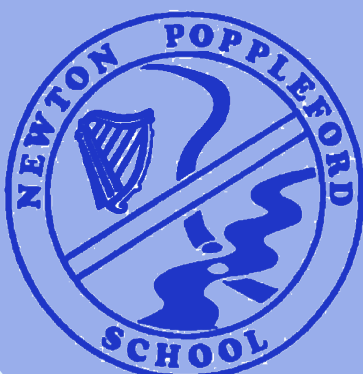
Monday 20th March
Parent
Consultation Week

Friday 24th March
Comic Relief

Thursday 30th
March
Year 2 Class
Assembly

Friday, 31st March
End of Spring Term
at 1.30pm

Tuesday, 18th April
Summer Term
starts



School Funding

You may have seen a number of stories in the press around school funding. There have been worrying headlines and we felt it important that we let you know, as far as we are able at this stage, how this will affect our school.

School budgets across the country have been under pressure for some time. The senior leadership team at Newton Poppleford Primary has been grappling with the funding challenges, which may lead to a number of tough decisions being made in the future as a result.

Our school is not alone. The National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT) has shown that more than half of school leaders felt that their budget would be untenable by 2018/19. The National Audit Office estimate a £3 billion real terms cut across all phases and in all schools. This doesn't just affect us.

The recent headlines have been caused by a proposed new funding formula for schools, designed to create a fairer allocation. However with increasing costs placed onto all schools the new formula will not bring the benefits that we had hoped to see. The School Cuts website schoolcuts.org.uk, analysing DfE data, projects that not just Newton Poppleford, but many primary schools in our local authority, will lose, as well as the secondary schools that children will eventually attend. *(continued on*



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Literacy Planet

Sidmouth Rugby

Sidmouth International School

World Book Day

Exmoor Challenge

Celebration Assembly

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Use the School Cuts website to see the affect.

We will work hard to ensure that cuts have the least impact on teaching possible. However, rising costs and a frozen budget mean that tough decisions will have to be taken.

Please be assured that we will, as always, take the utmost care with budgets, to ensure all the money we have is spent effectively on your children. We are also letting the local authority and government know just how serious the funding crisis has become.

We promise to let you know you in plenty of time if our budget means we'll have to take a significant decision on staffing or activities.

I would encourage all parents to email your MP with your views on this.

Find Newton Poppleford School on the School Cuts website by either typing in the School Name or the EX10 OEL post code.

This will take you to a page showing our school and the potential change in budget. From this page you can draft an email to your MP, sign a petition or share the information on Twitter or Facebook.

SCHOOL CUTS HOME ABOUT EMBED EMAIL YOUR MP SIGN PETITION BLOG

SCHOOLS URGENTLY NEED MORE FUNDING

Unless the Government allocates more money, schools will lose **£3 billion a year** in real terms by 2020.

Search below for data on your local school

KEY STATS

- 98%** OF SCHOOLS WILL HAVE PER-PUPIL FUNDING CUT
- £87,117** Average cut to primary schools
- £405,611** Average cut to secondary schools
- £339** Average loss per primary pupil
- £477** Average loss per secondary pupil

Search by school, postcode or place... SEARCH

Logos: NUT, ATL, GMB, Unite, NAHT, UNISON

On World Book Day, the following were voted as the best dressed characters!

Reception-Freddy Shepherd, Y1-Hiba Hashmi, Y2-Lewis Davies,
Y3-Jude Barrett, Y4-Jess Dilling, Y5-Frankie Parkin-Lovett , Y6-Morgan Bain
.....and the winning teacher-Mr Morison
Well done to all who took part!

World Book Day 2017





Reminders....

Advanced Warning

On **Thursday, March 30th** the School Office will be closed from 9.30 to 11.30am due to important school training.



Sainsbury's Active Kids Voucher

There is still a box in the entrance area outside the School Office for Sainsbury's Active Kids 2017 Vouchers. We would appreciate receiving any that you collect!!



Letters Home



All Letters home will go to your email account. If you have updated your email address or have never given it to us, then please send us this email address to admin@newton-popleford.devon.sch.uk.

You can download the Eschools app for both Android and IOS phones Google play or the Apple App Store. A guide and video for the app is available on the Parents Page on our website.

School Dinner Menu

A new School Dinner Menu has been in operation since after the February half term. Details of the menu's content have been sent out to your email and are on the website.



Data Collection

Thank you to all of those parents who responded to the additional data collection sheet specifically regarding Country of Birth and Nationality. If you still intend to return the sheet then please do so in the next week. Those who have not done so, we have to enter the non-reply as "Refused" on our system.

Exmoor Challenge-the first walk



GIRLS

RUGBY



with Sidmouth RFC

Sidmouth Rugby Club Offers:

Under 7's to Under 12's
Mixed rugby: Sept - March
Sundays 10am - 12pm
Training / matches

Under 13's, 15's & 18's
Girls only : Sept - March
Sundays 1.30pm - 3pm
Training / matches

Training sessions & matches are held
at Sidford Pavilions, but is confirmed weekly



For your required age group
co ordinator contact details:
www.sidmouthrfc.co.uk

sidmouth *International School*

HOST FAMILIES REQUIRED

Do you have children under 14 years living at home?

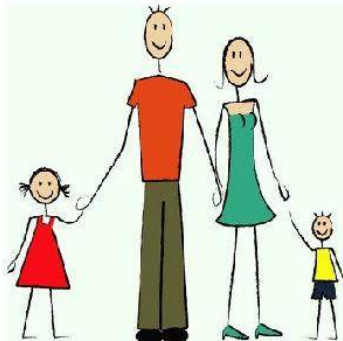
If so, do you want to earn additional income for you and your family?

- You can earn up to £7500 a year tax free as part of the Government's 'rent a room scheme'.
- You and your family can enjoy a cultural experience and make new International friends!

Our Junior (8-13yrs) overseas students who come to study English Language all year round are looking for host families in Sidmouth, Sidford, Sidbury, Tipton, Honiton, Ottery, Feniton, West Hill, Newton Poppleford, and surrounding areas.

All students attend school 6 days a week and door to door transport can be provided.

For more details and an information/application pack please contact Vici Wilson,
Accommodation Officer on Tel: 01395 516754 or email: vici@sidmouth-int.co.uk

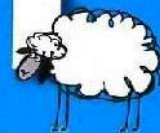


May Cottage, Sidmouth, EX10 8EN

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FUN
for every
age group

LAMBING SUNDAY



19 March 10am - 4pm

**Bicton College, East Budleigh,
Budleigh Salterton, EX9 7BY**



Please note: women who are,
or might be pregnant, should
not enter the lambing areas
because of the potential risk
of Toxoplasmosis.

Equine displays
Dog agility shows
Meet the new-born lambs
Tree tops lift and ropes course
Arts and crafts
Floristry and plant sale
BBQ and refreshments

Adult - £5 Child - £3

Family Group (2 adults 2 children) - £15

T: 0330 123 4782

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Having recently signed up with Word Mania, we have now taken out a 4 week trial with its parent website, **Literacy Planet**. Each child will be getting login information which can be used at home and at school. Some classes may be setting homework based on the site. There is both a website and an app. Teachers would appreciate any constructive feedback.

"Literacy Planet is a comprehensive literacy resource that supports the English curriculum and covers Pre-Reading, Phonics, Vocabulary, Spelling, Reading, Comprehension and Grammar.... Literacy Planet is an incentive based programme where students earn credit for every exercise completed.....Literacy Planet is an educational resource that can be implemented into the classroom or used at home to support school literacy programmes."

For more details go to www.literacyplanet.com/uk/



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the following children who were awarded certificates in the recent Celebration Assembly :

Reception

Reuben Westlake

Alicia Horn

Millie Phillips

Year 1

Isaac Watson

Owen Johnson

James Ireland

Otto Taylor

Year 2

Ella Craddock

Daisy Herrett

Ben Critcher

Evan Beavis

Year 3

Livvy Stanley

Kyla Hall

Year 4

Emma Gilbert

James Mason

Taylor Thongphat

Connor Bain

Year 5

Issy Nelson

Beth Selby

Lois McGowan

Year 6

Shannon Hammersley

Chiquita Kiley-Mason

Bailey Williams

