

# POPPLEFORD POST

2017/7

MAY 2017

## Diverse Dates for your Diary

Tuesday, 16th May  
Year 1 Seaton  
Wetlands trip

Monday, 22nd May  
Class Photos

Thursday 25th May  
Year 4 Class  
Assembly

Paws for Tea—2pm  
Reception Tea Party

Friday, 26th May  
INSET Day

Monday, 29th May-  
Friday, 2nd June  
Summer Half Term

Friday, 23rd June  
School Fete—6pm

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## Exmoor Challenge

Children from Year 6 took part in the Annual Exmoor Rotary Youth Challenge at the end of April.

Our 3 teams comprised of:-

Nathan, Jamie, Oliver and Ellie

Shannon, Charlie, Skye and Oscar

Alice, Thomas and Koray

Each team had to follow a 16 mile unmarked route- so following instructions, map-reading, and compass skills were essential. There were a series of check-points along the route and each leg had to be done in a pre-determined time - points were deducted if teams arrived too early or too late. Those who got very tired and lagged too much were pulled out of the challenge. Only those who successfully completed the event were presented with a medal. *(continued on Page 2)*



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# Exmoor Challenge



The organisers wrote:-“Again this year, we have had numerous comments from those based at Dulverton School, those running checkpoints and acting as marshals, and members of the public walking on the moor - they all say how courteous, polite, cheerful, and well behaved all the young people were who took part. It made running the event a real pleasure. Thank you.”

## A quick note about Internet Safety in School....

Using social media to voice your concerns about internet safety in school actually goes against the standards we are trying to instil in our pupils. If parents have any concerns regarding our school's internet safety and use, please speak to a member of staff. The following information may be of interest to you:

Our school computers are linked to the Internet through the South West Grid for Learning (SWGfL) Trust. This is a not-for-profit charitable trust providing schools and other establishments with a safe, secure, managed, supported connectivity service. It provides us with the technology for being safer online.



*SWGfL is a **world leader** in online child safety, a founding member of the UK Council for Child Internet Safety as well as an advisor to Governments and the lead partner in the UK Safer Internet Centre.*

The school is in the process of upgrading its search engine from google to Swiggle, a child friendly search engine. Details of it can be found at [www.swiggle.org.uk](http://www.swiggle.org.uk).

## Website updates....

- Photos from the 2017 Exmoor Challenge.
- PTFA Minutes updated.
- Reception, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 have had photos added to their Class pages.
- Minutes from this year's Governor Meetings and New Governors Information have been updated.
- Information on Pantosaurus from the NSPCC is available in the Healthy Zone.
- On the Parents Page - What to do if your child is unwell.
- 2017-2018 Term Dates are available.

## Other Important Dates

Monday, 12th June	Year 5 Escot Week
Monday 19th June	Year 3 Science trip to Pebblebed Heath
Wednesday 21st June	9.45am Mini Olympics
Wednesday 28th June	1pm KS2 Sports afternoon
Thursday 29th June	Year 3 Class Assembly
Wednesday 5th July-	7pm KS2 School Production
Friday 7th July	
Friday 21st July	End of Term



Newton Popleford and Harford Tennis Club are holding their annual Open Day for non-members at 2pm onwards on the afternoon of Sunday 14th May at the Tennis Courts in Back Lane.

Please come along and enjoy free tennis with coaching provided. They look forward to welcoming non-members interested in having a go and old members looking to have fun. A free carton of balls will be given to any new member joining.

Refreshments will be available.

If any children require coaching on Thursday evenings between 5.30 and 6.30pm please contact :-

**Steve Filer** by phone on  
**07958033882**

or email:

[vickyjmorgan@gmail.com](mailto:vickyjmorgan@gmail.com).

Costs will depend on numbers and demand.

A summer camp will again happen this year from 31<sup>st</sup> July to 4<sup>th</sup> August.

Further details can be found on the Tennis Club website -

[newtonpoplefordtennis.co.uk](http://newtonpoplefordtennis.co.uk)

We have been asked to let you know about the Cadhay Manor's Family Fun Day during half term on Tuesday, 30th May.

Information can be found at [www.otteryhelpscheme.org.uk](http://www.otteryhelpscheme.org.uk)

## Half-Term Family Fun Day!!

**Cadhay Manor, Ottery St Mary**  
**Tuesday 30<sup>TH</sup> May, 10am-2pm**



- ★ **CRAFT ACTIVITIES!**
- ★ **BOUNCY CASTLES!**
- ★ **GLITTER TATTOS!**
- ★ **BBQ & CAKES!**
- ★ **REFRESHMENTS!**
- ★ **GIFT TOMBOLAS!**
- ★ **BOOK STALL!**
- ★ **STUNNING GROUNDS!**

**Come and join the fun!....**



A HELPING HAND WHEN YOU NEED IT MOST

Entrance £1 per person

All proceeds to Ottery Help Scheme



# Big moments

All Stars Cricket gives children the chance to play, learn great skills and meet new friends!



**Sidmouth CC**  
 Sidmouth Cricket Club, Sidmouth, EX10 8NT  
 4.45pm - 5.45pm, Fridays (May 19th - July 7th)  
 Contact: matt.cooker@devoncricket.co.uk

Starting from May 2017  
 For children aged 5 to 8  
 Register at [allstarscricket.co.uk](http://allstarscricket.co.uk)

Includes Personalised Kit!

## Wild East Devon Countryside Events

**Tue 30 May**  
 2.30pm to 4.30pm  
**Mud walk**  
 at Exmouth

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**Wed 31 May**  
 10am to 12 noon  
**Fun in the stream**  
 at Honiton Bottom Community Nature Reserve

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**Wed 31 May**  
 11am to 3pm  
**Plant and cake sale**  
 at Seaton Wetlands

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**Thu 1 Jun**  
 2pm to 4pm  
**Fun in the stream**  
 at Cranbrook

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**Axe Vale Wildlife Day**

**Sun 4 June**  
 10am to 4pm  
 at Seaton Wetlands

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**Tue 31 Jun**  
 9.45pm to 10.45pm  
**Nightjar walk**  
 at Trinity Hill Local Nature Reserve

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Book online [wildeastdevon.co.uk](http://wildeastdevon.co.uk) or call 01395 517557

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**Tennis for kids**

### Come and Play!

**6 week coaching course & racket - all for free!**

Available for new players aged 5-8 years old.  
 Sign up now to register your interest!  
[www.lta.org.uk/SignUpKids](http://www.lta.org.uk/SignUpKids)



# GARDEN & FOOD FESTIVAL



**Saturday 13th May 2017 10am - 4pm**  
 at Colyton Grammar School, Colyford, EX24 6HN

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|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| Local artisan food producers   | Live music             |
| Craft stalls                   | Children's area        |
| Extensive outdoor plant stalls | Tombola/Raffle         |
| BBQ, Homemade cakes            | Second hand book stall |

**Admission: FREE ENTRY FOR ALL.**  
**All welcome.**

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It has been calculated that the 11 children who took part in this year's Exmoor Challenge had walked, together in total, the distance from Newton Popleford to John O'Groats. This total includes the practice walks as well as the 16 miles on the day of the Exmoor Challenge!



## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

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

### Reception

Liam Hurford      Baiden Trower      Alicia Horn      Junior Sycamore

### Year 1

Heidi Kavanagh      Blaze Bastyan-Knight

### Year 2

Lewis Davies      Finnley Campbell

### Year 3

Coco Bond      Kai Furzer      Jessie Stone      Martha Cox

### Year 4

Gethin Phillips      Katie Belcher      Taylor Thongphat

### Year 5

Isaac Dilling      Leyla Hicks

### Year 6

Noah Finlay

