

**Dates for your
diary:**

**5 February—final
music lessons for
this half term.**

**7 February—Class
AS (year 3) As-
sembly to Par-
ents—9.15am**

**14 February finish
for half term break**

**17-21 February
Half term.**

***TEA and TOAST
EXTRA—Monday
17 February
(during half term)**

2—4pm *

**24 February term
restarts**

**6 March—World
Book Day**

**22 March—Open
Morning**

**28 March Class AT
(reception) Assem-
bly to parents—
2.00pm**

**28 March Class AT
Mothers Day Tea
Party**

**31 March, 1 April &
2 April Parent Con-
sultation meetings
after school—times
to be advised.**

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Mr Vaughan's Update

As we move into February I wonder how many of you are keeping your New Year resolutions? Many of the children have made promises to themselves to work on certain areas of their learning; improve handwriting, practice tables, try harder with an

area of work etc. We are really pleased with the effort the children have been putting in this year and of course you will be able to find out how your children have been getting on in March when we have parents meetings.

You have may have noticed last week both the PSCO and East Devon enforcement officer around school checking on parking, this will be a regular occurrence and I thank parents for parking considerately to ensure the safety of all our pupils.

Class MR

In Year 2 we have been enjoying reading Mudpuddle Farm by Michael Morpurgo and using the book as a starting point for our literacy work on 'settings'. We chose 4 settings to describe - beach, forest, city and a farm and thought about what we might see, hear, feel and touch in each of these places. We then made an animal out of model magic and wrote a story about our animal leaving Mudpuddle Farm and going to a different setting! The children have worked so hard on their stories and this week, to finish off the work, we actually created the settings and took a whole sequence of photos which we are hoping to make into an animation. Ofelia described the morning beautifully by saying "This is so much fun - I just love it!"



Class BT

Stars of the week

Class AT: Scarlet Wright,

LJ Johnson, Talia Manning

Class GH/MB: Anais Beavis, Matthew Cuffley

Class MR/HC: Maisie Ward, Leyla Hicks

Class AS: Ben Kavanagh, Oscar Parkinson

Class CW: Joe Ashford

Class RT: Ryan Whitehead

Class JM: Tia Lee

Team points update—Spring Term

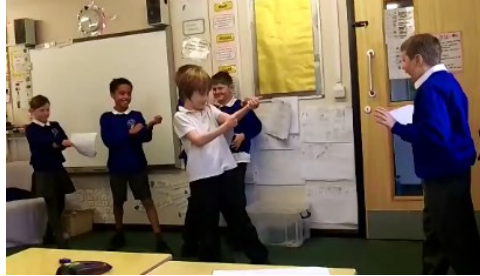
Red— 850

Blue— 698

Green— 861

Yellow— 726

Class RT have started the Spring Term performing poetry. We spent time reading and exploring the characters and plot of 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes. Then in groups we performed the poem making sure our performance contained volume, pace, expression and movement. For some it was a big challenge to stand up and perform to the class but everyone did



For our topic this half term we are learning about the artist Henri Matisse known as the king of colour! We are studying Matisse's life and his artwork including the period he called painting with scissors. This week has seen us creating our own paintings with scissors which, like the artist himself, saw us listening and cutting to jazz music playing in the classroom.



Sports News:

Newton Poppleford qualify for the East Devon Sportshall Athletics Finals

Congratulations goes out to the Yr 5/6 team that represented Newton Poppleford in the indoor athletics at Sidmouth College on Thursday 16th January. This was the Sidmouth Cluster competition out of Sidmouth, Branscombe, Sidbury and ourselves with the top two teams qualifying through to the East Devon Finals. We participated in a range of events involving running, jumping and throwing and overall finished 2nd. We now go on to compete at The Kings School on Wednesday 29th January with a chance of representing East Devon at the Devon School games down in Plymouth.

Well Done goes out to : CJ, Robbie, Samuel, Noah, Will, Abby, Jess, Tanisha, Immy, Martha, Josh and Chloe A.

I would also like to Thank Mr Filer for attending the event and helping keep scores. We wish them the best of luck for the finals at The Kings School on Wednesday 29th January.

High 5's Netball Tournament:

On Monday 20th January Newton Poppleford took on the responsibility of hosting and organising the 'Sidmouth Cluster' Year 5/6 High 5's Netball tournament. As the evenings are still dark, this event had to be very short and sharp.

Sidmouth, Branscombe, Sidbury and ourselves all entered teams with the chance of coming 1st or 2nd to qualify for the East Devon School Games finals which is at The Kings School on the 12th February.

Sidmouth eventually came out group winners, with 3 wins out of 3, Sidbury battled hard throughout, and Branscombe gave Newton Poppleford a run for their money in the final game. It was a game that Newton Poppleford needed to either draw or win to qualify, with 2 minutes to go we managed to score to eventually draw the game putting us through to the East Devon Finals.

It was great to have all the cluster primary schools at Newton Poppleford and their parents watching, there was a positive vibe going around and everyone worked really hard.

Thank you to Mrs Winterburn for helping out with the umpiring, and parents for their continued support in school sport and good luck to both Sidmouth Primary and Newton Poppleford in the finals.

Miss Bell