# POPPLEFORD POST

2017/11

SUMMER END OF TERM 2017

for your

Diary

Friday 21st July— Leavers Assembly 11.00am End of Term 1.30pm

Autumn Term
School Starts
Wednesday, 6th
September

Autumn Half Term Week of October 23rd-27th

Autumn Term
End of Term
Thursday, 21st
December





We have just received confirmation that contracts have been signed for the new build here at Newton Poppleford School. Therefore, preparation work for the building WILL begin during the Summer Holidays.

The letter from the Headteacher about changes in school routines will come into effect as on Wednesday, 6th September, the first day of the Autumn Term.





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# From the Headteacher

Firstly my apologies for not communicating sooner, but I hope you understand that I had wanted to write to you when I had definite confirmation that the build would be starting in the summer holiday.

Unfortunately it is still the case that we have not had any confirmation from the ESFA (Education and Skills Funding Agency), although they are hopeful that the building will start in the summer.

In preparation for this we have had to look at various aspects of the school day and changes that we will need to make to accommodate the smooth running of the school while the build takes place. With this in mind please see below the current proposed changes for September.

**Start of the school day** – registration will still be at 9am, but we are asking that children in years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 use the new entrance that will be created (further up School Lane than the current entrance) and once in school children are to go straight to class – as currently children are asked not to arrive before 8:45am, any children arriving before this time will have to go into breakfast club and this will incur a charge.

Children in Reception class and Year 1 will need to use the current entrance by the Reception class and are asked not to arrive before 8:50 am

**Breakfast and Twilight Clubs** – these will continue to operate, but will be in the School Hall on most days, although there may be some days when they will need to be based in a classroom.

**End of the school day** – We will be staggering the end of the school day, to hopefully ease some of the congestion on the playground, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be finishing at 3:10pm, Years 3 and 4 will finish at 3:15pm and Years 5 and 6 at 3:20pm, the children will all come out onto the playground as they currently do.

**KS2 P.E.**—During the build we will not have access to the sports field, therefore we are looking at using the field in the village and all 4 classes doing P.E. together on a Wednesday afternoon.

**Lunchtimes**- times for these will also change to be 11:45 - 1:00 for KS1 and 12:30 - 1:30 for KS2.

All the above will be subject to review and change as necessary once we are back in school and we have been able to see how they work.

As I stated in my opening paragraph we have not had confirmation as yet that the build will be starting this summer, and will through the e-schools email messaging system keep you up to date as soon as we have more definite information.

Kind regards

Stuart Vaughan







# Music lessons

Spaces are available for children wishing to learn to play an instrument during the school day starting in September 2017

Instruments available: Clarinet, Flute, Cornet, Alto saxophone, Trombone, Keyboard/piano, Guitar, Recorder (plus Violin in some schools)

For more information or to book lessons please phone the
West Country School Music office on
07740 117227

or email wcsm@btinternet.com

website: www.westcountryschoolmusic.co.uk

# Ye-Ha-An Inside View

Deep breaths. Sweaty face. Bright beaming lights. Here I am at the school hall bursting with excitement, under the glowing lights. It was a warm Wednesday evening in July and I could see my mum in the front row. Year 5 and Year 6 were about to start our play, Ye-Ha.

Ye-Ha was about the wild west and had a great story based on gold under the town with a couple of unlikely heroes. I played the part of Amos, who is a town folk in Splodge city. I enjoyed acting every second of my part. Ye-Ha was great (even when I fell off the stage) and I enjoyed being part of it.

I wish Ye-Ha would happen all over again. It went so fast but I will never forget the experience.

By Lois

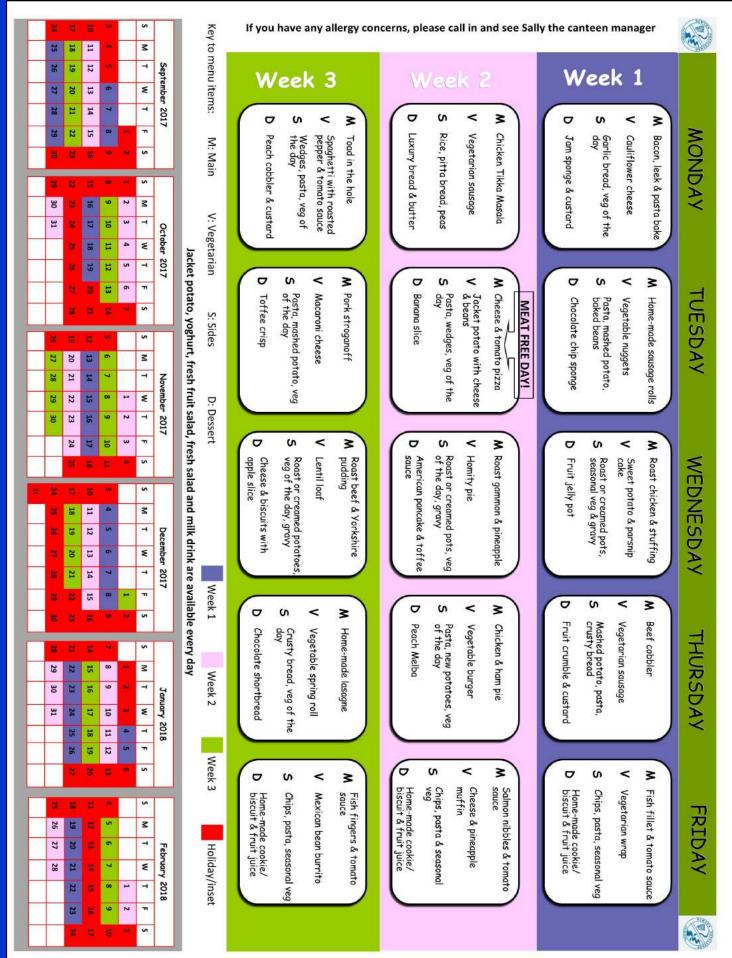
Year 5



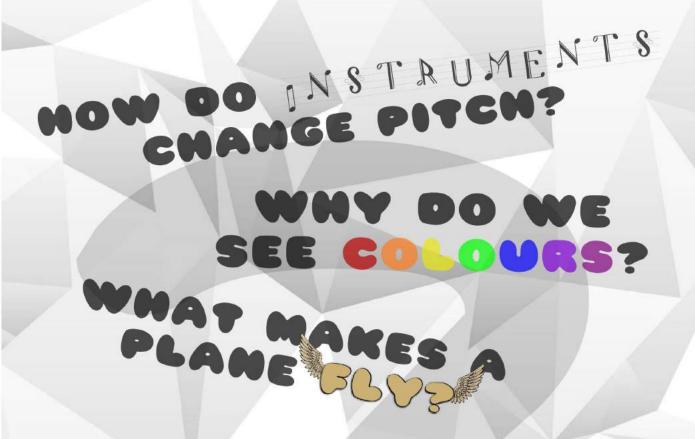




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There is a late menu swap! The meals for Wednesday 6th September and Thursday, 7th September should be swapped over!



Discover the answers to these questions, as well as many more, at the Sensational Science Club, starting in the summer holidays.

The club involves three I-hour I5-minute sessions, taking place on the Thursday of each week at IIam in Ottery Library, starting on the I7th August

You may wish to sign up for one, two or all three of the sessions.

Aimed at children in years 5 and 6, although younger children are welcome if accompanied by an adult.

For more information on the sessions and to sign up, visit the front desk at Ottery Library.

# SUMMER SPORTS CAMP 2017

31<sup>st</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> August

Newton Poppleford Tennis Club

MONDAY TO FRIDAY SPORTS

Ages 5 to 15

9am - 4 pm

BOYS AND GIRLS WELCOME

£23- Full Day

£15 -Half Day

(Reduced for club members)

To book your place please contact Will: will.kerr@yahoo.co.uk

#### Summer Holidays Athletics Sessions Exeter Arena, EX4 8NT

Minis and Juniors Athletics sessions- Age 4-11 – £6 non member £5 member

Multi Activities from **10am until 11am** including running, jumping and throwing, relays agility and co-ordination

Tuesday 1st August 2017 – Exeter Arena, Summer Lane, EX4 8NT Thursday 17th August 2017 – Exeter Arena, Summer Lane, EX4 8NT Prices are for individual sessions for 1 hrs.

Athletics is fun and exciting this is a great way to introduce children to such a variety of disciplines. So we welcome you to come along and have some fun, wear a normal PE kit with trainers, just bring a drink and bags of energy!

Due to the weather we also advise a hat and for suncream to be applied before the activity and also if the weather changes a spare pair of clothes!

This is a pre bookable event entries will not be accepted on the day.

Please visit our website to book your place <a href="https://www.sw.athletics-academy.co.uk">www.sw.athletics-academy.co.uk</a>

#### Tai Chi on the Heaths, Bicton Common Sunday 23 July, 9:45am to 11am

Join a qualified Tai Chi instructor on the East Devon heaths for a unique Tai Chi experience

Booking required, £3 per child, Bicton Common Car Park (B3180) Visit heathweek.org/events for more details or follow facebook.com/heathweek

#### Heath week, Woodbury Castle Sunday 23 July to Saturday 29 July

Celebrate the amazing Heaths- Exmouth's natural playground! Heath Week is a week of activities catering for wildlife, sport and history enthusiasts. The week kicks off with the Family Festival on Sunday 23 July, 11am to 4pm at Woodbury Castle. Visit heathweek.org for more details or follow facebook.com/heathweek

#### Rockpool ramble, Exmouth Wednesday 9 August, 1pm to 3pm

Explore the mysterious world of Exmouth's rockpools with the Countryside rangers. Learn where to look and what to look for. No booking required, suggested donation £3 per child, Exmouth beach, left of the lifeboat station (when facing the sea), Queens Drive, EX8 2AY

wildeastdevon.co.uk, 01395 517557, countryside@eastdevon.gov.uk

### Making hay! Sidmouth Thursday 10 August, 10am to 3pm

Join the East Devon Conservation Volunteers for a day of hay making at this beautiful coastal meadow. We'll be doing it the old way – using scythes and rakes! Under 16's must be accompanied by adult, min age 10. Parking arrangements given on booking. Booking required, free, Peak Hill, Sidmouth, EX10 ONW wildeastdevon.co.uk, 01395 517557, countryside@eastdevon.gov.uk

#### Crafts in Cranbrook

#### Thursday 10 August, 10am to 12:30pm

Creative fun for all ages. Use natural materials to make a variety of crafts to take home and enjoy tasty snacks with the Countryside ranger. Learn how to light your own fire from a spark and prepare and enjoy tasty snacks around the campfire. Chrildren must be accompanied by an adult. No dogs. Booking required, £6 per child, meet at Cranbrook, just off Burrough Fields, on road leading to train station wildeastdevon.co.uk, 01395 517557, countryside@eastdevon.gov.uk

## Mud walk, Exmouth Wednesday 23 August, 1pm – 3pm

Dig for worms, fish for shrimps and discover what is living in the mud of the Exe estuary with the Countryside ranger. Booking required, £3 per person, concessions available for EDDC tenants, opposite the toilets, Imperial Road Rec, Exmouth, EX8 1DG

wildeastdevon.co.uk, 01395 517557, <a href="mailto:countryside@eastdevon.gov.uk">countryside@eastdevon.gov.uk</a>

#### Rockpool ramble, Ladram Bay Thursday 24 August, 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Explore the mysterious world of Ladram Bay's rockpools with the Countryside rangers. Learn where to look and what to look out for.

No booking required, suggested donation £3 per child, Ladram Bay beach (right hand side of the bay when facing the sea), Otterton, EX9 7BX, car park charges apply wildeastdevon.co.uk, 01395 517557, countryside@eastdevon.gov.uk

These and other holiday activities can be found at eastdevon.gov.uk/countryside/countryside-events/



We have been introducing online payments during this term and many parents have already taken advantage of the system to pay for such items as school dinners. The website now has a page with step by step instructions of how to use the new system.

www.newton-poppleford.devon.sch.uk/website/online\_payments

#### **CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES**

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

**Reception** 

Ava Bellamy Oscar Stone Merryn Thorpe

Year 1

Declan Hole Hiba Hashmi

Year 2

Lauren Hill Sophie Beauchamp

Year 3

Callum Kavanagh-Smith Emily Tubbs Flynn Bramble

Year 4

Katie Belcher Jack Coke Sullivan Greenleaf

Taylan Jones Archie Melville-Hallett Carys Pritchard

**Gethin Phillips** 

Year 5

Ofelia Player Harry Finch

Year 6

Charlie Farrington Smith Skye Howlett

Nathan Shaw Dayan Hashmi

