

POPPLIFORD POST

2016/4

MARCH 2016

Diverse Dates for your Diary

Friday,
4th March
Reception Class
Mother's Tea Party
& Assembly

Monday, 7th March
Y5/6 Tag Rugby
Qualifiers at
Sidford RFC

Tuesday, 8th March
Junior Youth
Presents Music
Competition at
King's School,
Ottery

Tuesday,
22nd March
Reception Cake
Sale

Thursday,
24th March
Last day of Spring
Term. School closes
at 1.30pm

Saturday,
26th March
Little Popples
Easter Egg Hunt



On behalf of us all, we would like to say a big **THANK YOU** for the donations of books for the Oxfam project on World Book Day. We were overwhelmed by the amount of books donated.

Message in a Book was a fun way to engage the children with global learning, literacy and active citizenship. Supporting geography and literacy, including persuasive writing, it was also a chance for us to make a real difference. The books will be delivered to the Oxfam Bookshop in Exeter. For more see Page 5!



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ANTI BULLYING WORKSHOPS AND E-SAFETY



In the past few weeks in school, we have had a focus on the areas of e-safety and bullying. As part of the national e-safety day, the children were looking at how to make the internet a better place for all.

This brought about discussions on how we all treat each other on line. In recent times, in schools all across the country, social media seems to be being used in a negative way, with parents posting negative comments about school. The old adage 'words will never hurt me' is certainly not true. Sites which people often consider private, are never that, and that information always finds a way out into the public domain.

At Newton Popleford, we encourage a climate of mutual respect with the children and adults alike. We would always encourage parents and carers to approach us with concerns.

To build on the e-safety work, we have had anti-bullying workshops run with the children in year 4 and 5, with further workshops planned for year 3 later this term.

There are links on the school website to support parents with e-safety.

Go to www.newton-popleford.devon.sch.uk, then click on **School Life**, then click on **Healthy Zone**. There are useful links below **Websites with Useful Information**.



ITEMS OF INTEREST



LAMBING SUNDAY
20 March 10am - 4pm
Bicton College, East Budleigh,
Budleigh Salterton, EX9 7BY

Baby animals, equine shows,
Bicton BBQ, assault courses
and plenty more fun filled
activities for all the family!

FREE
admission for
one child with
this slip



MAKING LEARNING WORK
THE CORNWALL COLLEGE GROUP

Adult **£5**
Child **£3**
Family Ticket **£15**
(2 adults, 2 children)
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on the gate.
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Please park at Bicton
College Main Campus

For more info:
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E: customer.services@bicton.ac.uk
W: www.bicton.ac.uk

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



NEW! 0249LM01-16

Bicton College have their **Lambing Sunday** on 20th March. Discount Tickets for this are available from the School Office.

You can find a lovely video produced by Class 4 about **Romulus and Remus** on our website. Go to Year 4's class page to watch it.

Devon's Waste Education Team came into school to run some activities. In class 3 we looked at compost. This picture shows some of our children enjoying compost. For more pictures go to the Year 3 class page.



The **Junior Youth Presents Music Competition** is taking place next Tuesday, 8th March between 6-8.30 at The King's School, Ottery St Mary. As the letter sent out this week states, children will need to be in school uniform. The Music Room in Exeter, who have assisted in prizes, are holding a "Learn to Play Day" on Saturday and Sunday 12/13th March with free guitar and drum lessons in their store. For more information, phone 01392 436258 or visit www.musicroom.com.



NEWTON POPPLEFORD TO GROW SEEDS FROM SPACE!



Children at Newton Poppleford are preparing to become space biologists and embark on a voyage of discovery by growing seeds that have been into space.

In September, 2kg of rocket seeds were flown to the International Space Station (ISS) on Soyuz 44S where they will spend several months in microgravity before returning to Earth in March 2016. The seeds have been sent as part of Rocket Science, an educational project launched by the RHS Campaign for School Gardening and the UK Space Agency.



Newton Poppleford will be one of up to 10,000 schools to receive a packet of 100 seeds from space, which they will grow alongside seeds that haven't been to space and measure the differences over seven weeks. The children won't know which seed packet contains which seeds until all results have been collected by the RHS Campaign for School Gardening and analysed by professional biostatisticians.

The out-of-this-world, nationwide science experiment will enable the children to think more about how we could preserve human life on another planet in the future, what astronauts need to survive long-term missions in space and the difficulties surrounding growing fresh food in challenging climates.

Mrs Turner, Class 5 teacher, says: "We are very excited to be taking part in Rocket Science. This experiment is a fantastic way of teaching our children to think more scientifically and share their findings with the whole school."

Rocket Science is just one educational project from a programme developed by the UK Space Agency to celebrate British ESA astronaut Tim Peake's Principia mission to the ISS and inspire young people to look into careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) subjects, including horticulture.

Follow the project on Twitter: @RHSSchools #RocketScience

Following the recent Parent Governor election **Bob Tubbs** has been appointed as the new Parent Governor.

NEW LUNCHTIME CLUBS

- On **Monday** lunchtimes we will be holding a KS1 Book Club!
- On **Tuesday** lunchtimes we will be holding a KS2 Book Club!
- On **Friday** lunchtimes our Reading Champion will be doing a story time!

Spaces will be limited, more details to follow shortly.

From our
Reading
Champion

As well as collecting the books, children also filled in the Message in a Book sheets. This will be put inside each book and has been a fun way to engage our children with global learning, literacy and active citizenship. Supporting geography and literacy, including persuasive writing, it was also a chance for us to make a real difference. The books will be delivered to the Oxfam Bookshop in Exeter.

MESSAGE IN A BOOK

Thanks for buying this book - It carries a message from a local young person who has been learning about global poverty and Oxfam at school. This young person felt so strongly about what they learnt in the classroom, they decided to spread the word by writing to you.

YOUR SCHOOL: *Newton Poppleford Primary School*
YOUR AGE: *10*

This small, little thing in your hand is saving people in 94 countries all around the world. The money you give to Oxfam can provide facilities like water, food education and homes in places which have no money to survive. You can help tackle poverty and provide assistance in natural disasters.

Thanks a million for buying this book and helping everyone step by step.



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YOUR SCHOOL: *Newton Poppleford Primary School*
YOUR AGE: *9 years old*

Did you know that your money will go towards poor people to have a better life? Oxfam's work is important because it will help people survive in emergencies like an earthquake. You can support Oxfam by donating one of your old books.

I think the work of Oxfam is important because people could die without it.

Thankyou for buying this book

SINGING ON THE PLAYGROUND



On Tuesday 1st March 30 children from Years 2-5 went to Exeter's Corn Exchange to learn how to be Song Leaders for a programme called 'Singing on the Playground'.

The children were trained on how to be a Song Leader, learnt some new songs and understood that back at school they have the important job of running 'Singing on the Playground' at lunchtimes. Such is their enthusiasm that they have already been spotted singing songs and encouraging others to join in! The children will hold an assembly next week where they will teach the whole school a song and then on Tuesday they will be out all together from 1pm singing and teaching the actions to the songs. They are all so excited to have this responsibility and are looking forward to making our school a singing school!

