

Diverse Dates for your Diary

Friday, 22nd April
Exeter City
Football coaching
restarts

Wednesday,
27th April
Y5 Escot meeting
@9am

Y2 Cake Sale @3pm
PTFA Meeting @
7.30pm

Monday, 2nd May
Bank Holiday

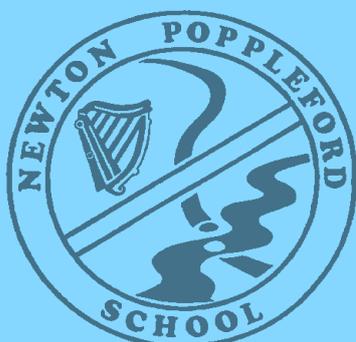
Wednesday,
18th May
CW Class Assembly

Friday, 27th May
School Inset Day

Wednesday,
25th May
Y1 Cake Sale @3pm

Friday, 27th May
INSET Day
School closed to
children

Monday, 30th May
Half Term week



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Welcome back after the Easter break, to what will be another very busy term. Year 1 have already had an exciting visit to the beach (more on this in a future Popleford Post).

As you all know the original consultation for the new school, planned for Tuesday 12th April, was postponed, at very short notice due to circumstances beyond our control.

Whilst this is disappointing to all of us, I do hope in the next few weeks to have more information and a new date for the consultation, so please keep checking your parentmail.

Also check your emails for information about internet safety talks that are coming up for parents. Keeping our children safe on line is an area, I am sure, of concern to us all. Gary Gates who will be running the sessions is excellent and all parents will find these sessions informative.



If any parents have moved house, changed phone numbers or email addresses could they share that information with the School Office. We have an appropriate form in the Office or on the website. Failing this, you can email the update to admin@newton-popleford.devon.sch.uk



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Celebration Assembly

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RECENT MOMENTS

Year 4 have started their project on the Tudors with this classroom display about Henry the Eighth.



The Tag Rugby team at the East Devon finals. They won 2 games and lost 1 in their group, qualifying for the quarter finals where they lost 4-2.

DONKEY ROADSHOW



Mary and Barney visited our school from the Donkey Sanctuary on the first Friday of the Summer Term. We all met these special visitors in our rainy playground!



ITEMS OF INTEREST



Lyme Regis Fossil Festival
 Fri 29th April - Sun 1st May 2016
 LYME REGIS COAST & TOWN VENUES AND CHARMOUTH HERITAGE CENTRE

- Visit the Natural History Museum
- Walk the Dinosaur Runway
- Explore inside a polar tent and try on cold weather clothing with the British Antarctic Survey & Scott Polar Institute
- Shop at the Fossil Fair
- Take the Fossil Walk
- Enjoy expert talks

www.fossilfestival.com



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Learn about fossils from top experts * Music
 Fossil Walks & Talks * Theatre * Hands-on Science
 Hands-on Art * Family activities * Fossil Fair

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Our Parent Support Adviser, Tracey Tipton, is now running Drop-in Sessions every Friday afternoon in term time from 1pm to 3.30pm.

The Drop-in is held at Sidmouth Youth Centre, Manstone, Avenue, Sidmouth.

All Parents/Carers are welcome to come along, have a cup of tea/coffee and meet other parents and carers in a happy, comfortable setting.

Our sessions are very informal and staff will also be available from the Youth Centre to offer advice and support.

You are welcome to drop in for a chat or attend any of the sessions planned. No need to book.




8-16 years east devon roots choir
 sidmouth learning community's transition choir

Led by experienced vocal coach Sarah Owen from Wren Music

NEW TERM STARTS ON WEDNESDAY 27TH APRIL!

Come and have fun learning new songs and fantastic harmonies from around the world - new members always welcome

The Main Hall, Sidmouth College, Primley Road. EX10 9LG
 Wednesdays from 5 - 6.15pm (10 sessions per term)
 Sessions are **FREE!**

For more info please contact Sarah Owen on 01837 53754 or email sarah@wrenmusic.co.uk

Devon Music Education Hub
 Sidmouth College
 wren music
 www.wrenmusic.co.uk

THE BIG WILD SLEEPOUT

The PTFA are looking for some families prepared to take the challenge of sleeping out on our local common. They are likely to encounter some of the creatures of the night with the guidance of RSPB experts.

Newton Popleford School PTFA has been approached by the RSPB offering a wonderful opportunity, for the school, to take part in **The Big Wild Sleepout**. This special event is for families from the school to spend the night in the wild. All you need to bring is your tent and sleeping bag and enjoy a night under the stars on Aylesbeare Common. Camping is not normally allowed on Aylesbeare or the heaths, so this is a unique opportunity to spend a night out in the wild.

The RSPB will be providing food cooked over their campfire before heading out onto the heathland for an evening walk to track down nightjars, owls, bats and glow worms. As well as wanting to support our local RSPB Reserve the PTFA aims to raise funds through sponsorship. If you feel you would like to take up this amazing experience, getting close to nature and the challenge of a night out in the wild, spaces are limited to approximately 40.

The cost which includes dinner and breakfast and guided activities is £25 for adults and £15 for children. The date for this event will most likely be in June or July, on a date that is arranged with the school/parents. Further details can be provided on request from Rachel Bolt and Bob Tubbs (bob.tubbs@gmail.com) on behalf of the PTFA.



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

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

Reception

Blaze Bastyan-Knight Zachory Raynor Isaac Watson Milo Barrett

Year 1

Holly Brown Finnley Campbell

Year 2

Emily Tubbs

Year 3

Holly Kavanagh Lily Belcher Katie Belcher
Grace Hodgson Jack Scorey

Year 4

Callum Johnson Harriet Keenan

Year 5

Nathan Shaw Joshua Flaherty

Year 6

Emile Greenleaf Katie Hallett

