

## Dates for your diary

**22nd June**  
**Filled Jam Jar**  
**Collection**

**24th June**  
**KS1 Mini-Olympics**

**26th June**  
**Y5 Class Assembly**

**26th June**  
**School Fete 6pm**

**29th June-1st July**  
**Year 5 Bikeability**

**29th June**  
**Y6 Life Skills@ the**  
**Donkey Sanctuary**

**3rd July**  
**Y6 Fish'n'Chip**  
**Camping**

**6-7th July**  
**Year 6 Induction at**  
**Sidmouth College**

**8-10th July**  
**Porridge**

**13-17th July**  
**Year 6 Induction**  
**week at King's**  
**School, Ottery**

**22nd July**  
**Leavers' Assembly**  
**& Last day of**  
**Summer Term**

**3rd September**  
**First day of**  
**Autumn Term**

# POPPLEFORD POST

**2015/05**

**JUNE 2015**

Dear All

What a busy and exciting time it has been recently. Year 5 spent last week at Escot, with great weather and an exciting time was had by all (more news and photographs on this in a future Poppleford Post).

This week, of course, we have had KS2 sports day, which saw some excellent sporting performances and next Wednesday morning (24<sup>th</sup> June) we have the KS1 Mini Olympics at 9:45. Don't forget the PTA Summer Fete on Friday, with many more exciting events happening during the rest of the term as well.

Also on the sporting front, the Year 6 TAG rugby team have enjoyed some unprecedented success this year, going all the way to the Devon Finals, where they came in the top 4. This meant they then could compete this week in the Devon and Cornwall finals. They finished 8<sup>th</sup>, which means they are 8<sup>th</sup> out of over 600 primary schools in the area – I'm sure you'll agree this was an amazing achievement by the children concerned.

Let's all hope this glorious weather can continue over the next few weeks, so we can all enjoy it both at the weekend and when we are holding events at school.

Have a good weekend

Mr Vaughan



## PUPILS HELP SET WORLD RECORD

A team of 10 pupils from Newton Poppleford Primary School has returned from a once-in-a-lifetime world record breaking trip to Twickenham. The group, all aged eight and nine, were selected to represent Devon at the recent Aviva Premiership Rugby Final, as part of the "tackling numbers" programme, which mixes maths with sport.

The pupils had the chance to be part of a historic bid to set the world record title for the longest human representation of a mathematical equation. A total of 323 youngsters from across the country lined up along the length of the stadium's famous pitch to successfully set the record. And at half time, in front of 82,000 spectators, the group laid on a Tag Rugby demonstration. See more pictures on our school website.

Year 4 teacher Mrs Winterburn said "The whole day was fantastic. They waited in the tunnel before they went on at halftime. It was all a bit surreal. As the teams came on, they announced each over the tannoy.

How many times do you hear "Newton Poppleford Primary School" announced to 82,000 people. It was very special - a once-in-a-lifetime thing for them."



## CREAM TEAS FOR SALE

Cream teas will have been on sale during the KS2 school sports day (**Tuesday 16th of June**) and will be on sale at the KS1 mini Olympics (**Wednesday 24th June from 9am to 11.30am**) to help raise money for the Year 6 legacy project.

The legacy project is for Year 6 to leave something for the rest of the school when they move on to their new schools. We will be creating a very large felt picture, which the whole class will make, to capture the school as it is now. This masterpiece will be put up in the new building, when it is built. All this will help us leave our mark on this beautiful school.

You will be able to buy delicious scones with jam and cream (£3.00) and a wide range of mouth-watering teas (starting at 50p per cup).

# POLICE WORDS OF ADVICE

## KEEPING SAFE ON THE SCHOOL RUN

Dropping the children off at School is well known to be one of the most stressful times in any parent's daily life. Getting your children up, breakfasted, washed, clothed and ready for the trip to school can be a nightmare. This is often compounded by the school letter being handed to you at the door by your child because they forgot to give it to you last week. You then spend the next 10 minutes trying to find enough egg boxes, old toilet roll tubes and other such items to allow your child to make some model depicting coastal erosion, the life cycle of a bumble Bee or the Viking invasion of Britain. All before you have left the house!

Of course the trip to school is also a favourite time to be told of forgotten P.E. kit or trip money etc.

As a parent, I've been there; I know what it's like!

All these stressed out parents descend on Newton Poppleford Primary School at about the same time every weekday. They then have to negotiate an extremely narrow road which will only support one way travel, a car park that is nearly always full, and vehicles and pedestrians everywhere.

You, as a parent, are doing exactly the same as every other parent/carer there at that time. You are trying to get your children through the school gates safely, and on time.

Now I've reached the point of my writing in the newsletter.

Due to recent complaints to the Police about the traffic problems outside Newton Poppleford Primary School during drop off and pick up periods, I have spoken to both East Devon Council and Devon County Council parking enforcement, who are responsible for dealing with the parking restrictions outside the school and car park. Both have agreed to increase Wardens/enforcement Officers patrols in the area in the mornings and afternoons.

I would like to offer you some words of advice that hopefully will help reduce the likelihood of you receiving a ticket and maybe eliminate your stress, but more importantly prevent a child being seriously hurt or worse.

**Slow down.** If you are running late, a few extra minutes will not matter.

**Turn music off** music/radio or anything that can distract you whilst driving.

**Concentrate.** Your dropping the kids off may seem routine but it's not. Your children are precious to you.

**Think!** Just because you can see other vehicles/pedestrians doesn't mean they can see you!

**Park appropriately.** Parking restrictions (double yellow lines and zigzag lines) are there to prevent accidents, injury and death! If you park or stop on double yellow lines you add to the congestion and you reduce visibility for both pedestrians and other road users, which could result in an accident. Stopping on the zigzag lines outside the school entrance and allowing your child to exit the vehicle, just so you can see them through the gates, not only frustrates other motorists but also it adds to poor visibility. Again this could result in a child being run over and seriously hurt.

**Be considerate.** You and your journey are no more important than anyone else's.

**Leave five minutes earlier.** I know it's not always possible but if you did you could park safely and walk your child to the gates.

**If you walk.** Try and keep your children close and don't let them run on ahead of you.

**CHILDREN DON'T HAVE THE LIFE EXPERIENCE TO BE FULLY AWARE OF POTENTIAL DANGERS!**

*PCSO 30190 Blanchford-Cox—Sidmouth Neighbourhood team*

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## RECENT MOMENTS



Plant spotting in Reception Class



Year 5 pizza making



At Topsham for the Devon Tag Rugby



Year 5 at Escot



Year 3 on their river walk to Colaton Raleigh



At Twickenham for the Aviva Premiership Final