

# SCHOOL MATTERS

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM NEWTON POPPLEFORD SCHOOL

## FRIDAY 22ND JANUARY 2021

### FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Firstly, could I once again thank all parents for your support at this time, it is very much appreciated by all staff.

I would like to remind all parents about wearing a mask on school premises at this time – this is part of the school's risk assessment and a requirement for all visitors to the school site. I was sadly made aware of a parent making disparaging comments about mask wearing last week. In school we clearly educate the children of the importance of respect. While on school premises, I would ask that parents show this same level of responsibility and example to our children. I do appreciate that at this time there are people with different views, and if yours is that you don't wish to wear a mask, then please ask someone else to collect your child.

**Devon and Cornwall Police's** website informs people as to how the Police interpret the Covid 19 rules and how they recommend people should interpret these rules.

Covid links and information including the national reporting portal and FAQs can be found at <https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/advice/covid-19-coronavirus/>

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**Cygnets Autism Reminder** - this is a free programme for parents starting on 22nd February 2021.

It is for parents/carers of Devon school children aged 7- 18 pre or post diagnosis who are currently on the autism assessment pathway, in addition to those who have received an autism diagnosis.

Email [LDP-LearnerSupport@babcockinternational.com](mailto:LDP-LearnerSupport@babcockinternational.com) for more details.

[www.newton-poppleford.devon.sch.uk](http://www.newton-poppleford.devon.sch.uk)

☎ 01395 568300

✉ [admin@newton-poppleford.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@newton-poppleford.devon.sch.uk)

The Twilight after school club phone number is ☎ 07513269489

**Need Help with access to online learning?** Password re-sets? Logging in issues? We may not be able to solve a problem immediately but we will do our best to solve issues as quickly as we can.

**Free school meals:** if you think your child might be eligible for free school meals then you can apply for these via the Citizen portal online: [https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal\\_LIVE/en](https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/en). If you have more than one child, you will need to apply for each separately.

**Food Bank** - If your family is struggling financially and would benefit from this then we can make referrals to local food banks. Please contact us via phone or email if you need this support.

**Accelerated Reader** - If parents or children are finding it hard to log into , then please use this link: <https://ukhosted98.renlearn.co.uk/6712093>



**Sustrans Outside In** activities include videos, games, weekly challenges, themed activities and more. Designed by Sustran's knowledgeable, experienced and fun-loving Schools Officers, the four-week activity pack is full of cycling, walking and scooting themed fun. Outside

In weekly updates are packed with creative, active and interesting indoor and outdoor activities for all the family. More information can be found at <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/campaigns/outside-in/>.

Our **school allotments** have been woodchipped, weeded and are now ready to be used. We have received a fantastic pack full of seeds and information sheets. Each class has a pack of sunflower seeds and a set of 3 potatoes. As gardening club is not running at the moment, preschool have got a packet of runner beans and we will plant them in the gardening club bed.



### **Domestic Abuse Codeword Scheme**

Last Thursday 14 January, the Home Office launched a domestic abuse codeword scheme in thousands of pharmacies across the UK. The 'Ask for ANI' codeword scheme allows those at risk or suffering from domestic abuse to discreetly signal to pharmacy staff that they need help accessing support. A trained pharmacy worker will offer a private space where they can understand if the victim needs to speak to the police or would like help to access support services, such as a national or local domestic abuse helpline.

If you are experiencing domestic abuse and need immediate help, ask for 'ANI' in a participating pharmacy. 'ANI' stands for Action Needed Immediately but also phonetically sounds like the name Annie. If a pharmacy has the 'Ask for ANI' logo on display, it means they're ready to help.

For more information please go the following web page: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/domestic-abuse-how-to-get-help>