# SCHOOL MATTERS

### THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM NEWTON POPPLEFORD SCHOOL

## Friday 18th June 2021

#### From the Headteacher

Following the announcement earlier this week that restrictions are not to be lifted until 19<sup>th</sup> July, we have, as a staff, had to look again at what we are able to do.

With this in mind we will be doing sports events with the children in the w/c 12<sup>th</sup> July, but unfortunately at this time will not be able to invite parents due to the government guidance currently in place that we have to follow. We will take pictures and share these with you.

We have now moved the Year 5 and 6 performance of 'Porridge' to Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July as an outdoor performance, as such we have a reserve date of Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

The Year 6 leavers service will be on the last day of term – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – at 11am and currently this is also planned to be outside.

We have made these decisions with a somewhat heavy heart, but have to keep in mind that restrictions may not be lifted on 19<sup>th</sup> July. Equally should changes be made bringing forward changes we will keep our plans flexible. The staff continue to appreciate your support at this time.

#### **Word Millionaires**

Leo in Year 3 is now a double Word Millionaire! Oscar in Year 5 is now a double Word Millionaire!

Latest word count is 46,513,034 which means we have smashed our target of 45,000,000 for the end of the school year. Amazing work! Well done for being such enthusiastic readers. We now have a new target of 50,000,000 words by the 23rd July.



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For any Twilight after school club matters please phone the main school number.

#### **Exmoor Challenge**

Oskabah Leeson-Kings writes: "Our school was doing the Exmoor Challenge, and we were all very excited; we had done all the run-up walks and couldn't wait for the event. Today, we found out that it was cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions. Our Headmaster, however, has said that we are still doing the walk, just not in the challenge format. I decided to make my journey a fundraising effort, donating to Sands, who helped my Mummy and Daddy through the death of my sister, Sesame, and the NHS who have done so much to help with Coronavirus. The Exmoor Challenge is 16 and a bit miles and I would love it if you could sponsor me... Thank-You!

The link is <a href="https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/ExmoorChallengeWalk">https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/ExmoorChallengeWalk</a>

#### **Print Workshop**

Year 3 spent the day in Adventure Island, enjoying a wonderful print workshop. First, we made brightly coloured prints using different leaves and flowers that we found. We tried various techniques to create a range of effects. Then we designed our own 3D characters from card and made a print using them.



Finally, we worked together to draw maps, leaning on different coloured inks. These created fantastic multi-coloured maps. Everyone enjoyed the day and learned some new art skills.

#### From the PTFA - Summer Fete 2021!

#### **School Lottery!**



This half term the non cash prize is a YEAR'S worth of VEG BOX deliveries! Plus we have a local Newton Pop jackpot winner EVERY WEEK! The more players, the bigger the jackpot... buy your tickets at yourschoollottery.co.uk

#### 😂 Summer Fete!

It's time for the jewel in our fundraising crown! If we're going to pull off the party we all need then we need your help!

**Tombola Items** - Great quality soft toys and filled jars (filled with anything; stickers, lego, hair bands, sweets, etc) please, bring in any time.

**Cakes** - Cupcakes or tray bakes for the cake stall please, bring in on the day of the fete.

**Nom-Uniform Day** - Friday 9th is own clothes for the kids, instead of money, please bring a bottle for the tombola!



