

SCHOOL MATTERS

THE FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER FROM NEWTON POPPLEFORD SCHOOL

Friday 26th January 2024

A Message From Mr Pope

Dear Parents carers,

Our website has now been updated with lots of extra information regarding the curriculum at Newton Popleford. Please do take the opportunity to take a look at the learning that your children will be undertaking throughout their time at the school. This half term I have taken the opportunity with colleagues to visit classrooms and see some of the wonderful learning taking place across our history and geography provision. We have seen comparisons between climates in year 5; the experience of evacuees and analysis of propaganda in WW2 and the study of significant individuals in year 2 to name just some of the wonderful learning experiences taking place. The children have also been enjoying orienteering as part of their Forest school curriculum which has been really enjoyable for all of them.

Our online safety pages are now live on the website and available for parents to look at. There is a wealth and information and support out there for everyone. Again, please take a moment to have a look. We are also arranging an NSPCC parent workshop for internet safety. Although online, we will be inviting parent into school for this event so that you can talk to us and we can find out your feelings and concerns on this important subject. This is part of our Safer Internet Day which takes place in February. The workshop itself is on the 14th March at 5pm.

Our Snowy Owls in Year 1 have been leading the way with a wonderful idea of a competition.

“Where do we like read”

We would like to extend this to the whole school. The competition will be running from now until World Book Day on the 7th March. All you need to do is find an interesting place to read a book of your children’s choice – it could quite literally be anywhere! Take a picture and send it or bring it in to us and we will do the rest. We may well display some of our entries in and around the school site so keep a watchful eye. The biggest challenge will be to keep up with Mr Morison and a member of our Hive – both of whom are leading the way reading in many an exotic place.

World Book Day is on the 7th March so entries will close just before then.

Best Wishes, Mr Pope



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

Pre-School Ice Experiment

Pre-School took advantage of the cold weather last week to explore ice and worked out ways to free some of our figures that were frozen in it!



Trampolining Festival

Year 6 had a great time trampolining at Sidmouth College. They played some fun games, did a circuit and each had a go jumping on the trampoline. Everyone went home happy and tired!



Adventure Island

Over the last two weeks children have been developing their teamwork and map reading skills through a variety of different activities. Years 1 and 2 enjoyed working in teams to complete a scavenger hunt, Years 3 and 5 had great fun completing cone orienteering and years 4, 5 and 6 have used compasses to find north and then orient a map of Adventure Island correctly. We have explored fun ways to use our maps such as plotting routes for a partner to follow and hiding objects and marking their location for a teammate to find!



PTFA News

Happy New Year from the PTFA! If your New Year's resolution is to support the school, do some charity work, or be part of a team of lovely selfless humans, then get in touch! Text Teri on 07909 798441 to be added to the PTFA WhatsApp group where you can find out all the ways you can get involved. In the meantime, we've got some wonderful PTFA news to cheer up this grey January;

CHRISTMAS FAIR! Not only did we all have a fabulous time at the fair, we also raised a fantastic £1,100! Thank you so much to everyone who helped make this event such a success.

PRESCHOOL NATIVITY RAFFLE! Thank you to all those who donated prizes and bought tickets, this event raised an amazing £217!

MR FILER'S TENNIS CLUB! The wonderful Mr Filer ran a tennis club for children last term for donations, he split the profit between the NP tennis club and the PTFA, raising a brilliant £40 for the PTFA!

Upcoming Events:

- **SCHOOL DISCO!** Thursday 8th February, we're ready to party! See poster for details.
- **TROPIC PARTY!** This term! Date TBC, Sian and Carly are planning a very special Tropic party featuring a make-up tutorial!

PTFA

Newton Pop PTFA
Thu 8th February
School Hall

Choose your time slot;
3:30-4:15 or 4:30-5:15

Preschool - Year 6 welcome at both sessions
All children must be accompanied by an adult,
this is **NOT** a 'drop and run' event!

£2 per child

Ticket price includes a bottomless squash drink!

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Please book by paying via School Gateway,
any queries please contact;
Georgia 07967 017726 or Teri 07909 798441

Parent Information Sessions Around Funding For Childcare

Devon Early Years and Childcare Services are running some online sessions for parents in February to give an overview of what funding is available and the eligibility criteria parents need to apply for different funded streams and how a child can access funded time.

These sessions are on offer on:

Monday 5th February 10:30-11:30am

Wednesday 7th February 19:30-20:30pm

Wednesday 14th February 16:00-17:00pm

Please click on the link below for session links.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/eycs/parent-information-sessions-around-funding-for-childcare/>

Job Vacancy

Fixed Term Administration Assistant (Maternity Cover) for 17.5hrs/week

Job Vacancy at Newton Poppleford Primary School

Administration Assistant: Part-time (17.5hrs per week). Fixed Term to cover maternity leave. Start date:22/03/2024.

Pay rate: £11.79-£11.98/hour. **Closing date for applications:** 17:00pm on 15/02/2024 **Interview date:** 20/02/2024.

We are looking for an enthusiastic and hard-working individual to join our busy, friendly administration team. The successful candidate will work as part of our small team, under the direction of the School Administration Manger. We aim to provide an outstanding administration service to the school and wider community and are looking for someone who will share this commitment.

The post holder will provide general admin support, including reception and front of house duties, and must work well in a team. Good numeracy, literacy and IT skills are essential. Training will be provided where needed and we welcome candidates who have not worked in a school before.

The contract will be fixed term to cover maternity leave and is likely to be for a year. The post is part-time, for 17.5 hours per week, starting on 22/03/2024. The 17.5 hours will need to be worked as follows:

Monday 08:30 – 12:00

Tuesday 08:30 – 16:00

Friday 08:30 – 16:00

There may be additional hours available to cover staff absence, as and when required.

Visits to the school are very much encouraged and interested candidates are invited to make an appointment to visit the school with Mrs Angela Nash, School Administration Manager, on 01395 568300.

To make an application, please complete an application form and email to the school office (admin@newton-poppleford.devon.sch.uk).

Dates for Your Diary Until February Half Term

Tuesday 30th January: Sporty Stars Glow In The Dark Dodgeball KS1 17:15pm & KS2 18:15pm.

Friday 2nd February: Year 2 Great Fire Of London Online Session
NSPCC Number Day

Monday 5th February: Chinese New Year

Tuesday 6th February: Safer Internet Day
Year 1 Judaism Session

Wednesday 7th February: Year 5 Science Workshop Sidmouth College
Year 1 Church Trip

Thursday 8th February: National Child Measurement Programme
Royal Opera House - Meet the Artists
PTFA School Disco

Friday 9th February: PE & Fitness Event Day
Break Up For Half Term

Monday 19th February: First Day Back For All Staff & Pupils

Sporty Stars Glow In The Dark Dodgeball

Please see the poster for more information about Glow In The Dark Dodgeball., taking place on Tuesday 30th January at Newton Poppleford School. To book or for more information follow the links below.

KS1 - 5:15pm - 6:15pm: <https://bookwhen.com/glowsports44/e/ev-sddd-20240130171500>

KS2 - 6:30pm - 7:30pm <https://bookwhen.com/glowsports44/e/ev-s402-20240130183000>

