School Matters

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM NEWTON POPPLEFORD SCHOOL

Friday 16th September 2022

Date's for your diary

September

Monday 19th
School closed for Queens funeral

Monday 19th—23rd
Year 6 residential

Tuesday 20th
Change to school dinner menu (Monday menu)
Drop in with Mr Pope 2.50pm - 3.30pm

Friday 23rd
KS1 story telling event

Wednesday 28th
Year 3/4 cross country

Thursday 29th
Year 5/6 cross country

Friday 30th
Year 5 swimming

October

Friday 7th
year 5 swimming

Saturday 8th
Sidmouth science festival

Wednesday 12th
flu vaccinations

Thursday 13th
Year 3 school trip

Thursday 13th
PTFA AGM Meeting
7.30pm

Friday 14th
Year 5 swimming

Wednesday 19th
Year 5/6 mixed football

Friday 21st
Last day of half term

Monday 31st
Inset day

From the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a very eventful first two weeks of school and continue to be impressed by our wonderful pupils. As a community and nation, we have all been experiencing a moment in history and the children have been extremely curious and engaged. We have tried to allow the children time to value and reflect on this in school through assemblies and class activities. We will also be carrying out some art work to celebrate and commemorate the life of the Queen which will eventually be on display in Sidmouth next to the Sidmouth Samaritans Shop.

I have been fortunate to see the children in class and at break times and I am very much looking forward to getting to know them more individually over the coming days, weeks and months. I would like to extend my thanks to those parents who have joined me to discuss the school and share their viewpoints. It is very important to me to discover the wishes of parents and how much community engagement is valued. There Is another opportunity next week on Tuesday should you wish to join me.

Next week is another exciting week for us as our oldest children leave for their residential on Monday and our reception class start their full days. I hope everyone has a restful weekend and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Tuesday.

Best Wishes,

Mr Pope

From Mrs Singfield

Today, we had our first Reading and Maths assembly of the school year. We celebrated all the children who took part in the Gadgeteers Summer Reading Challenge at the library. It is wonderful that so many children kept up their reading over the summer holidays. We now have a new challenge for all the children who are on AR. Our Whole School Word Target is to read 60,000,000 words by the end of the school year. Please encourage your children to keep reading, so we can meet our target. Reader of the Week certificates will continue to be awarded to all the classes as well.

Attendance: As a school, we will seek to develop an empathetic and sympathetic approach to all that we do. Currently, we are reviewing our attendance procedures. It is very important that we maintain a high level of attendance for the well being and education of the children. More details will follow but I would ask that parents are mindful of this and if attendance has been problematic expect the school to be making and maintaining contact.

Gentle Reminders

Please can we remind parents to close the gate properly

WALES & WEST UTILITES: Wales and West utilities will be closing Back Lane between Station Road and the side of the Tennis Courts on 25th October 2022 for 20 days. They will also be closing Newton Poppleford and Harpford Footpath 3, between Chestnut Way and Back Lane on 25th October 2022 for 20 days.

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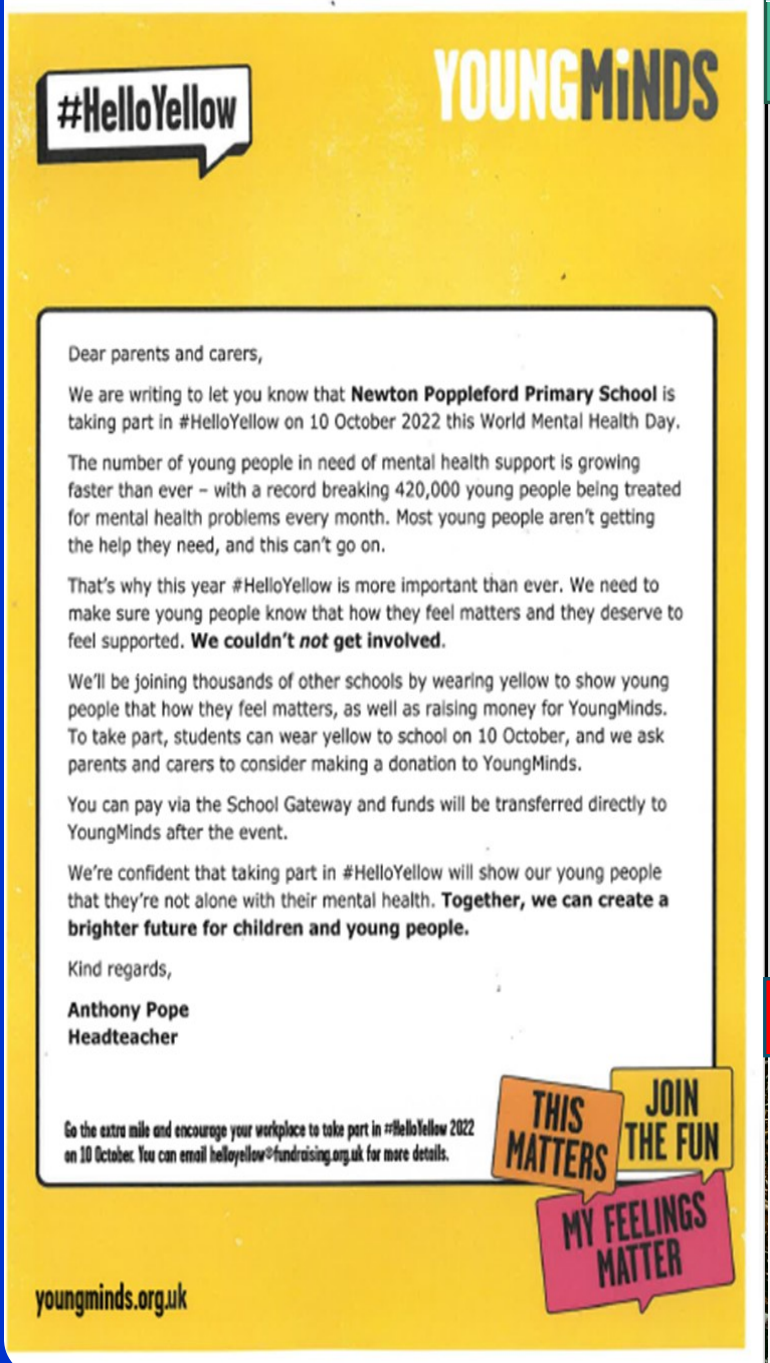
For any Twilight after school club matters please phone the main school number.

Health for Kids

DCC Public Health Nursing has launched two new websites to provide school age children and their parents/carers with health and wellbeing advice. The websites, developed with Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust, include evidenced based national content which has been co-designed with parents, carers, children and young people as well as locally written content and information about Devon services.

Health for Kids provides information for primary school aged children and includes games, videos and quizzes. The site consists of four different worlds: Staying Healthy, Illness, Feelings and Getting Help. Each world is populated with different areas for children to learn about their health





Sidmouth Science Festival

Design a Robot Competition for Sidmouth Science Festival

On Super Science Saturday 8th October we will be joined by 2 large robots which will roam around town. If you would like to join our robots, sponsored by Jurassic Fibre, as a VIP then you need to enter our competition. We have already set the Schools' Art topic as robots this year so you may already have some ideas. What we'd like you to do is design a robot which you would like to help you in everyday life.

Send a photo of your design to: info@sidmouthsciencefestival.org by Monday 3rd October and the best 3 will be exhibited on our website, social media and the local press. You will then be invited to meet our robots and walk in front of them as they parade around town as well as have your picture taken with them. Don't forget to include your name, age and contact details.

Happy designing!

Message from PTFA

Welcome back for another year! We were so proud of the PTFA team last year , both our fundraising total and the amazing projects, resources and experiences we were able to fund. We are looking forward to this academic year and what we can achieve together.
If you would like to be apart of the core PTFA team , please contact your class rep or Teri .