

# SCHOOL MATTERS

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM NEWTON POPPLEFORD SCHOOL

## FRIDAY 26TH MARCH 2021

### FROM THE HEADTEACHER

In a time when we are being encouraged to think of the wellbeing and health of others, please bear that in mind when you drive and park a vehicle in the area around our school. If you are using the free car park opposite the school, please consider how and where you park so that our children are safe as they walk across the car park. Thoughtless parking may cause other cars to reverse or squeeze through tight spaces. These situations may endanger innocent children.

End of term is next Wednesday, 31st March. It is **NOT** a non-school uniform day. School WILL end earlier as has been the tradition for many years.

*Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 will finish at 1.20pm on Wednesday and children in Years 3,4,5 and 6 will finish at 1.30pm.*

School restarts for the Summer Term on Monday, 19th April.

### WORD MILLIONAIRES

Congratulations to this week's Accelerated Reader reading scheme Word Millionaires!

To become a Word Millionaire all you have to do is read a million words in your school or home reading books since the beginning of the school year last September.

This week's Word Millionaires:

**Year 5 Oscar and James (we missed his picture out last week!)**



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The Twilight after school club phone number is ☎07513269489

## FROM THE PTFA...

### EGG DECORATING COMPETITION!

Let's get creative this Easter holidays! Any egg, any medium, anything goes! See poster or website for details.

### KIDS SPONSORED WALK!

Every child has been challenged to walk/run/cycle 3.5 miles over the school break.

As a class they will have covered the entire Jurassic Coast path!

As a school they will have gone all the way from LANDS END to JOHN O'GROATS!

See sponsorship form or website for details.

## Egg Decorating Competition!



Let's get creative this Easter holidays!

You can decorate any egg; a drawing, a chicken egg, ostrich egg... anything goes!

Use any medium to decorate it; pens, paints, stickers, glitter... your only limitation is your imagination!

### Prizes to be won!

Only £1 per entry

Payable through the PTFA option on Schoolcomms payment system, or by cash to your class teacher after the holidays

Ask your grown-up to send a photo of your creation, clearly labelled with your name and class to; [terilouisemurphy@yahoo.com](mailto:terilouisemurphy@yahoo.com)

**Closing date for entries: 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

All proceeds to the PTFA, registered charity No: 1015155



## NEWS FROM WEST COUNTRY SCHOOL MUSIC LESSON DATES – SUMMER TERM 2021

Please find below details of the scheduled music lessons in the Summer Term 2021. All our lessons are on a TUESDAY. We do not anticipate that any lessons will change day in the Summer Term (unless you receive a separated email specifically informing you of this). Any replacement lessons will be scheduled for the first available 'spare' week. Lesson dates for the summer term are:

April 20,26

May 4,11,18 (Spare week 25th May)

Half Term

June 8,15,22,29

July 6 (Spare weeks 13 & 20th July).

You will be pleased to know that last week's Comic Relief donations totalled £157.





## **FROM THE PTFA...**

### **PTFA UPDATE REPORT!**

We thought you would like to know what the PTFA has been up to in the first half of this school year! We've been busy trying to fundraise despite another lockdown or two, a school closure, and in line with government guidelines and school policy. It's been very sad not to hold our normal big events like bonfire night, Christmas fair, and Easter eggstravaganza, but it hasn't stopped us!

#### **What have we raised this year so far?**

- £48 donation from Beauty Box
- £50 donation from The Gardens Airbnb
- £177 from our half term pumpkin trail
- £623 from buying the children's Christmas cards
- £336 from our Bag2School clothing collection
- £450 from the Christmas hamper raffle
- £60 from the Christmas bear hunt trail
- £50 so far from our Terracycle crisp packet recycling

And some of our weekly school lottery winners have generously donated their winnings to the PTFA!

We are also delighted to announce that we have secured a **£1,000** grant from the Tesco Bags of Help scheme! This money will go towards providing an outdoor weather-proof classroom in Adventure Island, meaning that the area can be used for year round learning and play.

#### **What have we been spending it on?**

The school have gratefully been spending all this hard earned cash on our children! We have funded the loose part play equipment (crates, ropes, planks, tarpaulins etc) that the children have been using at break times to let their imaginations run wild. We have bought nearly fifty new books for the library that promote cultural diversity for all the year groups, and we provided crafting supplies for every class for some messy Christmas crafting sessions.

We also had an incredible donation from one set of parents, which the PTFA topped up, to enable the purchase of a whole school subscription to Spelling Frame, a brilliant tool both for home learning and back in the classroom!

#### **Thank you!**

The PTFA are so grateful to all the parents, carers, grandparents, and staff who help us fundraise to support our children's learning, we couldn't do it without your generosity and dedication, thank you. Teri Murphy, PTFA Chair

**Join us!** *Unable to meet in person this year, there is an ongoing PTFA meeting via WhatsApp, if you'd like to get involved then why not join the chat? Message Teri on 07909 798441 to join in!*