

SCHOOL MATTERS

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM NEWTON POPPLEFORD SCHOOL

FRIDAY 5TH MARCH 2021



FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Just in case, my email earlier this week escaped your attention, I include it here in this week's School Matters. We have also included the days each class will be at Adventure Island and having PE lessons.



We are all looking forward to welcoming your children back on Monday 8th March. We will be continuing to follow the DfE guidance at this time and the following is a reminder of the systems in place including start and end times for the day.

We continue to have 7 'bubbles' in school, there will be a bubble for each class from Year 1 to Year 6, Pre-school and Reception class will be one bubble. Within their bubble children will not need to socially distance, but bubbles cannot mix and won't be together at break or lunchtimes. (continued on next page)

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The Twilight after school club phone number is ☎07513269489

The start and end times for each year group are as follows:

Year group	Start time	End time
Pre-school	9:10 – 9:20	3:10
Reception	9:10 – 9:20	3:10
Year 1	9:00 – 9:10	3:15
Year 2	9:00 – 9:10	3:15
Year 3	8:50 – 9:00	3:20
Year 4	8:50 – 9:00	3:20
Year 5	8:40 – 8:50	3:25
Year 6	8:40 – 8:50	3:25

One of the things we must insist on is that parents stick to these times. This is to avoid crowding being caused either on the playground or outside of school.

The one-way system will continue to operate.

For parents of children in Pre-school, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 please proceed along the path to the lower ground floor. When you

have left your child proceed around the school building and leave by taking the stairs to the upper floor, across the bridge to the playground and exit via the gate to the car park.

For parents of children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 we are asking that you leave your children at the school gates and for them to walk in following the one-way system.

At the end of the day you can come onto the playground to collect your child; you should enter by the main gate and exit through the gate onto the car park.

We also ask that parents continue to socially distance in line with both National and DfE guidelines for schools.

All adults on school premises must wear a mask (unless they have a medical exemption).

What can my child bring to school?

- Children should wear school uniform apart from PE and Adventure Island days .
- Children who are having packed lunches can bring their lunch in a normal lunch box.
- Children can bring a water bottle into school.
- Children can bring coats and bags into school.
- We are encouraging all children in Years 2 to 6 to bring their own pencil case to school (and stay in school) with the following items - Pencil (HB), Sharpener, Eraser, Glue stick, Whiteboard pen (medium nib or whichever your child is comfortable using), Eraser (matchbox-sized sponge is suitable), a small assortment of coloured pencils

PE Kit and Adventure Island kit – we are asking children to come into school in their PE kit on days they have PE, similarly to wear Adventure Island clothes on the day they have Adventure Island.

Children who need to can bring mobile phones into school. In line with school policy these will need to be left with staff in the school office and turned off during the school day.

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Visitors to School

This will be the same as last term. We are trying to restrict the number of visitors in school. We would therefore ask that parents do not come into school wherever possible.

Breakfast and Twilight

- Both Breakfast and Twilight will now take place in the school hall.
- Children attending Breakfast and Twilight will be kept in their year group bubble.
- For Breakfast the start time will now be 8:10 am and children will be taken or sent to class at the appropriate time
- For Twilight this will now end at 4:45pm. These times are to allow for cleaning and setting up.

Year group	Adventure Island	PE
Reception	Wednesday	Tuesday/Thursday
Year 1	Friday	Wednesday & Friday
Year 2	Tuesday	Friday
Year 3	Tuesday	Tuesday
Year 4	Thursday	Wednesday & Friday
Year 5	Friday	Tuesday & Wednesday
Year 6	Friday	Wednesday & Thursday

WORLD BOOK DAY

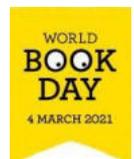


World Book Day Dressing Up at home?

Here's Elin in Year 1 and Nia in Reception!

We are grateful to Winstone's books in Sidmouth who have given us a large donation of books. You can order children's books online from Winstone's via their bookshop.org site:

<https://uk.bookshop.org/shop/winstonessidmouth>. We say a big thank you. Winstone's say "Love Books, love reading, support local!"



BREAKING NEWS!!

This week some of the Year 3 children made a very exciting discovery... a tiny little door has appeared in their classroom, just above the skirting board! Can you believe it? The Minpins have found their way from Adventure Island; across the grass, up the drainpipe, behind the wall and in through the magic door! The Minpins have missed you all so much they came on a daring mission to see where you all are. As you can imagine they were super happy to hear that everyone will be back next week! Exciting times ahead!

The March edition of the Adventure Island e-magazine, *Cosy Club*, is also available to download from the school website under Adventure Island, we hope you enjoy!