

# SCHOOL MATTERS

THE FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER FROM NEWTON POPPLEFORD SCHOOL

## Friday 2nd December 2022

### A Message from Mr Pope

Dear All,

The Christmas period is upon us and we are entering a time of great joy and celebration for many. We are so pleased that the children will be able to perform and that you will be able to join the school for many of our events. Unfortunately, we do have to place some restrictions on numbers in our hall and any indoor events are ticketed. This is part of the reason that we have a Community Carol Concert as this will be held outdoors and will enable everyone to attend. The community event is not ticketed and open to all. We are really hopeful of the weather! We have also arranged a Christingle at the Church (for the children only) on the last day of term. We know that not all families will wish their children to attend this and we have a holiday party at the school ready for those that do not wish for their children to participate. This time of year is also a time when we often think of others. As a society and community, we are all aware of the hardship many in our local area and beyond are facing. As a school, we want to help and we will be creating some donation points for drop off and pick up times where families that feel they are able to can give to local foodbanks and community larders. Lastly, I would like to draw everyone's attention to the upcoming winter fair on Sunday. It promises to be an amazing event and unlike last year, hopefully not too windy.

Mr A Pope.

### Year 4 Artist Visit with Steve McCracken

This week Steve McCracken came into school to work with Year 4. Steve McCracken is a local artist, who used to attend Newton Poppleford Primary School when he was a child. The children really enjoyed learning about Steve's work. During Steve's visit the children created their own Sid the seagull. They were amazing!



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

## All Things Christmas Music

**Tuesday 6th December** 10:30-11:30 Pre School Nativity

14:00-14:45 Reception and KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal

**Wednesday 7th December** 14:00-15:00 Reception and KS1 Nativity

**Thursday 8th December** 14:00-15:00 Reception and KS1 Nativity

**Monday 12th December** 11:00-12:00 KS2 Carol Concert Rehearsal

13:30 KS2 Carol Concert Years 3 & 4 please don't arrive before 13:20pm

14:30 KS2 Carol Concert Years 5&6 please don't arrive before 14:20pm



**Thursday 15th December** 14:00-15:00 Christmas Extravaganza (Brass Band Sing Along With Parents), weather - permitting on the playground but if the weather is not on our side we will move into the hall, but unfortunately parents won't then be able to attend.

**Friday 16th December** Christingle

### TICKETS

- Tickets for the Reception/KS1 nativity will be sent home today. All requests were accommodated and there are a few spare tickets left. If you would like any extra tickets, please ask in the school office. These will be offered on a first come, first served basis. Please ensure you bring your tickets on the day.
- For our KS2 Christmas Carols on Monday 12th December we will be having two performances in the afternoon as our hall only has capacity for a certain number of people. We will be issuing each child's family with two tickets for the performance. You must only attend for your child's year group and will need to bring your ticket with you. Tickets will be issued next week.

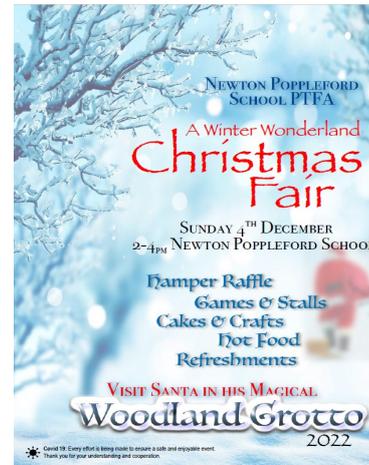
### A Message From The PTFA

**Christmas Fair!** The PTFA Christmas Fair is THIS SUNDAY 4th December, 2-4pm in the school. Visit Santa's magical wonderland grotto (in Adventure Island, wear appropriate footwear!) Enjoy a mulled wine and win one of our famous festive hampers!

**Christmas Jumpers!** Not too late to donate your preloved Christmas jumpers, grab a bargain Christmas jumper at the PTFA Uniform Shop at the fair this Sunday!

**Be A Book Buddy!** What's your favourite children's book? Can you donate a copy to the school library? Pop in to Winston's in Sidmouth to become a book buddy!

**Shopping??** If you are an online shopper why not use the [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) portal and select the PTFA as your chosen charity? Or even easier, activate Amazon Smile in your app to give to the PTFA every time you shop!



Was your child born between  
1st September 2018 and  
31st August 2019?

### How to Apply for a Primary School Place in Devon

You can apply online at  
[www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](https://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline)  
from 15th November 2022 to the 15th January 2023

If you cannot access the school admissions website you can get more information by calling our Education Helpline on  
**0345 155 1019**  
or email: [admissions@devon.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@devon.gov.uk)



Even if you have already given details to a primary school, you must apply for a place through the Admissions Team. This is the only way to apply; other forms or lists held by schools will not count.



### Primary School Applications

You will be aware that children born between 01/09/2018 and 31/08/2019 are entitled to start full time Primary Education in September 2023. The application facility opens on **15th November 2022 and closes at midnight on 15th January 2023**. It is important that parents apply before the closing date, even if they are intending to defer their child's application until later in the academic year, they must secure a place before that decision needs to be made. Below is the link where you can find the portal of where you can fill in the application form in for your child.

[https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal\\_LIVE/en](https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/en)

## [Devon Annual Consultation On School Admissions 2024/25](#)

Devon's annual consultation on School Admissions Arrangements 2024/25 is now running and will close on **Friday 6th January 2023**. Details of the consultation can be found here: <https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/arrangements-and-policies/admissions-transport-and-relevant-areas-consultation/>

Responses must be submitted either by email to [schoolsadmissionpolicy-mailbox@devon.gov.uk](mailto:schoolsadmissionpolicy-mailbox@devon.gov.uk) or in writing to School Admissions and Transport Consultation, Devon County Council, Room L60, County Hall, Exeter EX2 4QG by Friday 6th January 2023. All responses will be shared with schools and considered. A report will be presented to DCC's Cabinet meeting on Friday 10th Feb 2023 for determination including the individual admission policies for community and voluntary controlled schools.

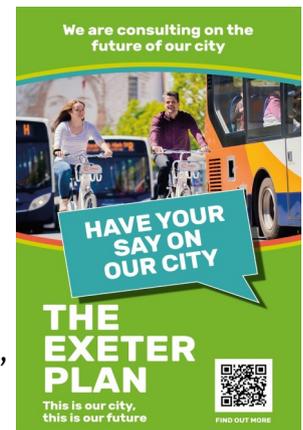
### **The key dates for consultation are:**

Devon LA consultation ends: 6 Jan 2023; Admission arrangements to be determined: 28th Feb 2023; Admission arrangements to be published: 15th March 2023; Deadline for formal objections to the School Adjudicator: 15th May 2023.

The consultation includes the co-ordinated admissions schemes for the LA, the education transport policy and relevant areas for admissions purposes. It also includes the individual school policies for all state-funded, mainstream schools within Devon and the academies in the neighbouring LA area's listed. There are proposed changes to the boundaries of many school across the county of Devon for 2024/25. Maps can be viewed here: <https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/school-designated-areas/>

## [Have Your Say On Our City](#)

**This is our city. This is our future. Have your say! Do you have views on the future of Exeter?** If so, you might be interested to learn that Exeter City Council have launched a consultation on the Exeter Plan, which will shape the future of the city through to 2040. They are keen to get the input from Exeter's residents, including young people! The Exeter Plan will be the blueprint for the evolution of the city over the next twenty years. It sets out where development should go, what it should look like and provides policies on key issues, such as health, which will be used for planning applications. Cllr Emma Morse, Lead Councillor for City Development and Planning said: "This consultation is so important and we really want everyone in Exeter to get involved. Every policy within the document-from housing to climate change, culture to employment, has the potential to affect each of us in Exeter." The Exeter Plan and feedback questionnaire are available at <https://exeterplan.commonplace.is/> The consultation is open for your comments until 19th December 2022.



## [Happy Families, Happy Futures Devon](#)

**Happy Families  
Happy Futures Devon**

**We can help if YOU are:**

- Constantly arguing about the same things with your partner or ex-partner
- Struggling to communicate with your partner or ex-partner
- Disagreeing with your partner or ex-partner on ways to raise your children

We can offer you **FREE** support to help build a positive parenting relationship. The programmes are aimed at supporting parents, both together and separated, to reduce parental conflict, develop positive communication and problem-solving skills, to manage emotions and create more positive environments for their children.

Please scan the QR code to complete the referral form, or visit [www.dcf.gov.uk](http://www.dcf.gov.uk) and search for "Parental Relationships"

Happy Families, Happy Future Devon are here to offer free support to help build positive parenting relationships. The programmes are aimed at supporting parents, both together and separated. Please see the posters for more information. To complete a referral form please follow the link below. <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=W7hbaktWskmo-H9qINCAtI0tAZbYwBRFXXiIAsYHx->

### **Parental Conflict – Information for Parents**

Most of us have disagreements about things in our relationships – whether this is related to putting the washing in the basket and not on the floor! spending too much time on the phone, or what to watch on TV! Not all conflict is damaging, however if those disagreements are frequent, prolonged, not resolved and deal with and lead to continual arguing, it can all have a negative impact on children.

Indeed there is a growing body of evidence that shows Children who witness adults shouting, arguing, ignoring each other frequently or for long periods of time, can negatively impact on their self-esteem, mental and physical health, behaviour, academic achievements and relationships with others.

Conflict in relationships can occur in all types of families: between biological parents, step parents, foster and adoptive parents, parents and grandparents and separated and divorced parents to name just a few.

### **How Happy Families, Happy Futures Devon can help....**

We are offering **FREE** programmes which are aimed at supporting parents, both together and separated, to reduce parental conflict, develop positive communication and problem-solving skills, to manage emotions and create more positive environments for their children.

#### **Family Transitions Triple P**

\* Advice and guidance to support co-parenting and to deflect the pressure of divorce or separation away from children

#### **Within My Reach**

\* Help to understand and develop healthy relationships and the positive impact this can have on children

Please click on this link [Happy Families, Happy Futures Referral Form](#) to request support, once received someone will contact you for an initial conversation to make sure it is the right programme for you.

## The Way We Talk

The Way We Talk training program is breaking the link between speech, language and communication needs and disadvantage, exacerbated by COVID-19, to improve relationships, resilience, social, emotional, mental health and life chances. It is giving parents, carers and professionals the opportunity to upskill in this area and close the gap left by the pandemic. Please the link below for more details. <https://www.dcfp.org.uk/life-chances/the-way-we-talk/>

## We Need Your Pupil's And Their Families Help!

East Devon District Council is seeking views on its plans for the future of East Devon up to 2040. The Local Plan is the key document in determining what development will go where, and it is vital that the District Council hears what people think to inform the final proposals. It sets out how the District Council intends to meet housing targets and deliver new jobs, whilst addressing the climate emergency, supporting town centers and protecting built heritage and the natural environment. A key element is proposals for a new town in the western side of the district. The consultation can be viewed and commented on online. [https://eastdevonlocalplan.commonplace.is/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://eastdevonlocalplan.commonplace.is/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

## WALES & WEST UTILITIES

- Wales & Weston Utilities will be closing the footpath in Newton Poppleford/Harpford between Chestnut Way and Back Lane for 10 days from 5th December 2022.
- Wales and Weston Utilities will be closing Back Lane between Station Road and the side of the Tennis Courts on 5th December 2022, for 10 days. An alternative route will be sign posted and Wales & Weston Utilities will maintain pedestrian access during their work.

## Dates for Your Diary Up to Half-Term

<b>Sunday 4th December:</b>	PTFA Christmas Fair
<b>Tuesday 6th December:</b>	Pre-school Nativity Reception/ KS1 Dress Rehearsal
<b>Wednesday 7th December:</b>	Reception/ KS1 Nativity Year 3/4 Multi-skills Festival Parent Drop In Session With Parent Support Advisor
<b>Thursday 8th December:</b>	Reception/ KS1 Nativity
<b>Friday 9th December:</b>	Theatre Alibi Year 4 Swimming
<b>Monday 12th December:</b>	Reception Parents Make & Do KS2 performance Carols and Readings
<b>Tuesday 13th December:</b>	School Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
<b>Thursday 15th December:</b>	Community Sing Along With Brass Band
<b>Friday 16th December:</b>	Last Day Of Term Christingle At The Church Christmas Class Party's
<b>Tuesday 3rd January:</b>	Inset Day
<b>Wednesday 4th January:</b>	First Day Back For Pupils Parent Drop In Session With Parent Support Advisor

(We are having a Christingle service this year, however unfortunately due to the size of the church there isn't enough room to invite parents.)