

# School Matters

The Weekly Newsletter from Newton Poppleford School

**Friday 10th September 2020**



Dear Parents

I am writing to you with an important announcement. It has become clear over the past few weeks that something strange has been going on down in our wooded area, Far Field. Our Caretaker, Mr Ableson, and some helpers (thank you) have spent time cutting back brambles and mowing the grass and Mr Ableson has come to me with some surprising stories; unusual foot prints, items appearing out of thin air and strange whisperings, to mention just a few.

With further investigation, Mr Morison discovered that the wooden gate is actually a portal that leads to, not Far Field, but to a magical 'other world' called *Adventure Island*.

We feel so lucky to have discovered something so exciting on our doorstep and we cannot wait to explore the island further with help from the children. We would like to invite you on our adventure too and promise to keep you posted as we discover what mysteries lie beyond...

Have a good weekend!

## School Dinner Menu



The school dinner menu is available to download from the school website.

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Dear Parents,

It has been really good to see all of your children back this week. Hearing all the chatter, laughter and excitement is so fantastic. I would like to thank you all for trying to learn our new systems with respect to the staggered starts and ends, along with the one-way systems. Could Year 1 and Year 2 parents wait by the outside of their children's classrooms at the end of the school day.

Please could I stress that wherever possible parents try to arrive in the correct time slots:

• Years 5 and 6	8:40 - 8:50	3.30
• Years 3 and 4	8:50 - 9:00	3.20
• Years 1 and 2	9:00 - 9:10	3.15
• Reception and Pre- school	9:10	3.10

We need to continue to see how this works, and may need to review and change things possibly.

Also could I ask that parents make sure that children do not play with any equipment at this time.

We have a few members of new staff this term who I would like to welcome to the Newton Poppleford family:

- Mrs Harris has joined Little Popples
- Mrs Gimson is a new TA in Year 1
- Miss Gaston is our new teacher in Year 2
- Mrs Morgan is a new TA in Year 4
- Mrs Brook is a new TA in Year 6
- Mrs Twelvetrees will be covering some of Miss Pulling's maternity leave in year 1 as well as doing Adventure Island in Year 4 on a Thursday.

We have also welcomed back Mr Thomas in his TA role

Stuart Vaughan  
Headteacher

## Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination

Any child from Reception to Year 6 is eligible for a Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination. Please go to the link below to complete the consent form for your child's flu vaccination. **Even if you do not want your child to receive this vaccination, please complete the consent form stating "no" consent.** You will also find answers to your FAQ's on this link.

<https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2020/devon>

It is anticipated that this will be delivered in schools between October 2020 to December 2020. This will be administered adhering to all up to date Infection Control, PPE and social distancing guidance at the time.

If you have any difficulties with completing the consent form please contact the Immunisation Team on their Single Point of Access (SPA).

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