

An aerial photograph of Newton Poppleford School, showing the main building, a large green field, and a parking area. The school is surrounded by trees and a fence.

# School Matters

The Weekly Newsletter from Newton Poppleford School

## Friday 17th July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As this is our last newsletter of the school year, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all parents and carers for the support you have shown during the challenging past term and a half.

I realise it has been a difficult time for many parents, in many ways. A huge well done to all of you for the resilience you have shown.

I would like wish all of our Year 6 leavers every success and bright futures as they move onto their Secondary schools in September. I hope they enjoy every minute of their time at Secondary school and that they will take advantage of all the new and exciting activities and opportunities that will open to them.

We do, as well, say a fond farewell (although I am sure we will see them all back at some point) to 4 very valued members of staff.

**Miss Hawkins**, who has been with us for 3 years, is off to train as a teacher. Good luck to her in her career, I am sure she will make a fantastic teacher.

**Mrs Clay** is leaving Little Popples. I am sure many of your children will have fond memories of the support that Purple Mel gave them as they started on their journey in education.

**Mrs Coogan** who is leaving after 14 years. She has been an inspiration to all the children she has taught, leaving them with lasting memories of learning and enjoyment. She will be missed by us all!

**Mrs Thomas** is now taking a well deserved early retirement. I know that every child who has passed through her class in these past 18 years at Newton Poppleford has had the best possible start to school. Mrs Raffell knows she has some very big shoes to fill.

All four members of staff have been invaluable members of a team that go to make our school special and they all leave with our very best wishes for the future. We thank them all.

Stuart Vaughan

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## Calling all handy men and women

If you or somebody you know is handy with a hammer and would like to take on a project over the summer, like the pallet den pictured below, then please get in touch!

Please email :

[nicolad@newton-poppleford.devon.sch.uk](mailto:nicolad@newton-poppleford.devon.sch.uk)

if you can help in any way - thank you!



## Get free food and vitamin vouchers from the Healthy Start Program

Healthy Start is a program to help families with young children get free food vouchers to spend on milk, plain fresh and frozen fruit and vegetables and infant formula milk. You can also get free vitamins for under 4's (Vit A, C and D) and vitamins if you are pregnant (Folic acid and Vit C & D). Because we're indoors a lot of the time at the moment, we might not be getting enough vitamin D from sunshine so a vitamin D supplement will help.

If you have children under 4 or are pregnant, and you or your family receive qualifying benefits you may be eligible - you can quickly find out here.

Applying is easy, you can print off an application form from the Healthy Start website and post it to the Healthy Start office.

Once you are registered, food vouchers are posted to you every 4 weeks and vitamin coupons every 8 weeks.

To make things easier at the moment, vitamins are currently being posted to families – please ask your midwife or Children's Centre for more information, or text your health visitor on 07520 631721

A poster for the Healthy Start program. It features a cartoon illustration of a family: a mother holding a voucher, a young child, a father holding a shopping bag, and a dog. The text on the poster reads: "Free milk, fruit, veg and vitamins for you and your family". Below the illustration, it says "To apply please see the form inside www.healthystart.nhs.uk". At the bottom right, it says "HEALTHY START" and "Devon County Council" with a leaf logo.

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## Reminder

From the September term, we would like it if parents from Year 2 upwards would be willing to help us out by providing their child(ren) with an individual pencil case to be kept in school. *This will assist us with practical cleaning issues and also reduce the amount of items that children share in school.*

The pencil case should contain the following stationery 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

Tissues

Surface wipes

We would like to stress that please only provide this *if you are able to* as we will continue to supply pupils with items if needed. Other additional items will also be provided by the school, eg. rulers, handwriting pens, scissors, purple pens etc.

- Please look out for emails sent home from school about next year's arrangements. There is a lot of information to digest so it was felt easier to send the information in separate emails during the summer holiday.

Our School Leaver's Service is taking place this afternoon outside on one of the school fields. Ollie Hurford won the Spirit of Devon Award for commitment to learning and Emily Tubbs won the Joan Small Commemorative Plate for music.

Here are some photos of the early proceedings:







Goodbye and a  
fond farewell to  
all our leavers!

Have a safe and  
happy summer  
break. See you in  
September!



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