

SCHOOL MATTERS

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM NEWTON POPPLEFORD SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY 31ST MARCH 2021

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As we reach the end of term, it certainly has been challenging in many ways. I hope you and your families are all able to enjoy a good break, before we all return on Monday 19th April. We are looking closely at the summer term and are currently planning a few events, which we hope parents will be able to attend.

We are planning to have sports days during the w/c 19th July – details of this will come out as soon as possible – but will be subject to any restrictions we have to follow. We are planning to have a Year 5 and 6 performance – a date will be decided for this, once we have final details for Year 6 transition events from the local secondary schools.

We will also be doing parent consultation meetings, these will be in the w/c 10th May and will be virtual, details of these will come out after half-term.

After half-term all classes will be having a dance lesson on a Thursday from a specialist dance teacher, their final performances will be recorded and sent home for you to enjoy.

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: terriouismurphy@yahoo.com

Closing date for entries: 18th April 2021

All proceeds to the PTFA, registered charity No: 2015155

REMINDER to settle school dinner accounts

Please ensure your child's dinner account is in credit before the start of the new term

ADVENTURE ISLAND SPRING TERM HIGHLIGHTS

Pre-School children have spent many happy hours in Adventure Island this term. We discovered that Hoddy Dodd (the friendly giant) comes when you call “Toodle ee”. We were lucky enough to hear him stomping and crashing through The Deep Dark Wood! We actually found his old gardening hat hidden beneath some leaves and he has said we can take it back to Pre-School and use it however we like. So far it has been a den and a sail for a boat.



Taxi driving Minpins, The Tick Tocks, have been causing mayhem in Pre-School, using our cars to have races at the weekends. This week they left reception children a trail of numbers to find. Number 7 was wrapped around one of the cars and we worked out that the words “tick tick” fit perfectly when you write number 7!



Strange things afoot in Adventure Island for Year 1 this term... Mr Vaughan alerted us to an incident he wanted us to investigate. When we got to the site, we found a crashed alien spacecraft! We can't really say too much about the goings on as they are strictly top secret. We can say, however, that we have been communicating with a small, friendly, little yellow alien who has been sending us messages. She's asked us for help and we are doing what we can to help her get home...



In Year 2 we have been doing lots of work on portraits this term. We wondered whether some scary faces might help to keep the goblins away, so we put our portrait skills to good use and got to work!

Year 3 have been busy making swings and shelters for The Minpins to play on and we have heard they are absolutely delighted with them!

We look forward to seeing what magic the summer brings...



Children in years 4, 5 and 6 have spent time playing and exploring. Pond dipping, tree climbing and cooking in the mud kitchen have been a lot of fun!



PREPARATION OF OUR CLASS ALLOTMENTS

The children have thoroughly enjoyed preparing the class allotments in the sunshine!

