

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 25th September 2020

Next Thursday, October 1st is our **School Census Day**, and, on this day, we will be having an amended lunch menu as follows:

Main:	Fish & Chips
Vegetarian option:	Quorn nuggets Jacket potatoes
Pudding:	American pancakes with toffee sauce

It is really important for the school that as many children as possible in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 order a school meal from the above menu on this day as this determines our future funding for Universal Infant Free School Meals - these are the free meals that all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to. If your child is unsure about having a school dinner, then they can always bring a packed lunch as a back-up.

The menu on the following day, Friday 2nd October, will also be amended, to account for the census day change, to: Hunters chicken, Veg Fajitas or Jacket Potatoes.

From the Headteacher

Dear parents/carers,

We're almost three weeks into the Autumn Term and our new routines are settling down well. The start and end of the day is going fine. Thank you for your support in these and other matters.

Please refer to the email sent out earlier in the week regarding advice about Testing. The advice has also been put onto our website. We will continue to share any updates about Covid with you in the coming weeks.

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The Twilight after school club phone number is 07513269489

Our #HelloYellow DAY – 9th October 2020

#HelloYellow

Help us spread the word that, together, we can look out for each other and feel hopeful about the future, by wearing something yellow and donating 50p - £1 that we shall send to YoungMinds.

Whether it's a scarf, hat, or your favourite bow tie, dig out your best yellow clothes or you could even dress up in yellow fancy dress, the Simpsons, minions, emojis, a banana costume – these are just a few ideas!

Wear them with pride on 9th October 2020 for **World Mental Health Day**.

SMILE SNAKE!

We would also like you to paint a pebble, you can paint it as an animal, an emoji, whatever you like, just as long as it has a splash of yellow!

Tip: if you have pva glue use it to cover the newly painted pebble to stop the paint washing off in the rain.

Once we have all the pebbles, we will then endeavour to make a smile snake!

If you don't have access to paint at home, don't worry. Bring in the pebble and we will try to complete at school.

Pre-School News



PE takes place on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Could you please make sure your child has suitable footwear?

Adventure Island takes place on Monday morning (https://www.newton-poppleford.devon.sch.uk/website/adventure_island)

Tapestry is now up and running – please check your emails for access to the Tapestry link.

Message from the PTFA

Save the date!

We have arranged another **Bag2School** collection for **November 25th!**

Donate your old clothes, shoes and other textiles and the PTFA receive money for every kilo! More details to follow.

One of our parents has kindly offered to donate 20% of her takings from new clients up to the end of October! Treat yourself to a beauty treatment in aid of the PTFA! Visit npbeautybox.co.uk

Playing with the Bog Babies!



Children have been having a brilliant time this week getting to know our Bog Babies and Adventure Island is proving to be a truly magical place! We have had great fun using Bog Baby Detectors (large sticks that 'BEEP' when a Bog Baby is beneath them) to scan the ground then follow the Bog Babies, who it turns out, are incredibly speedy! Some of us were down in Adventure Island

when the Bog Baby Bus drove underneath us which meant we all had to get our feet off the floor! It was a bit hairy at times but luckily, we all made it safely out of the way. Probably the best bit was discovering the Bog Baby Phones (traffic cones would you believe!). Lots of us had chats with a Bog Baby and in Pre-School they led us on a treasure hunt. We had to count the number of spots on each clue and in the end, we found a special tin which had a tiny pinecone, a toy cat and a very pretty little shell; gifts from the Bog Babies!



Here are some photos of Pre-School children down in Adventure Island and there is also a picture that captured the moment Year 6 children and Mr Long received messages from the Bog Babies out on the playground! The magic is starting to spread!



Follow us at

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