

SCHOOL MATTERS

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM NEWTON POPPLEFORD SCHOOL

Friday 10th September 2021

From the Headteacher

I hope you all had a lovely summer break. It has been a great first few days in school for the staff with all children. It is also lovely to back to something like normal. We have had our first whole school assembly in person since March 2020, the children can now choose where to go at playtimes and play with children not in their class - all positive changes. The best thing though, as ever, is seeing all their happy smiling faces back in school.



Please look out for an email about Marvellous Me, a new app that we will be using to share lots of positives about your child's time at school.

From the School Office

- **Twilight** and **Breakfast** clubs are now both in the library (8am - start of the school day & 3.15pm - 5 pm)
- Parents will need to use the intercom at the gate to enter the school grounds if the gate isn't open.
- Telephone number for twilight & breakfast club (out of school hours) is still **07513269489**.
- If your child walks home without an adult, please could you send a letter or email into the School Office giving your consent. This will help us in releasing children at the end of the school day.
- Could you make sure that your child has a pair of **wellington boots** in school so that they are able to make use of the school field during playtimes.
- There is now no one-way system around the school. However, parents can continue to use the system if they find it helpful.

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

Diary Dates

Friday, 17th September at 3.30pm

School Fete

Monday, 20th September - Friday, 24th September

Year 6 Residential to Skern Lodge

Friday, 22nd October

Inset Day

Monday, 25th October - Friday, 29th October

Half Term

From the PTFA

SUMMER FETE!

A mini version of our summer fete is on for **NEXT FRIDAY** 17th September, 3:30-5pm in the school playground. And we need your help!

🧸 **TOMBOLA ITEMS** - Great quality soft toys and filled jars (filled with anything; stickers, lego, hair bands, sweets, etc) please, bring in any time.

🍰 **CAKES** - Cupcakes or tray bakes for the cake stall please, bring in on the day of the fete.

🍷 **NON-UNIFORM DAY** - Friday 17th is own clothes for the children. Instead of money, please bring a bottle for the tombola!

🙋 **VOLUNTEERS** - Can you help run a stall? Or help set up or clear up? Get in touch! terilouisemurphy@yahoo.com

UNIFORM SHOP!

Our first uniform shop will be at the Summer Fete on Friday 17th September! Please bring in any donations for this to the school office any time next week!

CLOTHING BANK!

Have you seen our shiny new clothing bank by the bike shed? It is open for business! Please bring in your clothing any time. Every item raises money for the PTFA and diverts textiles from landfill!



From Mrs Turner

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Each week we will share a new guide from National Online Safety (see Page 4), which will focus on an issue that our children's trusted adults should be aware of so you can have an informed conversation about online safety with your children, should they feel it is needed.

Reception
Parade

Games

Animals

Fete
King & Queen

Cakes

Tombola

Maypole

Ice Creams

... and much more!!

NEW DATE

Newton Poppleford School
Friday 17th September
3:30 - 5 pm

EVERYONE
WELCOME!



Covid 19: Every effort is being made to ensure a safe and enjoyable event.
Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Online Safety Tips for Children

Wow, it's September already! The month when autumn officially starts and ... oh yeah, the beginning of a new school year. Every cloud has a silver lining though! Another term means new friends to make, different stuff to learn, fresh online trends to jump on and exciting new games to play on your phone, computer or console. We've compiled a list of our top tips to ensure that - whether you're going online to chat, research things or just have fun - you can do it safely.

Be cautious with your profile

Be careful not to give out too much info on your social media or gaming profiles. Details like your full name, address or school's name could all help strangers to actually find you offline. A trusted adult can help you make your profiles private - so only your family and actual friends can contact you.

Lock your devices

Taking your phone or tablet to school? Turn password protection on. It keeps your private info safe and stops anyone accessing your device without permission. Passwords should be memorable to you - but difficult for anyone else to guess. Get a trusted adult to write it down in case you forget it!

Be smart with screen time

Too much screen time, especially just before bed, can affect your quality of sleep. Losing sleep, or not sleeping well enough, messes with your concentration and energy levels. Try muting notifications so you don't get pinged late at night: you'll feel fresher and more focused the next day.

Know how to deal with bullies

Sadly there are people online who enjoy picking on other users. If you ever feel like you're being bullied online - by anyone, not just someone from school - talk to a trusted adult about it. Together, you can discuss possible steps, such as blocking or reporting the person who's targeting you.

Manage online relationships wisely

Most people in a relationship chat to their partner online. Just be mindful that once you send a pic or message (even if it's private), you no longer control who else might see it. Messaging someone you've never actually met - and who might not be who they say - is definitely best avoided.

React well to inappropriate content

When you're researching something online, there's always a chance of finding content that makes you feel uncomfortable or upset. If this happens, you can report it as inappropriate and (hopefully) get it taken down. Tell a trusted adult what happened: they'll help you decide what to do next.

Report offensive in-game chat

If you game online with your mates, you'll know things can get competitive and heated on the in-game chat. Playing against people you don't know (especially if they're older) raises the risk of offensive comments and even threats. Our advice? Find out how to block or mute those bad losers.

Learn to spot fake news

If you're looking into a topic for homework or a project, be careful not to get taken in by fake news: content that's deliberately created to mislead people. Check the story with credible sources, like the BBC or Sky News. Trust your instincts, too - if it seems too unbelievable to be true, it's probably fake.

Keep it 'real' with online friends

Everyone enjoys adding friends and followers on social media. It's important, though, that the people you interact with online really are your friends. If they're just random people you've connected with to increase your contacts, you don't know if they could be trolls or bullies (or worse).

