

SCHOOL MATTERS

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM NEWTON POPPLEFORD SCHOOL

FRIDAY 29TH JANUARY 2021

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Following the government's announcement earlier this week, we now know that children will be being home-schooled for at least another 4 weeks. As a staff we have discussed how best we continue with supporting home learning and ensuring we are also thinking about our families mental well-being (especially given the fact that next week is Children's Mental Health Week).

We will from next week, be making Wednesday – 'Well-being Wednesday'. Staff will post a lot of different non-screen activities for the children to do on that day – and those children in school will do the same. This means we will now only set 4 Maths and Literacy lessons each week, along with the other subjects. As with my letter earlier this week, everybody's well-being must come first at this time. To see my letter go on our website to:-

https://www.newton-poppleford.devon.sch.uk/website/covid_19_info/

Cygnnet Autism Reminder :- this is a free programme for parents starting on 22nd February 2021. It is for parents/carers of Devon school children aged 7- 18 pre or post diagnosis who are currently on the autism assessment pathway, in addition to those who have received an autism diagnosis.

Email LDP-LearnerSupport@babcockinternational.com for more details.

Staff Testing:- You will be aware from the media that staff testing is being introduced into Primary schools. We have received our delivery of tests for our staff this week. Staff will begin the testing process next week.

Please be aware that if any member of staff does test positive through this process, they and all close contacts will then be asked to isolate for 10 days . This could involve other members of staff or children who are at school and could necessitate us closing class bubbles.

www.newton-poppleford.devon.sch.uk

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✉ admin@newton-poppleford.devon.sch.uk

The Twilight after school club phone number is ☎07513269489



Lockdown lunches and meal plans:-

Change4Life have created recipes and shopping lists for families which can be used to create lunches for around £15 each week.

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/lunch/cheap-lockdown-lunch-ideas>

Free school meals:- if you think your child might be eligible for free school meals then you can apply for these via the Citizen portal online: https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/en

If you have more than one child, you will need to apply for each separately.

Food Bank:- If your family is struggling financially and would benefit from this then we can make referrals to local food banks. Please contact us via phone or email if you need this support.

Accelerated Reader:- If parents or children are finding it hard to log into , then please use this link: <https://ukhosted98.renlearn.co.uk/6712093>

Domestic Abuse Codeword Scheme:- The Home Office have recently launched a domestic abuse codeword scheme in thousands of pharmacies across the UK. The 'Ask for ANI' codeword scheme allows those at risk or suffering from domestic abuse to discreetly signal to pharmacy staff that they need help accessing support. A trained pharmacy worker will offer a private space where they can understand if the victim needs to speak to the police or would like help to access support services, such as a national or local domestic abuse helpline.

If you are experiencing domestic abuse and need immediate help, ask for 'ANI' in a participating pharmacy. 'ANI' stands for Action Needed Immediately but also phonetically sounds like the name Annie. If a pharmacy has the 'Ask for ANI' logo on display, it means they're ready to help.

For more information please go the following web page: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/domestic-abuse-how-to-get-help>

From Mr Long:- As part of our PE work, this weekend (30th/31st Jan) I would like you to get moving and see how far you can run or walk during your hours exercise. We're doing this class v class!!!!

Year 5 v Year 6

Year 3 v Year 4

Year 1 v Year 2

Send your totals to your class teacher and on Monday we will add up the Kilometres to see our class winners and the overall class with the most distance.

Please remember to stretch and warm up before going out running. Get your parents involved and the whole family can enjoy the activity. GOOD LUCK, Mr Long.

How do I measure distance? Use a pedometer, a fitness tracker or an app on a phone. These two webpages at <https://www.verywellfit.com/> have more information: bit.ly/3cnw3aa & bit.ly/3r7l9JH Measure your walk on google maps:- <http://bit.ly/3r7oZCB>



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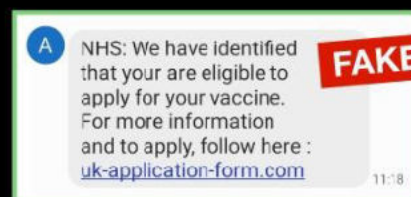
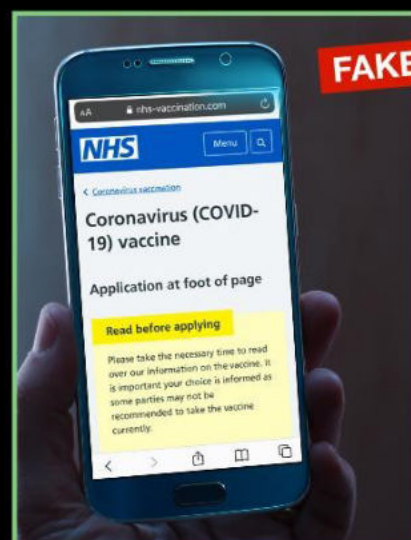
BE ALERT TO VACCINE FRAUD

Criminals are using the COVID-19 vaccine as a way to target the public by tricking them to hand over cash or financial details. They are sending convincing-looking text messages letting people know they are eligible for the vaccine or phoning people directly pretending to be from the NHS, or local pharmacy.

PEOPLE ARE WARNED TO BE ALERT TO THESE SCAMS

The NHS will:

- ⊗ **NEVER** ask for payment - the vaccine is free
- ⊗ **NEVER** ask for your bank details
- ⊗ **NEVER** arrive unannounced at your home to administer the vaccine
- ⊗ **NEVER** ask you to prove your identity by sending copies of personal documents such as your passport



FURTHER GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT



National Cyber
Security Centre

If you receive a call you believe to be fraudulent, hang up. If you are suspicious about an email you have received, forward it to report@phishing.gov.uk. Suspicious text messages should be forwarded to the number **7726** which is free of charge.

ActionFraud
National Fraud & Cyber Crime Reporting Centre
actionfraud.police.uk

If you believe you have been the victim of fraud or identity theft, you should report this directly to Action Fraud either online; actionfraud.police.uk or via phone **0300 123 2040**.

CrimeStoppers.

If you have any information relating to vaccine fraud you can stay 100% anonymous by contacting Crimestoppers COVID Fraud Hotline online; covidfraudhotline.org or phone **0800 587 5030**.