

SCHOOL MATTERS

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM NEWTON POPPLEFORD SCHOOL

FRIDAY 30TH APRIL 2021

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Following a regular review of our current COVID risk assessment, we have made the decision to expand our bubbles to be 2-year groups. So, Year 1 and 2, Year 3 and 4, Year 5 and 6 will now be 'bubbles'. This will help with our planning this term for events such as the Year 5 and 6 end of year performance and sports day. This will also mean a slight change for break and lunchtime for the children. Start and finish times will remain unchanged.

If you haven't already, please remember to book your parent meetings using eSchools. Once the booking system is closed, the appointments will be setup on Google and you will receive an email link on Wednesday or Thursday next week.

For those children who have My plans – these will be sent home by May 11th. The booking system to discuss these with Mrs Tollerfield will be open on Wednesday 12th May for appointments on Wednesday 19th May.

PYJAMARAMA DAY ON FRIDAY 14TH MAY

We are celebrating 'Pyjamarama Day' on Friday 14th May. It is a special day to celebrate reading and raise funds for the BookTrust. Their aim is to ensure every child in the country can experience the benefits of a bedtime story. You can wear your pyjamas or onesies to school (or if you'd feel more comfortable tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt!). Please ensure you have enough layers, so you don't get cold, and a waterproof coat. Please give a £1 donation if you can via the School Gateway. The payment item 'Pyjamarama 2021' will be live from today. Please do not bring cash into school for this collection - thank you.



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The Twilight after school club phone number is 07513269489

We are passionate about reading at Newton Poppleford and believe sharing books and reading for pleasure is so important for every child. When we talked to the children about reading last year, lots of them said they love it when their grownups read to them, even the children in Year Six. If you haven't snuggled up and read a book to your child/ren recently, why not try and find a time this weekend?



We will be doing lots of special reading related activities in school on 'Pyjamarama Day' including sharing books with others and hearing a special story from Mr Vaughan. We also ask that every child brings in their favourite book from home to share in class.

WORD MILLIONAIRES

Congratulations to this week's Accelerated Reader Reading Scheme Word Millionaire!

Year 3 : Sophie

To become a Word Millionaire, all you have to do is read a million words in your school or home reading books since last September.

ACCELERATED READER WHOLE SCHOOL WORD COUNT

We have set a challenging whole school target to read **45,000,000 (45 million!!!)** words on Accelerated Reader by the end of the summer term.

Please encourage your child/ren to read at home as much as possible to help us reach our target. Remember, children can do AR quizzes on books they have read from home or the local library, as well as school books. If your child is not yet on Accelerated Reader, please keep encouraging them to read at home, to improve their reading ability and confidence as a reader.

So far, the whole school has read **37,158,779** words. Amazing! Keep up the good work.

45,000,000



FROM THE PTFA

EGG DECORATING COMPETITION!

Mr Filer judged the competition entries (anonymously) and he was very impressed by all the entries, but the winners are in! Congratulations to:

Thank you for all the entries, the competition raised £32 for the PTFA.



Mili (PS)



Seb O (Rec)



Tommy (Rec)



Stanley (Y1)



Flossie (Y2)



Tilly (Y3)



Oscar (Y4)



Otto (Y5)

SPONSORED WALK!

Last chance to pay in your sponsorship money using the School Gateway/Schoolcomms payment system by 30th April please. (Cash via your class teacher still accepted for stragglers next week!)

Copy of the sponsorship form can be downloaded from the school website (under parents>>ptfa)

Don't forget that the closing date for booking a parent consultation is 9am on Wednesday, 5th May.