

DON'T FORGET SCHOOL ENDS NEXT FRIDAY AT 1.30PM

SCHOOL MATTERS

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM NEWTON POPPLEFORD SCHOOL

Friday 16th July 2021

From the Headteacher

Reports

Your child's report will be coming out today. For those of you with children in Years 1 to 6 this will come out via the eSchools email system at about 3:30 – 4:00pm, Please let us know if you don't receive this. For children in reception the reports will be on Tapestry later today.

Class arrangements for next year

We will not be making any changes to where teachers are next year, so they will be as follows:

Reception	Mrs Raffell
Year 1	Mrs Hall and Miss Pulling
Year 2	Miss Gaston
Year 3	Mrs Laureys and Mrs Singfield
Year 4	Mrs Turner with Mrs Tollerfield
Year 5	Mrs Bradley
Year 6	Mr Morison

The children will have a chance on Tuesday next week to meet their new teacher.

PE kit and uniform

As you are aware the government's guidelines for schools change from Monday 19th July. As previously stated we will not be making any changes until September and these will be sent out in the week before the children return (just in case we get new guidance). There are some changes, which we put in place because of COVID, that actually we will keep. One of these will be that on the days the children have PE, they will come to school in their PE kit. I thought it would be useful to let you know this now as I am sure many of you will be buying uniform over the summer break.



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



Pre-School and Reception had a lovely time during their Picnic in the Park. We were very fortunate to see the Devon Air Ambulance in the field and the crew took the time to talk to the children, once they had finished their call out.

Year 4 journeyed to the River Otter last Tuesday. The children enjoyed a day exploring our local River Otter, including making observational drawings and kick sampling.



Sports Days—Years 5 & 6 at Sidmouth College



Sports Days—Years 3 & 4



Parents Childcare Survey Summer 2021

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/eycs/parents-childcare-survey-summer-2021/>

Whether you use childcare or not, your voice counts. The answers you give in this short survey will help the Early Years and Childcare Service in Devon County Council to plan and make sure that there is enough childcare for you to work or train.

Diary Dates

Monday 19th & Tuesday, 20th July

Porridge production - 6pm

Friday, 23rd July

Leaver's Assembly - 11am

END OF SUMMER TERM - 1.30pm

From the PTFA

THANK YOU to everyone who bought tickets for the PTFA Grand Summer Raffle! We had some incredible prizes donated by generous local businesses and 35 lucky winners! The raffle raised a staggering £1,500 for the PTFA!

West Country School Music

West Country School Music have asked us to let you know that music lessons will be available for Key Stage 2 in the Autumn Term. Further information is available on the attached information leaflet.



PTFA Uniform Shop!

New for 2021!

The PTFA are launching a pre-loved uniform shop from September!

Please keep your reusable school uniform and donate it!



Watch out for more information in September!

COMING SOON...

Our very own clothing bank!

From September we will be collecting your unwanted clothing as an ongoing PTFA fundraiser. We will be paid per tonne of clothing that you recycle!



Great for the PTFA, great for the planet!

- As a business - As a family - In memory -

Sponsor a bench!

The PTFA is installing eight 'buddy benches' across the school site in 2021!

A buddy bench is intended so that if a child is feeling lonely, they can sit on a bench and everyone can see they are looking for a friend to play with; they help to promote kindness, inclusivity, and wellbeing.



This is your opportunity to give a lasting gift... Just a £50 donation to the PTFA will pay for the installation of a buddy bench, complete with a plaque with wording of your choice.

Contact terilouisemurphy@twinoo.com for more information.



Newton Poppleford Primary School PTFA is a registered charity no: 1015155

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you to everyone who has returned the colour banded reading scheme books already. We really appreciate it. There are still a number of books missing, so we'd be very grateful if everyone could check if they have any more at home.

Accelerated Reader books are to be returned by Monday 19th July. Please try to finish off any books over the weekend, so that quizzes can be done on Monday, before we take our final word count for the year.

During the summer holidays, please encourage your children to continue reading. Any reading is valuable whether it is reading books from home, comics or books swapped with friends. Please also make use of your local library. If you speak to the librarians, they are always very helpful at suggesting books at the appropriate level and you can order children's books online for free if you are a member.

<https://www.devonlibraries.org.uk/web/arena>

Accelerated Reader quizzes can continue to be done at home over most of the summer holidays. At some point during the summer, the system will update for the new school year, and the children will no longer be able to access it. However, quizzes can also be done upon their return to school in September.

<https://ukhosted98.renlearn.co.uk/6712093/>

We know that most of you read to your children at home, as they frequently tell us about books they have read with their families, and how much they enjoy being read to. Routines can understandably go out the window during the summer holidays, but they can also provide other opportunities to snuggle up with a book together. Research shows that being read to regularly has a very positive impact on children's development, and we see evidence of this in school every day. So we just want to say thank you for all that you do at home to encourage your children to love reading and become lifelong readers.

Many thanks for your support and understanding,

Kirsty Singfield
English Lead

West Country School Music

Information Sheet (September 2021)

Covid-19 edition



Welcome to West Country School Music

West Country School Music provides instrumental music lessons in your school. Usually these are for children in Year 3 upwards and the instruments available to learn are listed below. Our teachers are selected for their instrument knowledge and suitability to work with primary school children. We aim to work with you and your school to increase the musical opportunities here.

Please see our website (address at the bottom of this page) for much more information about our lessons and the general benefits of learning to play an instrument.

We look forward to helping your child begin learning to play a musical instrument and create their own music.

Why learn to play an instrument?

Learning to play a musical instrument stimulates and helps co-ordinate thinking and physical action and, of course, is great fun and very satisfying. Playing also develops confidence, concentration and team skills.

There is increasing evidence to show that the brain functions needed for maths and literacy are enhanced by learning to play a musical instrument and that the beneficial effects of this are greater the longer a child learns for. Learning to play a musical instrument is good for the brain in later life too!

What instruments are available to learn here?

Our teachers teach Flute, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Cornet/Trumpet, Trombone, Guitar, Keyboard, Recorder. (Violin is also available in some schools). We will try to find the best instrument for your child, not our favourite. Many instruments are available in 'mini' versions to accommodate smaller learners.

Lessons

We have found that children make best progress if they are at least 7 years old when starting. Lessons are usually given during the school day as agreed with your Head Teacher.

Children receive individual attention within a small group (usually 2 or 3 pupils) for 20 minutes ten times a term (usually 5 lessons before half term and 5 after). Different instruments may be present in a group. Lessons include music theory, aural training, instrument care, group work and general music skills as well as instrument technique.

Progress is carefully monitored and is recorded in the tutor book. Formal exams are also available when your child attains key levels.

Covid-19

Please see our Risk Assessment on our website. We are working with schools and the latest government guidance to make music lessons Covid-safe.

Lesson price

£73 per term (10 lessons per term). 1:1 lessons are also sometimes available.

Instruments: Hire or buy?

We can help with hire or purchase of instruments. If you are not ready to buy an instrument we have most instruments available to hire. Please phone to ask if we have what you need. Hire fees are currently £30 per term (£18 per half term) for most full sized wind instruments and keyboard (37 for Alto saxophone). The following holiday is included. Flute, clarinet, small trombones, violin and guitar are available at £18 per term.

We will also search for the best value student instruments for you to purchase, if required (wind, keyboard or guitar) so that you don't have to.

Music and consumables

The music and other items (e.g. Reeds etc.) your child needs, whether as a beginner or as they progress, are available to purchase from our office.

Any questions?

Please phone our office on 07740 117227 to ask any questions you may have, register your child for lessons or to purchase or hire an instrument. Office hours are 8 am to 6 pm, Monday to Friday.

† AIPS (Assisted Instrument Purchase Scheme) also available through most schools (parents pay no VAT on the Instrument).

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