

# SCHOOL MATTERS

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM NEWTON POPPLEFORD SCHOOL

## FRIDAY 8TH JANUARY 2021

### FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Although the country is back in lockdown and our school is only open to some children, we shall endeavour to continue our weekly edition of School Matters. If you have any pictures or stories about your children's successful home schooling we would love to share them on School Matters. We will continue to keep parents updated by email, School Matters and the school website. At this time, we are sending out emails almost daily, so, please keep checking your emails for any updates.

### FROM MR MORISON

I will be sending a reminder about the PSHE and RSE (Relationships & Sex Education) curriculum with a parental guide attached and a link to a google form. This is so that we can gather your feedback to inform our policy in these areas of the curriculum. The responses close on Friday, January 15th.

### PRE-SCHOOL REMINDERS

We are back to our original drop off and pick up times so please drop off promptly at 9am and collect at 3pm. If you pick up/ drop off at lunchtime please arrive promptly at 12pm.

Dress your child appropriately for the cold weather and ensure they have extra clothes if they need them . We do need to keep our room ventilated by having the windows and door open throughout the day . We will continue to use our outdoor space as usual .

Thank you for your continued support.

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The Twilight after school club phone number is 07513269489

## **RECEPTION APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021–**

### **DEADLINE 15TH JANUARY 2020**

If you have a child that is due to start school in September 2021 then the deadline for applications is Friday 15th January. The best way to apply is via the Citizen portal: [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline) or if you would prefer to make an application via a paper form then please request this from the school office.

If you need help in making an application then please do not hesitate to contact the school office - we are more than willing to help you complete an application online or will scan paper forms through to DCC Admissions if you would like us to.

Your child may be disadvantaged if you do not make an application by the deadline, as their application will be considered late. If the school you are applying to is likely to be oversubscribed then late applications are very likely to be refused admission, regardless of their priority for a place at the school.

## **CYGNET PARENT AUTISM PROGRAMME**

### **FREE COURSE FOR PARENTS**

Babcock LDP are pleased to announce more dates for the very popular Online Cygnet Programme for Parents starting on 22nd February 2021

#### **Who is it for?**

The programme is for parents/carers of Devon school children aged between 7 and 18 pre or post diagnosis. We are excited to announce that we have negotiated and agreed access for families of CYP who are currently on the autism assessment pathway, in addition to families of CYP who have received an autism diagnosis.

#### **How do I access the course?**

Simply email [LDP-LearnerSupport@babcockinternational.com](mailto:LDP-LearnerSupport@babcockinternational.com) to indicate you would like to accept the programme access offer (using the same email you wish weekly web link sending to). You will be asked to complete a Reply Slip to confirm details.

**Devon County Council** have asked us to highlight an online information session for parents in January. This session is aimed at parent/carers new to the journey of supporting their child with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). Further details can be found at:

[www.devon.gov.uk/eycs/demystifying-send-information-session-for-parents/](http://www.devon.gov.uk/eycs/demystifying-send-information-session-for-parents/)

A **Best Start in Life parent survey** for those with children under 5 years can be found here: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/BestStart/>

## **FROM THE PTFA**

Keep those crisp packets coming! Our Terracycle crisp packet recycling scheme is run by the school children's Eco-Council. Every kilo of crisp packets we recycle earns money for the PTFA and diverts them from landfill! Don't forget to save them up over the festive period and drop in the collection bin by the main entrance, thank you!