

SCHOOL MATTERS

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM NEWTON POPPLEFORD SCHOOL

Friday 23rd April

From the Headteacher

It has been a lovely start to the term, all the children seem to be very much full of the joys of spring. When I have gone around school it has been fantastic to see all their happy smiling faces and I am sure the weather is a great help. Long may it continue (with perhaps some rain at night for the gardeners and farmers)!

As was mentioned in the last School Matters on 31st March, parent consultations will take place in the week commencing 10th May. We will send details about this next week, along with booking details.

Word Millionaires

Congratulations to this week's Accelerated Reader reading scheme Word Millionaires!

Year 3 Jasparan

Year 5 Ava R, Matthew

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.



From the PTFA

TREES! The PTFA have arranged a donation of 30 trees (wild cherry, rowan and silver birch) from the Woodland Trust for the school grounds. They are being delivered next week and your children will be helping to plant them across the site!

SPONSORED WALK! Not too late to pay in your sponsorship money! Use the School Gateway/ Schoolcomms payment system or send cash in via your class teacher. Please return money by **30th APRIL**. A copy of the sponsorship form can be downloaded from the school website

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The Twilight after school club phone number is ☎07513269489

PTFA Mini Report 2021 – The Allotment Project!

The PTFA have funded and created a school allotment. You've probably noticed it slowly growing in stages and saw the first 'lockdown crop' harvested! We were very pleased to be involved in providing this important resource for our children. They can use it to learn about growing their own food and will get to experience the pleasure of watching their food grow, from seed to fork. We are delighted to declare it now fully open for growing business!

Our school allotment features nine raised beds, one for each class and an extra for a gardening club! We have a fruit orchard, poly tunnel, water butt, storage boxes, and various tools including 30x trowels, forks, kids gardening gloves, kneeling mats, and watering cans.

Mr Filer's Orchard

We have planted a fruit orchard next to the allotment, with apple, pear, plum, and sweet cherry trees. This orchard was kindly funded by Mr Filer as a gift to the children and we are very grateful for this kind and generous gesture.

Thank you

This project was funded by PTFA funds raised from our various events - which means it was funded by you, our generous and wonderful school community. We also received a grant from Newton Poppleford & Harpford Parish Council and another from Learning Through Landscapes, which included a staff training session.

Huge thanks to them and also to the following;

- The Tool Shed, for a donation of refurbished gardening tools
- South West Water for their gift of a water butt
- Rowse Tree Surgery for bringing us endless free woodchip
- Windsor Turf for a mountain of donated compost
- Various parents and members of the local community, who have donated a greenhouse, shelving, paving slabs, gravel, vegetable seeds, horse manure, and discounted top soil and timber

Special thanks to all those parents and staff who have gifted their time and hard labour to make this project happen, you have given up your weekends and gained blisters making this dream a reality. On behalf of the children at the school, thank you!

We look forward now to watching the children grow and harvest their yummy crops in the years to come!

Teri Murphy, PTFA Chair

Join us! Unable to meet in person this year, there is an ongoing PTFA meeting via WhatsApp, if you'd like to get involved then why not join the chat? Message Teri on 07909 798441 to join in!

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