

# SCHOOL MATTERS

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM NEWTON POPPLEFORD SCHOOL

## Friday 11th June 2021

### School Dinner Payments

Office staff are spending a large amount of time chasing outstanding school dinner payments.

Please pay for school lunches on a weekly basis (or further in advance if you would like). Lunches should be paid for in advance via School Gateway. If you have difficulty in paying at any time then please don't hesitate to contact the school office as soon as you have an issue. We will always try to help. Thank you.



### Free School Meals

Please see the leaflet attached on Page 3 regarding free school meals.

If you satisfy the criteria then please do apply as it will benefit both your child and the school. School office staff can help with your application if required, please don't hesitate to ask.

Children in Reception, years 1 and 2 do receive a free school meal anyway (known as universal infant free school meals) but if you qualify under the free school meal criteria, then the school will receive additional funds to help support your child in school.

If you satisfy the criteria, then your children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will receive a free school meal.

### Food Banks

We are able to refer families to local food banks. Please don't hesitate to contact the school office if you would like to access this support. Please email us ([admin@newton-poppleford.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@newton-poppleford.devon.sch.uk)), phone us (01395 568300) or speak to us in person, whichever is easiest for you. We have to take a few basic details from you to pass onto the food bank to make the referral, but the process is very quick and simple.

From September, the price of school dinners will increase to £2.40.

[www.newton-poppleford.devon.sch.uk](http://www.newton-poppleford.devon.sch.uk)

☎ 01395 568300

✉ [admin@newton-poppleford.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@newton-poppleford.devon.sch.uk)

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

## Covid Symptoms and Testing

If your child has Covid symptoms (high temperature, continuous cough, lack of taste/smell) and therefore requires a Covid test, you **must** take them for a PCR test which can be booked online. We are unable to accept the results of a lateral flow test carried out at home for a child who is displaying symptoms of Covid-19.

## Attendance

This is just a reminder of the rules around attendance as we are getting a **high number of late children** in school.

Under normal, non-Covid conditions, registration is at 09:00. Any child not present at 09:00 will be marked as follows:

**L - Late before registers closed** if they arrive between 09:00 – 09:10.

**U – Late after registers closed** if they arrive after 09:10. This is classed as an unauthorised absence.

Under current circumstances, with staggered starting times for classes, the following applies:

	Arrival	Register	L code	U code
<b>Children in Reception</b>	9:10 – 9:20	9:20	9:20 - 9:30	After 9:30.
<b>Children in years 1 and 2</b>	9:00 and 9:10	9:10	9:10 - 9:20	After 9:20
<b>Children in years 3 and 4</b>	8:50 and 9:00	9:00	9:00 - 9:10	After 9:10
<b>Children in years 5 and 6</b>	8:40 and 8:50	9:00	9:00 - 9:10	After 9:10

## Pyjamarama

The recent 'Pyjamarama Day' celebrating reading and books, raised £113 for the BookTrust. Thank you to everyone for contributing. The donations go to providing books for needy children.

## From the PTFA - Summer Fete 2021!

The famous Newton Poppleford PTFA Summer Fete is on! Friday 9th July, from 3:30pm. More details to follow, but for now... save the date!!



Some of Year 3 and 4 Athletes during a recent visit to Sidmouth College



## Artwork in Pre-School

Some of the children in Pre-School wanted to paint pictures of some famous artworks that we have put on display. They studied the pictures to find out what colours they would need.

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# FREE SCHOOL MEALS

## Do I Qualify?

### Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 at state schools in England automatically get free school meals. However, parents and guardians are encouraged to apply for free school meals when they enrol their child in school, as this can help their child's school to attract additional 'pupil premium' funding to support learning.

**Pupil Premium** is additional funding given to state-funded schools in England to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and close the gap between them and their peers. The criteria for Pupil Premium are the same as for Free School Meals. If your child's Free School Meals claim is authorised, it means that the school is able to receive the Pupil Premium funding for your child.

### Children from Year 3 onwards

From year 3 onwards, children whose parents are getting any of the following are entitled to free school meals:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- Income Support (IS).
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBSJA).
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA).
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, that does not exceed £16,190).
- Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment you get for a further 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).
- Children who receive a qualifying benefit in their own right can also get free school meals.

## How to Apply:

Apply online via the free school meals citizen portal please go to the web address below:

[https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal\\_LIVE/](https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/)

If you do not have access to a computer please call the Customer Service Centre on 0345 155 1019.

When you receive confirmation of your eligibility for free school meals you will need to show this to the school before your free school meals can start.

**If you need any further information or help then please contact the School Office  
– we are more than happy to help with applications.**