

# SCHOOL MATTERS

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM NEWTON POPPLEFORD SCHOOL

## Friday 7th May 2021

### From the Headteacher

Parent Meetings will be taking place next week, and, as you are aware, these will be over Google Meet. Using this format, as we have to, does mean staff will have to be very strict with timings, and they will give you a warning when there is about 2 minutes left on your allotted time. Invites for most meetings have been sent out, more will be being done soon, as the invite comes from Google, rather than school, please make sure you check your junk folder for this particular email.

### Pyjamarama Day on Friday 14th May

Next Friday we are celebrating 'Pyjamarama Day'. 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. The children and staff will be able to wear their 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' is already live. Please do not bring cash into school for this collection - thank you.

The BookTrust believe every child should experience bedtime stories and that is something we are focusing on. 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.

We have asked that every child brings in their favourite book from home to share in class. We will be doing lots of special reading related activities in school on 'Pyjamarama Day'.



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The Twilight after school club phone number is 07513269489



Ideas so far include:

- Sharing their favourite book from home
- Sharing books with others (hopefully we can do this within our bubbles now they are being extended)
- Mr Vaughan reading a story to each class
- Teachers going to other classes to read stories
- Reading books outside
- Collecting four nature objects from A1 and coming up with a story about them in small groups
- Drawing a picture of their favourite book character in pyjamas
- Designing a comic
- Telling children a story and asking everyone to come up with their own ending



Our school needs you! Help us win £5,000 of **National Book Tokens** for the school library - and get £100 for yourself! Just enter the competition online, it only takes a minute: [www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools](http://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools)



Year 3 loved their dance session with Katie Murray from Step Up and Dance. The children enjoyed the dance workout especially the Street Dance Jumps and the Lion Dance! During her visit Katie took each of our classes including Pre-School for a dance session.



## Planting Trees

The PTFA contacted the Woodland Trust who have donated 30 trees to the school

- 10 Wild Cherry
- 10 Rowan
- 10 Silver Birch

These have been planted around the school grounds this week by Years 5 and 6.



## From the PTFA

### SCHOOL LOTTERY!

This half term the non cash prize is one of FIVE £100 B&Q vouchers! Plus we have a local Newton Poppleford jackpot winner EVERY WEEK!

The more players, the bigger the jackpot... buy your tickets at [yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://yourschoollottery.co.uk)



Look out for the Pennies to Pounds containers in the classrooms.

## Pennies... to pounds!



### Can you spare some change??

Yes, the PTFA have gone full begging this half term... we want your loose change!

### Small change can make a BIG difference!

Each class has a container to fill, so please empty those pockets and send in your change **before half term.**

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