



School Matters

The Weekly Newsletter from Newton Poppleford School

Friday 18th September 2020

October 1st is our **School Census Day**, and, on this day, we will be having an amended lunch menu as follows:

Main:	Fish & Chips
Vegetarian option:	Quorn nuggets Jacket potatoes
Pudding:	American pancakes with toffee sauce

It is really important for the school that as many children as possible in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 order a school meal from the above menu on this day as this determines our future funding for Universal Infant Free School Meals - these are the free meals that all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to. If your child is unsure about having a school dinner, then they can always bring a packed lunch as a back-up.

The menu on the following day, Friday 2nd October, will also be amended, to account for the census day change, to: Hunters chicken, Veg Fajitas or Jacket Potatoes.

Thank you for your support.

Message from the PTFA

For the time being, PTFA meetings are genuinely illegal! We will arrange a virtual AGM this term, but there is a WhatsApp group for discussing normal meeting matters. If you would like to be added to this group please text your phone number to Teri 07909 798441. Sadly, cake sales, are also postponed until further notice.

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Our #HelloYellow DAY – 9th October 2020

#HelloYellow

Help us spread the word that, together, we can look out for each other and feel hopeful about the future, by wearing something yellow and donating 50p - £1 that we shall send to YoungMinds.

Whether it's a scarf, hat, or your favourite bow tie, dig out your best yellow clothes or you could even dress up in yellow fancy dress, the Simpsons, minions, emojis, a banana costume – these are just a few ideas!

Wear them with pride on 9th October 2020 for **World Mental Health Day**.

SMILE SNAKE!

We would also like you to paint a pebble, you can paint it as an animal, an emoji, whatever you like, just as long as it has a splash of yellow!

Tip: if you have pva glue use it to cover the newly painted pebble to stop the paint washing off in the rain.

Once we have all the pebbles, we will then endeavour to make a smile snake!



If you don't have access to paint at home, don't worry. Bring in the pebble and we will try to complete at school.

Labelling

During these times when children have to use their own belongings and equipment, could you please make sure these belongings and equipment are carefully labelled. It is obviously difficult to return their belongings if they get lost or mislaid.

An update on changes to our governing body

Both Mrs Bramble and Mrs Pinney have now retired from the governing body> They have both been governors for over 10 years and we have given them our grateful thanks for all their support to the school during that time . We are also welcoming Mrs Dowsing, Mr Oldroyd and Mr Trengrove as parent governors - I am sure they will help to continue the fantastic work of the governing body.

An Exciting Discovery – The Bog Babies!



On Monday 14th September, Pre-School children went to Adventure Island and stumbled across a line of branches that led to the pond. We soon discovered a family of Bog Babies!

Bog Babies are small, brown and fluffy and they live under the ground. They often follow pathways of branches which mark where their little tunnels are so if any of them get lost (when they come up out of the ground) they can

follow the road of branches back to their home – The Swamp Bog (previously known as the pond).

They are noisy little creatures and they make a humming sound, we tried humming to see if a Bog Baby would come out, Kelly thinks she saw one waving from behind a bush but it disappeared very quickly, so she didn't manage to get a photo. If you get down and put your ear to the ground you may hear one scuttling about beneath you!

Bog Babies get underground through bogs or sometimes under large trees and apparently, they live under the ground all around East Devon so if you put your ear to the ground and start to hum you may get to see or hear one in your garden or out on a walk in the woods!

Here we are following the pathway of branches then searching for Bog Babies in the Bog Swamp.



As the week progressed many other children visited Adventure Island and also heard the Bog Babies! It would be brilliant if children could bring a big stick into school to leave on the field by the entrance because who knows? Maybe the Bog Babies will want to tunnel beneath the school grounds and they will need some pathways to follow!

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