

# SCHOOL MATTERS

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM NEWTON POPPLEFORD SCHOOL

## Friday 14th May 2021

### From the Headteacher

If you have occasion to use the school car parking area, please take extra care at all times. As you are aware, this remains the school exit. Therefore, cars and pedestrians have to share this parking area. However, pedestrians have the right of way.

**Following the government's updated guidance for schools, which comes into effect from Monday May 17<sup>th</sup>, the school's risk assessment has been updated. This means that from next Monday, parents *no longer need to wear a mask when outside on school grounds (this is now optional)*, unless talking to staff. *Parents should still wear a mask when passing through school to exit using the stairs or when coming to the school office.* The one-way system remains in operation. I would also stress, at this time, that parents are still asked to maintain the government recommended social distancing measures.**



Children in Devon are being asked to tell the government about their experiences of the coronavirus pandemic and hopes for the future. It's called 'The Big Ask' survey, and is being led by the Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza. The survey will be the largest consultation with children in England and hopes to help shape the way the

government approaches issues affecting children. It runs until 28th May and asks children across England to set out their priorities for improving their lives following the pandemic.

There are four main versions of the survey, aimed at children in the age groups four to five years old, six to eight years old, nine to twelve years old and thirteen to seventeen years old. There are also two easy read versions of the survey, and an adult version for parents, care leavers and people who work with children to share their views. Please encourage your child to take part via the Children's Commissioner's website: <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

Due to unforeseen circumstances there has been a delay in sending out the My Plans – these will be out early next week. This also means the meetings for those parents with Mrs Tollerfield (SENCo) will now be on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May, with the booking system opening on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

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## From the PTFA

### SPONSORED WALK!

Wow! The children's sponsored walk was a huge success, thank you so much to everyone who participated. Not only did our pupils walk from Lands End to John O'Groats, they also raised a whopping £1,300 for the PTFA! (This amount will increase when we have completed our Gift Aid claim) Amazing work team!

### PENNIES to POUNDS!

The PTFA are dabbling in magic... if you bring us your pennies, they will magically transform into pounds! See poster for details.

## Pennies... to pounds!



Can you spare some  
change??

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

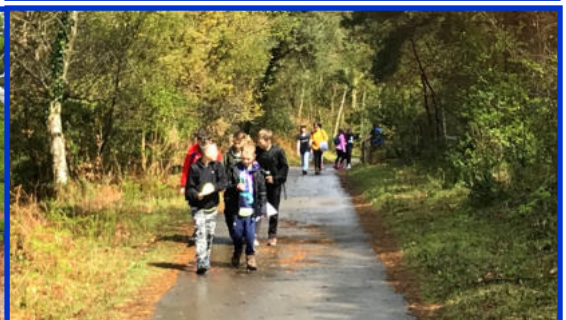
Small change can make a  
**BIG** difference!

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

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Pictures from the recent Year 6  
Exmoor Challenge Practice Walk



Accelerated Reader Whole School Word Count Target: **45,000,000**

Total so far:

**37,158,779**