



# School Matters

The Weekly Newsletter from Newton Poppleford School

Friday 27th November 2020

## Christmas is coming!

As promised in last week's School Matters here are our plans for the coming weeks.

**Key stage 1** – Years 1 and 2 are currently rehearsing a Nativity play written by our own Miss Gaston. When it is ready we will be filming this and sharing it with you.

**Reception** are also performing a Nativity play and this performance will be filmed and shared with parents through Tapestry.

**Pre-school** in the week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> **December** will be doing a performance everyday and posting this on Tapestry

**Years 1 to 6** are practising some Christmas songs. When they are ready we will be filming these and they will be all be put into a video which we will share with you all. It's planned to do this filming on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December** – can children please wear Christmas jumpers, hats and scarves on this day for the filming.

As mentioned **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December** is **Christmas Jumper Day** in aid of Save the Children. We would ask the children to make a minimum donation of £1 as this is a non-uniform day.

We then plan for the whole of the week beginning **14<sup>th</sup> December** to be a **Christmas 'WOW' week** with various activities planned. It will be non-uniform week, with children encouraged to wear their Christmas jumpers all week. **Christmas Dinner** day will be on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>** and **Party Day** on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup>**, with school finishing at 1:30pm for all as usual. During this week, the classes will be watching films in class and for some of the older classes these could be PG rated films – please look out for letters asking for your consent for this.

We hope you will enjoy watching the videos when we share them with you, but must remind parents that although you are welcome to share these with your friends and family, this must not be done through social media. We must insist on this as it is a requirement to safeguard all our children.

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## The Witch

Since our last update we have made a huge discovery down in Adventure Island... a witch has moved into 'The Witches Cove'! She could even be the same witch that cast a spell on Simba all those years ago but we don't know for sure yet.

Fortunately, this witch seems friendly enough and has given us permission to use the fire pit whenever we like, providing we leave something special for her to use to make spells, like a feather. So far pre-school, reception and year 2 children have made camp fires using the witch's magic fire starter that blasts out fiery dragon sneezes! It has been a very exciting time!

Look out for our next magical update on all things Adventure Island in School Matters on the last week of term.



## One Million Words

Congratulations to **Oskabah** and **Harry** in Year 6 for reading 'one million words' on the Accelerated Reader scheme this year. They are now the owners of a shiny, new **word millionaire gold badge**.

A mobile phone has been found outside the school gate.  
If it is yours, please claim it from the School Office.

# Reader of the Week

Every class will be awarding one child with 'Reader of the Week' to celebrate the amazing readers we have in our school. We are very proud of the enthusiasm and effort demonstrated by the children to improve their reading. 'Reader of the Week' will be awarded to children for many reasons including working hard, making positive progress, sharing their passion for reading with others and contributing well to discussions around books.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the families for supporting their children's reading development at home. Your contribution is invaluable and makes such a difference to your children's reading development. Reading with your child every day helps them to develop a lifelong love of reading.

The staff would like to thank the PTFA for their generous donation of books. Thank you!!

## From the PTFA



Thank you! You donated a mountain of bags for the Bag2School clothing collection! It was actually 1,120kg, well over a tonne of clothing, which is absolutely incredible! This equates to £336 raised for the PTFA - an amazing total - thank you so much for your support!

**Christmas Hampers!** Our famous festive raffle is back! Please send in your offerings for the hamper appeal to your class teachers next week. Here's the items we are requesting, but you can bring anything from the list!

Pre-school	Arts and crafts (kits/materials)
Reception	Jams, marmalades, chutneys (no homemade please!)
Year 1	Chocolates, sweets, confectionary
Year 2	Bottles
Year 3	Biscuits, crackers, festive foods (in date please!)
Year 4	Toiletries, smellies
Year 5	Chocolates, sweets, confectionary
Year 6	Bottles

## PRESCHOOL

**Riley**- I've drawn some lovely pictures of my family that were put up on display.

**Grayson**- I've built a friendship with Jacob and I like to talk about him at home

**Scarlet** - I hit the ball with the cricket bat in PE.

**Amity** - I loved it when we were dancing in PE.

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## RECEPTION

**Melody and Amelia** - Our **WOW MOMENTS** this week were being able to write our names!

**Maya** - My **WOW MOMENT** was learning about Samuel Pepys's diary and the Great Fire of London.

**Connie** - My **WOW MOMENT** was having lots of fun in PE.

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# WOW MOMENTS

**Dylan** - My **WOW MOMENT** was making the woolly mammoths.

**Evie** - I liked doing the times tables.

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**Evie** - I enjoyed using the sketching pencils in Art this week.

**Ava** - I enjoyed learning about and sketching Boudica in History.

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**Ava R** - My **WOW MOMENT** was learning how to do Viking Art, especially learning how to draw a horse.

**Isaac N** - My **WOW MOMENT** was doing our Flanders Fields blackout poem.

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**Mia** - My **WOW MOMENT** is when we got new equipment because the new equipment is making play times more fun.

**Sophie** - I liked doing music because I liked making morse code into a song.

y6



# SPORTY STARS

**PRE-SCHOOL**



Florence for fully joining in every session and doing so with a big grin and smile. Excellent.

**RECEPTION**



Seb S-W for being able to demonstrate core strength positions and being a fabulous assistant. Terrific.

**YEAR 1**



Samuel for his excellent dancing with super movement. Love it.

**YEAR 2**



Leland for trying his very best in PE and for some excellent striking of the cricket balls. Super.

**YEAR 3**



Leo for using his communication skills and being a leader in the groups. Super enthusiasm and a joy to be around.

**YEAR 4**



Elsa for being able to demonstrate skills and communication in our invasion games and showing good concentration.

**YEAR 5**



India for working really hard in our fitness session and being able to demonstrate good ball striking skills. Brilliant.

**YEAR 6**



Zach for his excellent concentration and for developing and improving his rugby skills noticeably. Keep it up.