

School Matters

The Fortnightly Newsletter from Newton Poppleford School

Friday 21st June 2024

A Message From Mr Pope

Dear Parents and carers,

What a fantastic two weeks we have had. The children have been amazing and Art week has been such a lovely time in school. We really value children's creativity and imagination at the school and want them to have dedicated time to explore a range of different mediums, techniques and artists so they can really express themselves. As always, we are humbled by the amount of people that came to support the event and the school – we are really grateful to everyone for joining together as a community to celebrate the children. The children have also been linking their work to Refugee Week and have studied artists who were refugees under the wider theme. A huge thankyou to Mrs Turner for organising and Steve McCracken who has really inspired our children. one of the best moments of the week was the impromptu audience that surrounded him and watched with great curiosity and delight as he was preparing the landscape for our mural at lunchtime. Thankyou also to the parents that helped deliver watercolour and printing sessions for the pupils. They were really appreciated and helped the children immensely.

Last week some of our statutory assessments took place including phonics and the multiplication tables check. Well done to all the children who were part of this and applied themselves so well. We have also had some sporting achievements and the children who took part in the recent cricket event multi skills and intra school swimming gala did brilliantly – a special mention for Orla in Year 6 whose improvement in the pool has been really impressive. We also had the bookfair in the hall, organised by our wonderful PTFA – a massive thankyou to them for organising along with the raffles, fetes, cake sales – the list goes on and they give a huge amount of time to it!

We continue to shine a light on curriculum at the school and last week we welcomed the school effectiveness advisor and our new area SEND officer to the school for a discussion and review of our SEND provision. This was an innovative undertaking that gave opportunity for a really productive and informative day allowing them to work together in a way they normally would not. Thank you to Mrs Laureys for leading this so brilliantly.

The big announcement that we are making in today's newsletter is the teaching arrangements and teaching teams for next year. Below you will find the class teacher that has been allocated to each year group. This year represents a lot of continuity but also some small changes.

Reception: Mrs Raffell

Year 1 team: Mrs Hall and Mrs Pulling

Year 2 team: Mrs Turner (Phase Leader) and Mrs Laureys (1 day per week)

Year 3 team: Mrs Morgan and Mrs Singfield

Year 4: Mr Morison (Phase Leader and Deputy Headteacher)

Year 5: Mrs Bradley (Phase Leader) and Mr Pope (1 morning)

Year 6: Miss Winkler

SEND/CO: Mrs Laureys

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome Mrs Morgan to the teaching team.

As we look forward to this busy and exciting time of year we have organised our transition days for two week's time, reports are coming out soon and we also have our sports days, PE week and end of term performances and assemblies to look forward to. Please check the diary dates for when these are happening.

Best wishes , Mr Pope

SEND

A free e-book written by Mike Jones who is the founder of Nessy. One of the online platforms we use to support children with dyslexia.



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**ATTENDANCE
THANKYOU!**

A big thankyou to all those who attend school regularly and enjoy their learning we are very proud of you – well done!

Another thankyou to all families whose children's absence fell below 90% and is now improving. We are really grateful to you for working with the school and opening productive and helpful conversations. We want all the children to enjoy school and want to be here. That is critical to our approach to attendance. We also want to talk, support and recognise when families have really worked hard to improve the children's opportunities in school. Thankyou.

Important Information for Year 5 Parents

Year 5 Secondary School Applications

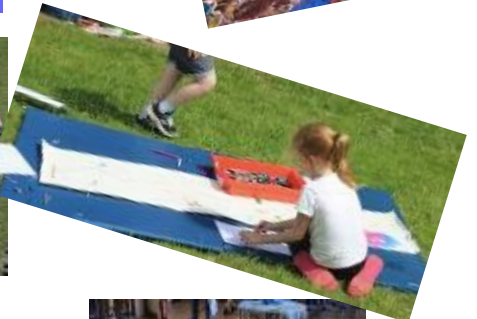
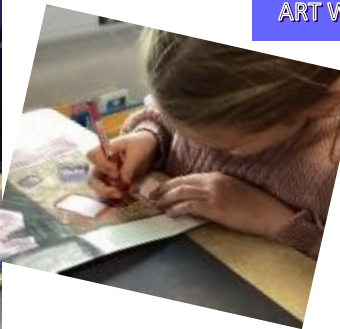
Please note that the admissions team will no longer write to you to invite you to apply for your child's secondary school place.

You will be able to apply for your child's school place between the 1 September 2024 and the 31 October 2024.

You can do this by visiting [admissions online](#) between the above dates. If you wish to be sent an email or text message reminder when the online system goes live, then you can register your details with the admissions team now by [completing this form](#).

You may also wish to consider following the school admissions team Facebook page as they offer important advice and guidance throughout the whole admissions process. You can find them on Facebook by visiting [DCC School Admissions](#) or you can head over to their website for further information on the process [apply for a secondary place](#)

ART WEEK



ART WEEK PHOTO GALLERY



Wow! What an amazing Art week has been had by all. The week started with all the children making their own sketchbooks for the week and it has been great to see their engagement with them throughout the week - the children have loved taking them out at breaktimes to observe and sketch the environment around them. The week has seen the children explore different artists from around the world including famous refugee artists tying in with refugee week and the children have used a great variety of mediums from clay sculptures to acrylic painting. We have had some fantastic artists in throughout the week to work with the children. A huge thank you to Penny Silverthorne who did a watercolour workshop and Amy Sweet who did a printing workshop with different classes. Steve McCracken, a local street artist, came in to spend 2 days with the children painting local wildlife and all of the children's artwork will appear as part of a mural or in different locations around the school. He was a great inspiration to all and it was fantastic to work with the artist whose work we see on so many streets around Sidmouth and Exeter. A super Thursday afternoon saw a fantastic exhibition put together with all of the children's artwork and a chance to spend time with children and adults enjoying a picnic in the sun creating art. A big thank you to all of the children for embracing and expressing their creativity during the week.

Pre-School



We had a visit from a parent this week. She works at the Royal Albert Memorial Museum in Exeter and they have just been involved in giving back a sacred headdress to a tribe in Canada. As part of this ceremony, they gifted the museum with necklaces and she was fortunate to be chosen to receive one. She brought it in to show the children and explained what a museum is. The children enjoyed looking at the necklace and trying it on.

Reception Class



Reception really enjoyed having their dads/ Grandpas come and celebrate Father's Day in Adventure Island - toasting marshmallows, a special song and cards made by the children. A great time was had by all!"

Reception Class



Reception had the most wonderful day on a 'Pirate Adventure' at Seaton Wetlands. They went on a treasure hunt, had to cross the crocodile swamp, were blindfolded in the woods and had to hold onto a rope, walked the plank and made boats and then floated them down the stream!"

Year 3—Art Week—All about Animals and our local area



This week was also art week in year 3. We focussed on our local area and started the week by looking carefully at pictures of animals from our local area. We studied the shapes of their bodies in detail and then made them in clay. Working with Steve McCracken, we were then able to explore these animals even more by focussing in their colours. We experimented with mixing paints to get the different shades of green, brown and grey we wanted for our animals.

This week we also studied the work of Frank Auerbach, a Jewish artist who fled Germany in 1939, when he was just 8 years old and grew up in Kent, which was being broken down and built up again during and after the war. He was an impressionist who focussed on the different colours and he used lots of layers of paint. We looked at his paintings, focussing on his landscapes. We sketched the landscape surrounding our school and focussed on the different colours and how they made us feel. We made our own impressionist landscapes, using lots of layers of paint, just like Frank Auerbach. We felt really inspired!



Choir

Choir is going from strength to strength, as a number of new children have joined recently, which is fantastic. Beth McLean, our choir leader, has created a wonderful 'Summer Medley' for the children to sing, along with 'Mama Mia'. Unfortunately, Sidmouth College have had to cancel their summer concert. However, the choir will now be singing at the start of the Key Stage Two Sports Day on Tuesday 9th July instead

Sporting Activities

Swimming Gala



Years 3-6 competed in a Swimming Gala at Sidmouth LED. We competed in butterfly, freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, mixed medley and mixed freestyle. We took second place and all had a great time!

Cricket Day

Our whole school had a day of Cricket with Sidmouth Cricket Club. We all practiced our bowling and catching skills and even got to finish with a match!



NEWTON POP PTFA
SUMMER FETE
 ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★
FRIDAY 28TH JUNE 2024
 ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★
FOOD AND DRINKS
STALLS ★ GAMES
ICE CREAM ★ BOUNCY CASTLE
CHILDRENS PARADE 
MAY POLE DISPLAY
GRAND SUMMER RAFFLE

28 JUN | After school ★
Free entry ★
IN THE PLAYGROUND ★

Scan QR code for raffle prize list!

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PTFA Summer Fete 2024!

Friday 28th June 2024

3:20-5:30pm in the school playground



*It's here people... the jewel in the PTFA's fundraising crown!
...And we need YOU to make it happen!*

PLEASE...

Help us sell **RAFFLE TICKETS** and get yourself a chance to win one of our fabulous prizes, scan our fancy QR code to see the list of prizes so far! Please return completed ticket stubs, cash, and unsold tickets to the school office by the 28th June. Payment in cash or via the School Gateway payment button. Extra tickets available in the school office if you run out!



Please bring in your great condition preloved **SOFT TOY** donations for the teddy tombola. Any time, to the school office.

Please bring in your filled **JARS** for the jar tombola (an empty jam jar, filled with anything you like: sweets, toys, hairbands, stationery... anything goes!) Drop off any time to the school office.



Remember, it's **NON-UNIFORM DAY** on Friday 28th June, in exchange, please bring a **BOTTLE** for the tombola!

VOLUNTEER to help, your class reps are recruiting so have a chat with them (you never know, you might even enjoy it!?)



A big thankyou to the Co-op and the PTFA for the generous donation to the school .

Dates for your diary

Monday 24th June	Climate workshop Yr 4,5,6
Tuesday 25th June	Year 1 Trip Pre School Mini Olympics
Wednesday 26th June	Colyton Transition Day Sidmouth College SEND extra transition day YR 5 Sidmouth college Transition day
Thursday 27th June	Balsam Bashing Yr6 (PM)
Friday 28th June	PTFA Summer Fair Year 1 Swimming Lessons (lesson 4 of 5) Year 5 Bikeability
Monday 1st July—Friday 5th July	Year 6 transition Sidmouth college
Monday 1st July - Wednesday 3rd July	Reception Taster Session
Tuesday 2nd July	Budleigh Music Festival
Thursday 4th July	PTFA Freezy Fridays
Friday 5th July	Year 1 Swimming Lessons (lesson 5 of 5) Sports Week
Monday 8th - 12th July	Sports Day (KS1 AM , KS2 PM)
Tuesday 9th July	Balsam Bashing Y4 (AM) Yr 2 (PM) Balsam Bashing YR3 (AM) YR5(PM)
Wednesday 10th July	Reserve date for Sports day (1)
Thursday 11th July	Balsam Bashing YR 1 (AM) Reserve date for Sports day (2)
Friday 12th July	PTFA Freezy Fridays
Friday 12th July	Reception home visits
Tuesday - Thursday 16th -18th July	YR5 Trip
Wednesday 17th July	Yr 6 Production (2 Performances TBC)
Thursday 18th July	PTFA Freezy Fridays
Friday 19th July	Leavers Service
Wednesday 24th July	