

# School Matters

The Weekly Newsletter from Newton Poppleford School

## Friday 6th November 2020

Next Friday, 13th November, is **Children in Need Day**. We are making this a non-uniform day and asking for a suitable donation of £1 which we shall pass on to the Children in Need Appeal.



### School Admissions Policy consultation 2022

Below you will see a link to our proposed admissions policy for 2022-23. We are consulting on this between 1 November and 8 January and invite any parent or other person with an interest in our admission arrangements to read the policy and make any comments you wish. You will see where there are changes, the text is in red – either something we propose to add or, if it has a line through it, something we propose to remove.

One of the proposals is to add children who have been adopted from state care outside of England to our oversubscription criterion 1. This is in anticipation that the Department for Education will require this change for all schools as it has just consulted on changes to the School Admissions Code. It is possible that the Department's timescales may mean that the Code is not amended before the end of February, when we have to formally set our policy. If that is the case, we may have to determine our policy without that change and then alter it later in spring or summer. We are bringing it to your attention though as a change in policy that we expect to have to introduce.

Other than changes in red and dates moving forward a year, the way our policy will work is the same as in the previous year, 2021-22, which you can also see below.

If you have any comments, you can make them to Devon County Council which is co-ordinating the consultation. Further information is available at [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements). You will be able to view the proposed policies for all state-funded schools in Devon and the Local Authorities policies there too.

The consultation ends on 8 January and all policies must be determined by 28 February and published in the same places by 15 March.

[www.newton-poppleford.devon.sch.uk](http://www.newton-poppleford.devon.sch.uk)

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The Twilight after school club phone number is 07513269489

# Food and Financial Support for Families in Need

The impact of the coronavirus pandemic is continuing to put a huge financial strain on some people. Employment situations are changing rapidly and for some their income now no longer covers what they need or they have lost their jobs completely.

Help is available. If you know someone who is worrying about money and how to pay for basic household essentials, please encourage them to apply for extra assistance through funding made available by Devon County Council via your District Council's hardship fund.

To find out more about what support is available in Devon, including how to access local financial support, healthy start vouchers and free school meals, where to find foodbanks and community larders, free meals during the school holidays and what to do if you're on a low income and need to self-isolate, please visit <https://www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/document/support-for-people-and-families/>

**From 25th November Schoolcomms will be changing their payment processor for direct debit payments.** The only change School Gateway users will notice is that 'ParentPay' will appear on their bank statement instead of 'School Gateway'. All Bank Transfer payments made through School Gateway will continue to be fully protected by the Direct Debit Guarantee.

## Message from the PTFA

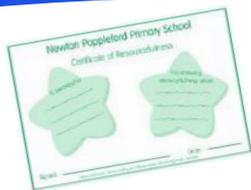


Thank you so much to everyone who took part in the **2020 Pumpkin Trail!** This event raised a brilliant £177 for the PTFA! Well done everyone who solved the mystery word and congratulations to the prize draw winners; Isaac, Isabella, and Toby.

**Don't forget this weekend is our first ever lottery draw!** A guaranteed weekly jackpot winner from our school community, plus a chance to win £25,000 and a Nintendo Switch mega bundle! Visit [yourschoollottery.co.uk](https://yourschoollottery.co.uk) to buy tickets.

The **PTFA AGM** is on Monday 16th November 2020 at 7:30pm. We will report on last year, elect committee members, and discuss this year's fundraising. We're meeting online, log in details to follow, everyone is welcome!

# Celebration Certificates

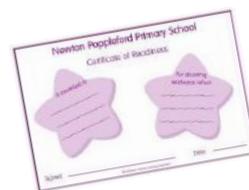


Aryla for showing Resilience  
Matilda for showing Readiness

**Pre-School**

**Year R**

Jasper for showing Readiness  
Neveah for showing Readiness



Jayden for showing Resilience  
Nell for showing Reflectiveness

**Year 1**

**Year 2**

Edie for showing Responsibility  
Leo for showing Readiness



Dylan for showing Resilience  
Olivia for showing Readiness

**Year 3**

**Year 4**

Liam for showing Resilience  
Poppy for showing Resilience



Blaze for showing Resilience  
Owen for showing Readiness

**Year 5**

**Year 6**

Suzy for showing Resourcefulness  
Mia for showing Resilience

