

School finishes at 1.30pm on Friday, 18th December
and children are back in school on Tuesday, 5th January, 2021

School Matters

The Weekly Newsletter from Newton Poppleford School

Friday 11th December 2020

Next Week's Christmas Events

Christmas Dinner is on **Tuesday, 15th December**

The whole week is our **Christmas WOW Week**.

Christmas Party day is on **Friday, 18th December** and School ends on the Friday at 1.30pm.

Wednesday's School Lunch will be Chicken Nuggets and Jackets Potatoes for the vegetarian option.

Christmas Jumpers and non uniform can be worn all next week!

A reminder that this year Christmas cards can only be sent to other children in the same bubble (class group). There will be no post box this year.



From the Headteacher

I appreciate that some children this week have come home muddy – my apologies for this, but is all part of trying to give children more active playtimes. We won't for the rest of this term be using the field. Please look out for a communication next week, about our plans in the New Year.



Communication with school may be intermittent next week due to essential work replacing the school's computer server. This will be ongoing all week. We are likely to lose our Internet connection at points throughout the week. Please contact the school as usual, but please understand if you do experience problems. As our phones are Internet phones, if you fail to get through please leave either a message or email the School Office. We will check the messages and emails whenever our internet connection returns. Thank you for your patience and rest assured that disruption will be kept to a minimum.

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The Twilight after school club phone number is 07513269489

We have found on a few occasions that the main gate is being 'pulled to' but is not being closed properly when visitors enter or leave the site. If the gate is wide open when you come into or leave school, then please leave it that way. If you are buzzed in by the office or press the release switch to leave the site, then please close the gate behind you. There are a few seconds delay between the gate opening and you being able to close it so please tug the gate to ensure that the magnet has engaged and the gate has locked before you leave. Thank you.

Devon County Council have asked us to highlight an online information session for parents in January. This session is aimed at parent/carers new to the journey of supporting their child with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). Further details can be found at:

www.devon.gov.uk/eycs/demystifying-send-information-session-for-parents/

A **Best Start in Life parent survey** for those with children under 5 years can be found here: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/BestStart/>

From the PTFA



**We're Going
Christmas
on a Bear Hunt!**

Join us for a festive trail on King Alfred Way,
Newton Poppleford and take in some twinkly
Christmas lights!

**Trail open 18th- 24th
December 2020**

Buy your trail sheet any time from the honesty
box outside **No.42 King Alfred Way**
Suggested donation £1

Prize Draw!

Please note there is ~~no car parking~~ available at KAW, but free parking
available at the School Lane car park!

Proceeds to Newton Poppleford Primary School PTFA, registered charity No. 1015155

We're going on a Christmas Bear Hunt!

A new trail for the festive season! Open 18th-24th December. Take in the twinkly lights and enter the prize draw, £1 each, honesty box and trail sheets outside No 42 King Alfred Way, Newton Poppleford.

It's five weeks since our **lottery** launched and that's five jackpot winners from within our school community!

Congratulations to Mrs B, Mrs M, Mr L, Mrs P, and a special mention to this week's winner, Mr R, who donated his winnings to the school! What a hero, thank you Mr R!

Sign up at yourschoollottery.com for your weekly chance to win our local jackpot, plus the national £25,000 and non cash prizes! Visit yourschoollottery.com to sign up.

Keep those crisp packets coming! Our Terracycle crisp packet recycling scheme is run by the school children's Eco-Council. Every kilo of crisp packets we recycle earns money for the PTFA and diverts them from landfill! Don't forget to save them up over the festive period and drop in the collection bin by the main entrance, thank you!



Pictures from our Nativity in a Day



PRESCHOOL

Betsy– for joining in the Nativity Play with confidence and for building friendships.

Jesse– for sharing good manners using please and thankyou.

RECEPTION

Our **WOW MOMENT** was doing our Nativity in a day! We all sang fabulously and loved dressing up in our costumes!

y1

Piper - My **WOW MOMENT** was doing my Angel Dance

Elin - My **WOW MOMENT** was making my reindeer decoration.

Harry - making collages of the Great Fire of London

Ethan - running the daily mile in PE

y2

WOW MOMENTS

y3

Olly - My **WOW MOMENT** was doing the maths test.

Tilly - Finding out about the Stone Age in topic was my **WOW MOMENT**.

Aine - I liked making the Roman shields and making formations with the shields.

Oscar - I like Adventure Island because it's fun.

y4

Tallulah - My **WOW MOMENT** was when we sang our Christmas song.

Rebecca - My **WOW MOMENT** was finishing our class book "Holes". It was great. I really enjoyed it.

y5

Harry - My **WOW MOMENT** is in PE because I like the Daily Mile

Lauren - My **WOW MOMENT** is Science because we made a Christmas decoration and we got to use buzzers, motors and light bulbs.

y6