

Digital Dates

Friday, 13th September Open the Book Assembly Year 5 swimming

Monday, 16th September Year 6 Residential week begins.

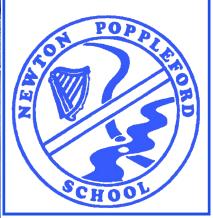
Thursday, 3rd October Eagles –Year 6 Class Assembly Special Dinner Menu.

Tuesday, 8th October Tawny Owls Year 2 Class Assembly

Thursday, 17th October End of first Half Term

Friday, 18th October INSET Day

Monday 21 st-Friday 25th October Half Term Holiday



September 6 News

Welcome back to Newton Poppleford School at the beginning of another school year. If you are with us for the first time as new children and parents, then we offer you a particularly warm welcome. I hope everybody had a relaxing and beneficial break.

As our school looks to continue to make progress we are introducing a new approach to learning called **Building Learning Power** It is an approach created by Professor Guy Claxton and is based upon the idea that we can all become better learners.

Key Principles of Building Learning Power

- It is a learning culture across the school which encourages children and teachers to become better learners
- It allows children to approach difficulties in learning without fear or failure
- It allows children to take small steps in their learning
- It develops confidence
- It gives clear labels for the children to use to develop an understanding of learning processes

Building Learning Power will allow us to develop a common language for learning across the school. The language will be used in all classrooms with the children. This helps everyone talk about understanding learning to learn

Understanding will hopefully spill into life outside school, where you will be able to reinforce the ideas by encouraging the children to use their learning language in their every day lives.

There are five Rs in **Building Learning Power**:

Readiness,
Resilience,
Resourcefulness,
Responsibility and
Reflectiveness.

They will act like a group of "learning muscles". Just as we can build our physical muscles with the right exercise, learning muscles can also be developed and can grow in strength and stamina. It is these we are aiming to develop in the children.

More details are available on our website and on the attachment that came with the School Matters email.

From the PTFA

CRISP PACKET RECYCLING! The PTFA and the children's Eco-Council are delighted to launch our crisp packet recycling scheme! From Monday there will be a bin for collecting crisp packets outside the school building. The scheme is run by Terracycle and Walkers, and pays the PTFA for every kilo collected! A win for us and a win for the planet! We are a public recycling point for the scheme, so tell all your friends!

PTFA AGM: Our annual meeting, including committee elections and Chair/Treasurer reports. We will summarise what we raised last year, how we did it, and how we spent it, plus discuss plans for the year ahead. And there's an open bar (Ok, no open bar, but come anyway and support your PTFA!) Wednesday 25th September 2019, 7pm, School Hall.



