

The Topsham School

Newsletter 16



A love of learning and commitment to the success of every child at the heart of all we do.
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Friday 12th January 2024

Spare uniform and clothing

If you have any old children's coats at home, and want to give them a new home, we would be very happy to rehome them! With this cold and wet weather, it is really useful to have spare coats in school in case any children need an extra layer. Please bring any coats you wish to donate, washed, to the office. This is hugely appreciated.

Furthermore, the Foundation Stage Unit is in desperate need of pants and socks! If you have any boy's or girl's underwear and socks that are now too small for your own child (ideally, but not limited to, ages 2 - 3 and 3 - 4) they would greatly appreciate any donations.

Cycling in to school

Thank you to everyone now dismounting from bikes before coming through the school gates. This makes our site so much safer.

Can we also ask that everyone is extra careful as they cycle towards school, going slowly along Orchard Way. Even if they are running late! Again, this is to keep our children, and wider families, safe.

Wanted! Registered Bricklayer...

The school has some brick wall maintenance required and we are hoping we have a skilled person in our community for the job.

Please stop in at the office, or email admin@topsham.devon.sch.uk if you are, or know someone in this role.



Parents – The use of mobile phones on school site

We would like to remind you that the use of mobile phones is prohibited on the school site. Therefore, when dropping off or collecting your child, please ensure your mobile phone is away and not in use.

This is to ensure the safety of all of the children at The Topsham Primary School and is part of our safeguarding policy.

These rules apply to all people that come onto the school site, including older siblings coming to collect, Topsham School staff members and other visitors.

If you need more support or guidance with online safety, please contact a staff member or send us an email admin@topsham.devon.sch.uk

Applying for a Reception (Big Acorns) place for September 2024

If your child was born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 and you have not already applied for a primary school place for them for September 2024, you will need to do so **by the deadline on Monday 15th January.**

Was your child born between
**1st September 2019 and
31st August 2020?**

How to Apply for a Primary School Place in Devon

You can apply online at
www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline
from 15th November 2023 to the 15th January 2024

If you cannot access the school
admissions website you can get
more information by calling our
Education Helpline on
0345 155 1019
or email: admissions@devon.gov.uk



Even if you have already given
details to a primary school, you
must apply for a place through the
Admissions Team. This is the only
way to apply; other forms or lists
held by schools will not count.

Devon
County Council

Achievers

As a school, we promote positive behaviour and we have numerous incentives to support this. The recipients of last week's achiever awards are listed below:

Achiever Awards:

Year 1 Harry

Year 2 Elena

Year 3 Alfie

Year 4 Xander

Year 5 Mitchell

Year 6 Tilly



Attendance Information

Every School Day Counts! In order for our pupils to achieve their very best it is of paramount importance that their attendance is good. Every lesson really does count for your child and catching up on lost time from school can be really difficult.

Good attendance is linked to achievement, better relationships with other children and overall better behaviour. Often, the reason that children are absent from school is due to illness and it is important that you contact the school on every day of your child's absence due to ill health. Please contact the school office and leave a message before 8.30am so that our registers can be updated. We understand that sometimes absence cannot be avoided.

Punctuality – It is SO important that the children arrive to school on time, ready and willing to learn. The gates open at 8.45am. Any child who arrives after the gates are locked at 8.55am needs to be signed in at the main school reception. Being late for school reduces learning time and can impact on your child being able to settle calmly into the school day. Children can be upset at entering a busy classroom after everyone else and missing the initial morning instructions means that they are having to play 'catch-up' for the rest of the morning. If your child is 5 minutes late every day, they will miss approximately 3 days of learning in a year. 15 minutes late every day, equates to approximately 2 weeks of missed learning each year.



SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding Leads and Contact Information

Miss Maria White: Designated Safeguarding Lead and Headteacher.

For any urgent safeguarding matters please email:

safeguarding@topsham.devon.sch.uk. Please do not use this email for any other matters apart from safeguarding.

Our Deputy Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Amanda Lacey, Headteacher.

Safeguarding our children will always be a priority for everyone in the school. All staff are trained in how to keep children safe and alongside this we have our safeguarding team.

Anyone of our staff can be contacted in relation to Safeguarding.

Level 3 trained staff are qualified to the same level as the Safeguarding Leads. In our school this includes our Admin Team and Miss Greygoose. Again, their details are on our website.

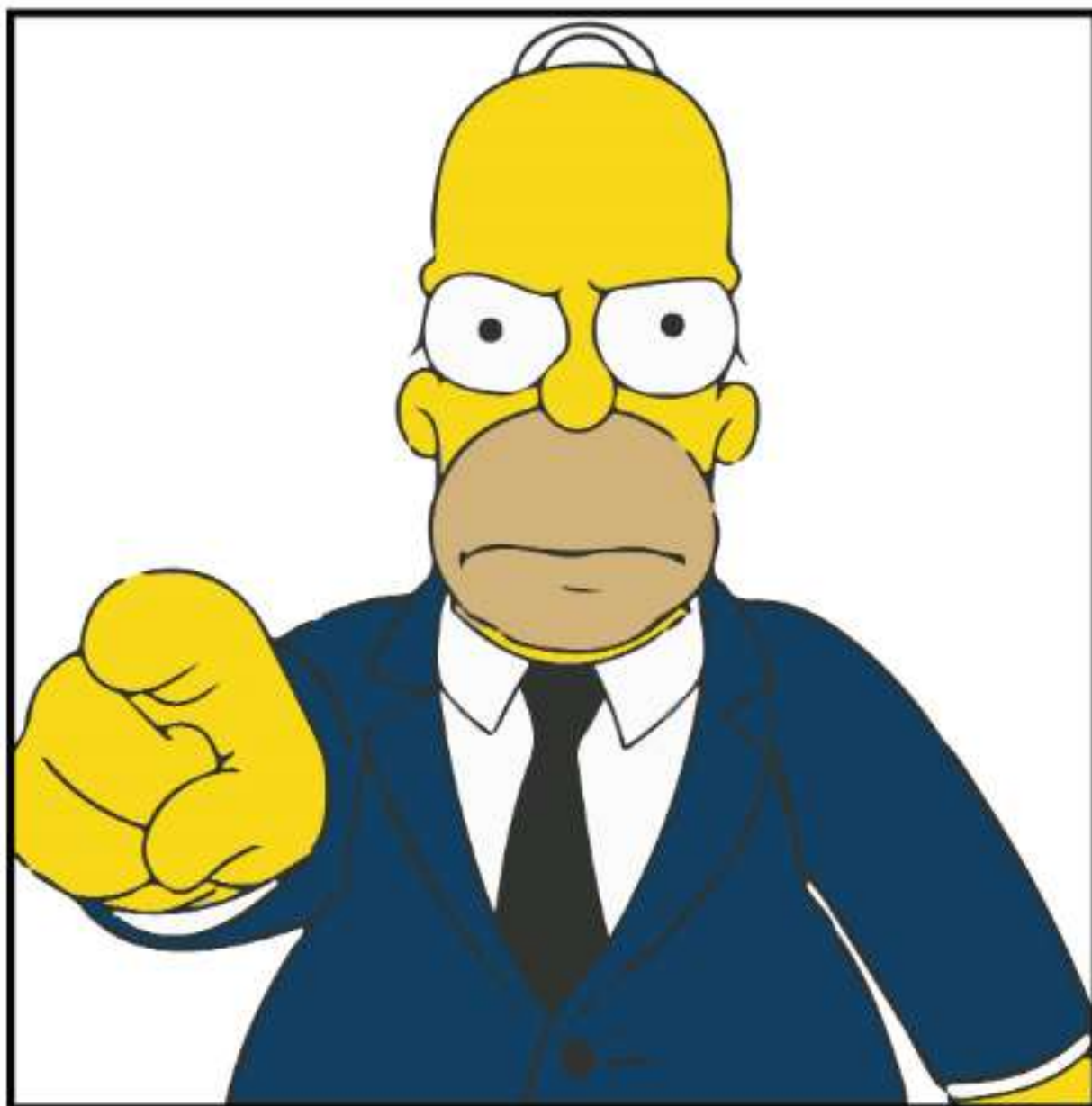
Safeguarding is EVERYONE'S business and we will always do our very best to keep our children safe.

If **any** parent has a safeguarding concern or query about ANY child within our community, please email for advice.

IF ANY ADULT FEELS A CHILD OR ADULT MAY BE IN IMMEDIATE DANGER YOU MUST CALL MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) OR 999

*"If you are worried about a child or young person in Devon and want to speak to someone, or if you are a child or young person worried about your own safety, please contact the MASH on **0345 155 1071** or email mashsecure@devon.gov.uk and give as much information as you can.*





**“YOUR SCHOOL
RUNNING CLUB NEEDS
YOU”**

PARENT / CARER VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED WEEKLY ON TUESDAYS FROM 3:30 - 4:30PM TO HELP WITH RUNNING CLUB. YOU ARE NEEDED TO KEEP CHILDREN SAFE EN ROUTE TO THE REC AND SUPERVISE ACTIVITIES. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. WITHOUT YOUR HELP WE COULDN'T RUN THIS CLUB. WE NEED YOU! LET YOUR YEAR REPS KNOW YOU CAN HELP.

PTA NEWS

Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

TODAY is the pre-loved uniform sale! We will run a stall after school, at 3.30pm. Thank you for all of the donations, hopefully you can grab a bargain and notch up some planet loving sustainability points. If anyone who is only picking up at 4.30pm (for example from choir or football) is interested in buying uniform, please let us know, so we keep the stall open at 4.30pm.

Your School Lottery

This lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children! Support The Topsham School when you play Your School Lottery - Your School Lottery

Next PTA meeting

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 30th January, 7.30pm online (via Zoom).



Date	Event
Friday 12 th January	PTA Pre-loved Uniform Sale
Monday 15 th January	Deadline for applying for a Reception (Big Acorns) place for September 2024
Wednesday 17 th January	Height and Weight measurements for children in Big Acorns and Year 6
Friday 19 th January	First group of Year 5 children climbing at Exeter Quay Climbing Centre pm
Friday 26 th January	Year 3 Bake Sale
Tuesday 30 th January	PTA Meeting via Zoom 7.30pm
Tuesday 6 th February	Vision Screening for children in Big Acorns
Wednesday 7 th February	Years 5 and 6 Trip to RAMM Museum in Exeter
Friday 9 th February	Break up for half-term (3.30pm finish)
Monday 19 th February	Non-Pupil Day
Tuesday 20 th February	Children return to school after half-term
Friday 1 st March	Second group of Year 5 children climbing at Exeter Quay Climbing Centre pm
Thursday 28 th March	Break up for Easter Holiday (school finishes at 2.30pm and Twiglets finishes at 4.30pm)
Monday 15 th April	Return to school after Easter Holidays
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Friday 24 th May	Break up for half-term (3.30pm finish)
Monday 3 rd June	Non-Pupil Day
Tuesday 4 th June	Children return to school after half-term
Wednesday 24 th July	Break up for Summer Holiday (school finishes at 2.30pm and Twiglets finishes at 4.30pm)

