

The Topsham School

Newsletter 18



A love of learning and commitment to the success of every child at the heart of all we do.
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Friday 26th January 2024

An important reminder: The start of the school day

Our gates open at 8.45am to allow families to gradually arrive for the start of the school day.

However, **the school day begins at 8.55am for R-Y6 (9am for Nursery).**

We expect all children from Reception to Year 6 to be in their classrooms for 8.55am. We know that mornings are very busy at home, and there can be delays to the start of the day, but can we ask that children are dropped to school with enough time to get into the building, coats and bags away and **inside classrooms for 8.55am.**

This way, no learning is lost by the class.



The Topsham School joining the United Schools Federation

Don't forget that the governors are holding a meeting at school on Wednesday 7th February at 6pm, to outline the factors contributing to their decision of federating. Martin Harding, The Executive Head of the federation, and Maria White will be present to help answer any questions you might have.

Big Acorn and KS1 Reading Trolley

We are thrilled that lots of families are accessing the reading trolley each week.

If you have borrowed books from the trolley, please make sure you return them, so other families can enjoy the stories as well.

Times Tables Rock Star: KS2



Next Friday, KS2 will take part in NSPCC ROCKS, way of celebrating the work that the NSPCC does to support children and their families, and celebrate Number Day.

They will take part in an online times tables competition that will boost maths confidence alongside accuracy and recall speed.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Learners will answer as many multiplication and division questions correctly as they can. The winning school and class will be based on the highest average number of correct answers per pupil.

RULES:

1. Every correct answer that a student gives, in any game type, between the hours of 7:30am GMT and 19:30pm GMT on Friday 2 February will contribute to their class and school score.
2. There is a 60-minute limit playtime per player.
3. Children will have time in class across the day to take part, but they can play before and after school as well.

Our KS2 children already work super hard on their tables, they play against each other and between classes. This will now allow their points to be part of a nationwide competition!

Curriculum Maps

Curriculum maps outlining the curriculum for the Spring Term have been sent to parents of children in FSU-Year 4 by email today. Year 5/6 curriculum information will be added to the stream on Google Classroom.

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:

Big Acorns Sophia
Year 1 Evie
Year 2 Evan and Frank
Year 3 Sophia, Ivy and Harvey
Year 4 Ned and Harriet
Year 5 Luca and Charles

Winning House:



Class Ambassadors

Our Class Ambassadors were announced last week. Our Class Ambassadors are the 'voice of the children' and representatives for their class at meetings with the School Leaders. They collect ideas and initiatives from their peers to then share at these meetings, in order for the Leaders to action. In addition to this, they are the nominated spokesperson for any visitors, to inform them of all of the brilliant learning taking place within their class.



Class Ambassadors:

Big Acorns - Georgie
Year 1 - Evie
Year 2 - Otto
Year 3 - Ivy
Year 4 - Helena
Year 5 - Mitchell

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.*

PTA NEWS

Bake Sale – TODAY

The second bake sale of 2024 will be run by the Year 3 parents today, Friday 26th January at 3.30pm. We take both cash and cards (minimum spend applies).

PTA Meeting – Tuesday 30th January

Our meeting next week will be held via Zoom. We will be discussing our Spring Events (Pancake Flip Challenge, Silent Auction and Quiz Night) and possible school events/needs that we can support (Science Week, "Love for Reading" area, scooter/bicycle racks...). Everyone is welcome, to share your opinion/ideas, or just to listen and be the first to know what will happen! Just join in from 8pm using this link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89360826944pwd=seCXWQhbIVTIVRbptjJIY7H2O4YZq6.1>

Meeting ID: 893 6082 6944

Passcode: 443386

Pancake Flip Challenge - Friday 9th February

Pancake Flip 2024 will be launched next week, so please check the school bags for a sponsorship form. How many flips of a pancake can the students complete in 1 minute? On Friday 9th February, each class will hold a timed pancake flip challenge. The most successful 'flipper' from each class will win a prize. We would like the students to ask friends and family to sponsor them in this challenge. Last couple of years we raised an amazing amount of money to buy new equipment for gardening and cooking lessons at school and a lot of fun was had by staff and students! More information can be found on the sponsorship forms, which will be handed out next week.

Silent Auction & Quiz Night

The Silent Auction and Quiz Night are coming up later in March. We are accepting donations for Silent Auction lots. Sometimes the most odd and unexpected lots are the most successful! It is also an excellent way to promote a local business. Please email/message us if you have something to offer. The auction will end on Friday 22nd March, which is our annual quiz night. Start scouting your team and arranging childcare for that night!!! We also hope to have a school staff team this year!



Date	Event
Friday 26 th January	Year 3 Bake Sale
Tuesday 30 th January	Year 1 Walk to Darts Farm pm
Tuesday 30 th January	PTA Meeting via Zoom 7.30pm
Wednesday 31 st January	Year 5 visit to Watermeadow Grange
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
Wednesday 7 th February	Meeting regarding Topsham School joining the United Schools Federation at 6.00pm
Friday 9 th February	Pancake Flip Challenge
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
Tuesday 12 th March	Years 3 and 4 trip to The Box in Plymouth
Friday 22 nd March	PTA Quiz Night
Friday 22 nd March	End of the Silent Auction
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)