

The Topsham School

Newsletter 20



A love of learning and commitment to the success of every child at the heart of all we do.
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Friday 9th February 2024



We break up for half-term at 3.30pm today (Friday 9th February) and would like to wish everyone an enjoyable and restful break. We have a Non-Pupil Day on Monday 19th February and will be welcoming children back to school on Tuesday 20th February.

School Dinners

School dinners must be booked online (via Schoolcomms) in advance and by 8.15am on the day at the latest. Please see our website for a copy of the current menu:

<https://www.topsham.devon.sch.uk/school-lunch.html>

Please can we remind parents that if your child is absent from school and you wish to cancel a booking for school dinners, you need to let us know this at the time of reporting their absence. School dinners are provided by an external kitchen and we need to be notified of any cancellations or amendments by 8.15am when numbers are submitted to the kitchen.

Achievers

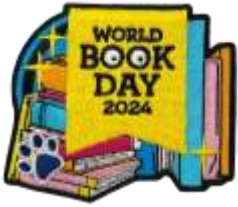
As a school, we promote positive behaviour and we have numerous incentives to support this. The recipients of last week's achiever awards are listed below:

Achiever Awards:

Big Acorns David and Roman
Year 1 Mia and Joni
Year 2 Lawrenny and Cleo
Year 3 Sophia and Lawrence
Year 4 Syd and Ezra
Year 5 Dashen and Sophia
Year 6 Jowan and Oscar

Winning House:





World Book Day

World Book Day will take place on Thursday 7th March 2024 and a letter has been sent to all parents today outlining how we will be celebrating the event this year.

Peripatetic Lessons at Topsham School



Music Lessons

If you are interested in finding out more about music lessons or to sign your child up for lessons, please contact Music Devon using the details below:

<http://www.musicdevon.com/>

admin@music.devon.com

Or call during office hours on 01392 466390 (9:30 – 12:30 Monday – Friday during term time)

musicdevon.com

SPEECH & DRAMA CLASSES

Speech and Drama Lessons

For information about Speech and Drama Lessons, please email Mrs Thalia Squire directly thaliasquire@icloud.com

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

Flipping Friday

Today is an extra special day, not just because it is the last day before half term, but everyone was "flipping". Children in Big Acorns – Year 6 will bring home a certificate with the number of Pancake Flips they managed to do in 1 minute. Their sponsors could choose to donate an amount per flip or a fixed amount. Please donate until 26th February. This year all money raised will go towards buying new Science equipment for our school.

Sponsorship can be via cash (you will find Sponsorship forms next to the School Office);

Bank transfer: The Friends of The Topsham School. Sort Code 30-93-14. Account n. 02699047.
Ref: pancake flip

Or via this link: Just Giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/pancakeflipchallenge2024>

Silent Auction and Quiz Night

We are still accepting donations for Silent Auction lots. If you are a business owner or have a local business contact who is able to offer a lot, it will be gratefully received! And it's a great way to promote a local business! Or you can get creative and offer a service, such as babysitting, gardening, or ironing... Please let us know by email, message or via your Year Rep. The auction will end on Friday 22nd March, which is our annual quiz night. This year's theme is World Book Quiz Night. Start gathering a team, arrange childcare for that night, think about your costume. We are adding a special feature this year, bring a book of your costume and exchange it with another participant! Start gathering your team...

We hope all Topsham School families enjoy this half term and we will be back with Silent Auction, Quiz Night, Bake Sales and Pre-Loved Uniform Sale!



Date	Event
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 23 rd February	Year 2 Cake Sale
Friday 1 st March	Second group of Year 5 children climbing at Exeter Quay Climbing Centre pm
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Monday 11 th March	Year 1 Trip to West Town Farm
Tuesday 12 th March	Year 2 Trip to West Town Farm
Tuesday 12 th March	Years 3 and 4 trip to The Box in Plymouth
Thursday 14 th March	PTA Meeting at 8pm via Zoom
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)