

The Topsham School

Newsletter 22



A love of learning and commitment to the success of every child at the heart of all we do.
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Friday 1st March 2024



Mental Health Support Team (MHST) Coffee Morning

We are holding a coffee morning on Tuesday 5th March at 9.00am – 9.45am. We invite parents to come along and find out more about the MHST.

Online Safety

We would like to share the link below with parents. This is a great resource to learn more about how tech works most effectively and from the point of view of an adult/parent/school staff- the more we learn about the online world, the better we can understand how to keep our children safe.

[vodafone_digital_parenting.pdf](#)

Exeter Primary Football League

Well done to the Topsham Year 5/6 football team, who are currently lying in 3rd place, in the Exeter Primary Football League.

On Monday, the team played against Stoke Hill and narrowly lost 2-1 - due to a controversial decision by Mr Elliott who said the ball stayed in, when it may have gone out. If only VAR had been in use! The team then rallied to beat St Nicholas 2-1, a team we lost 4-2, back in September. They have made great progress this year and we still have some fixtures to play, to close the gap at the top.



	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Stoke Hill	8	8	0	0	22	2	20	24
St Nicholas	8	7	0	1	25	8	17	21
Topsham	8	4	1	3	11	12	-1	13
Pinhoe Wanderers	8	4	0	4	21	11	10	12
Clyst St Mary B	8	3	1	4	14	11	3	10
Clyst St Mary A	8	2	2	4	14	10	4	8
Pinhoe Rangers	8	1	1	6	5	31	-26	4
Monty Black	8	0	1	7	1	28	-27	1

Running Club News

Eagerly awaited running club awards were given out last week to over 80 members of our running club. A special mention to Hector (Y6) who received his 80 Run Hoodie and Ben (Y6) who received his 100 Run T-shirt. This is only the second time that the 100 Run T-shirt has been awarded - an amazing achievement!

This term we have welcomed back two former pupils Ben F and Will N, now Year 10s, who are volunteering at Running Club as part of their School Sports Leadership Programme.

Running Club would also like to say a HUGE thank you to Matt V, who has designed a brilliant new timing system for the club. The children were really excited to be out for their 2 km run this week, ready to beat their PB times!



World Book Day - Thursday 7th March

Don't forget that we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. Here is a summary of how we will be celebrating this event:



- Come to school dressed as your favourite book character. We encourage these costumes to be handmade or second-hand.
- "The Great Brown Paper Book Swap." If possible, please bring a book swap. Books should be wrapped in brown paper/newspaper and marked with the age that the book is appropriate for. Also try to include some illustrated clues about the book.
- Every child will receive a £1 book token.

Comic Relief – Friday 15th March

It is almost time to get **REDDY** for the biannual celebrations for **Comic Relief** will soon be here!

We will be celebrating Comic Relief by;



- Wearing Red-to-Toe (as much red from head to toe as possible)
- Wearing a red nose **if we wish to**
- Taking part in a Community Crack Up by sharing some of our best jokes with members of the community
- Hosting a red themed bake sale after school. If you are able to donate any cakes, we would greatly appreciate it. We highly rely on these donations, so please do get those aprons on! But please remember: no nuts.

Year 3 and 4 Comic-Con Wednesday 20th March at 3.00pm

Calling all parents and carers of Year 3 and 4...
You will have read our letter about our Topsham Comic-Con.
Please join the classes to celebrate the children's work this term on their Art and Design topic: *Superheroes: Not All Heroes Wear Capes.*



Donations of 50p/£1 to the cause would be kindly received.



Achievers

As a school, we promote positive behaviour and we have numerous incentives to support this. The recipients of our half-termly achiever awards are listed below:

Achiever Awards:

Big Acorns Aiden
Year 1 Toby
Year 2 Darcy
Year 3 Anabella
Year 4 The whole class for great team work and perseverance during their DT topic.
Year 5 Austin
Year 6 Flynn



School Leader Awards:

KS1 Floyd
KS2 Joe



Reading Awards

As outlined in last week's newsletter, we would like to recognise and celebrate our students' reading accomplishments. Each year group participating in our accelerated reader program will have a specific target number of words and when a child reaches their target, they are awarded a special target badge as a token of their reading success.



Moreover, we will be presenting badges to students who reach significant milestones, such as 500,000, 1 million, 1.5 million, 2 million, and 3 million words.

Congratulations to the children listed below who have already reached one or more of these targets!

Year 3 Reading Target Badge (90000 words)	Year 4 Reading Target Badge (170000 words)	Year 5 Reading Target Badge (250000 words)	Year 6 Reading Target Badge (300000 words)	500000 words	1000000 words	1500000 words
Alfie	Osian	Isaac	Karolina	Alfie Y3	Phoebe Y3	Alina Y4
William	Alina	Austin	Elsie	Phoebe Y3	Alina Y4	
Tor	Laurie	Jack	William	Alina Y4	Isaac Y5	
Lawrence	Alexander	Felix	Hetty	Xander Y4	Flynn Y6	
Lola	Oscar	Joe	Ben	Isaac Y5	Ben Y6	
Phoebe	Helena		Florence	Austin Y5		
Robyn	Ned		Flynn	Will Y6		
Freddie			Esme	Hetty Y6		
			Ellery	Ben Y6		
			Aaron	Florence Y6		
				Flynn Y6		
				Ellery Y6		

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



SILENT AUCTION is LIVE

<https://www.topshampta.co.uk/the-great-big-silent-auction-2024/>

Check out the amazing lots on Auction thanks to the generosity of parents and local businesses (what an amazing community). You can start bidding via the website.

We need "all hands on deck" to spread the word: share with your family friends and on social media. Last day for bidding is 22nd March.

And it is being updated daily with new lots, as we are accepting donations up to the last day!

QUIZ NIGHT – the funniest night at school

Jealous of the kids on World Book Day? Not anymore! Dress up as your favourite literary character for the Topsham School Quiz. Whether it's Sherlock Holmes or Katniss Everdeen, Gandalf or Bridget Jones – The quiz might be general knowledge but the dress code is strictly literary! Bring your own food. Cash Bar. Plus, last chance to bid in the PTA Great Big Silent Auction!

Look for Childcare, gather a team and book your tickets

<https://www.topshampta.co.uk/event/world-book-themed-quiz-night/>

Date: Friday, 22nd March

Doors open at 7.30pm

Pancake Flip Sponsorship Money

Today is the last day for Pancake Flip sponsorship/donation. 100% funds will go directly for new Science equipment – either in an envelope handed in the School Office or via online payment

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/pancakeflipchallenge2024>

Next PTA Meeting

Our next meeting will be online, via Zoom, on Thursday 14th March at 8.00pm. Everyone is more than welcome.



Date	Event
Friday 1 st March	Second group of Year 5 children climbing at Exeter Quay Climbing Centre pm
Saturday 2 nd March	Choir members taking part in Exeter Cathedral Outreach Programme Concert
Tuesday 5 th March	Mental Health Support Team (MHST) Coffee Morning 9.00am-9.45am
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 15 th March	Comic Relief
Tuesday 19 th March	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 20 th March	Year 3/4 Comic Con at 3.00pm
Wednesday 20 th - Wednesday 27 th March	Science Week
Thursday 21 st March	Parents' Evening
Friday 22 nd March	PTA Quiz Night
Friday 22 nd March	End of the Silent Auction
Wednesday 27 th March	Science Fair 3.30pm
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
Tuesday 2 nd July	Year 4 Day Trip to Exmouth – Water sports
Wednesday 3 rd July to Thursday 4 th July	Year 4 overnight stay at Sid Vale Scout Hut
Wednesday 24 th July	Break up for Summer Holiday (school finishes at 2.30pm and Twiglets finishes at 4.30pm)