

The Topsham School

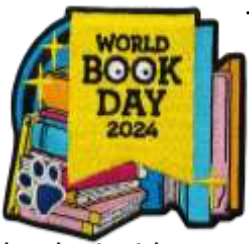
Newsletter 23



A love of learning and commitment to the success of every child at the heart of all we do.
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Friday 8th March 2024

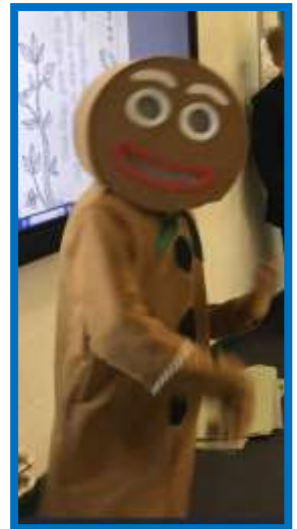
World Book Day 2024



This year's World Book Day celebrations saw an array of amazing costumes across the school. The characters from a wide range of books were represented by the costumes worn by both children and members of staff.

"The Great Brown Paper Book Swap" was very popular and there were some great illustrations and written clues on the wrapping, giving hints about the books inside.

Thank you to everyone for your support with making this event such a success.





Choir Performance at Exeter Cathedral

The Key Stage 2 Choir represented the school in a concert at Exeter Cathedral on Saturday 2nd March. The concert was part of the Exeter Cathedral Outreach Programme and it was a great opportunity for the children to sing alongside other school choirs, youth choirs and the Cathedral Choristers.

The choir sang beautifully and were fantastic ambassadors for the school. Thank you very much to Mrs Haysom and Miss Sheen for giving their time at the weekend to accompany the choir to make this opportunity possible. We would also like to thank and all the family and friends of the choir members who came along to support the choir on the day.

No Clubs run by Teachers in w/b 18th March

There will be no clubs led by Teachers in week beginning 18th March due to Parents' Evenings taking place during this week. Choir will still go ahead on Friday 22nd March as this club is run by Teaching Assistants rather than Teachers.

Booking and cancelling 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.

Parents' Evening Bookings

The parents' evening booking system is now live.

<https://topshamschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

The deadline for booking an appointment is 9am on Monday 18th March. Please see the letter sent by Schoolcomms email for more information.



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.

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

Superhero Sewing

On Wednesday Year 3 & 4 spent the day making their own super-hero capes. They used the sewing skills they have been learning in DT and also designed an eye-catching logo for their hero. A huge thank you to the parent volunteers who came in to help us! The capes will be on display for Year 3 and 4 parents to see at our Topsham Comic-Con on Wednesday March 20th March at 3.00pm.



Achievers

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

Achiever Awards:

Year 1 Isla, Ruby and Oliver

Year 2 Miro and Evan

Year 3 Michelle and Bonnie

Year 4 Elliott and Hollie

Year 5 Oscar





School Leader Awards:

KS1 Mia
KS2 Phoebe

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 – Bid & Promote

<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, from massages and treats to meals and gifts! You can start bidding and spreading the word.

The countdown for the end of the Silent Auction has started (22nd March)!

QUIZ NIGHT – the funniest night at school

Do you have everything you need to have fun? Quiz Night is on Friday, 22nd March. Dress up as your favourite literary character for the Topsham School quiz. It might be general knowledge but the dress code is strictly literary! Bring your own food. Bar available. Plus, last chance to bid in the PTA Great Big Silent Auction!

Time to book your tickets online

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

Date: Friday, 22nd March

Doors open at 7.30pm

PTA Meeting - Thursday

Our next meeting will be online, via Zoom, on Thursday 14th March at 8.00pm. Link will be shared soon.

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EXMOUTH

EASTER HOLIDAY CLUBS

Football Fun for Boys and Girls

CITY COMMUNITY TRUST

THE ACTIVITIES
FA Cup, Champions League, World Cup Match Mania.
GK & Strikers Day, Football Fever & Inflatables
Play, Have Fun, Make Friends

AGES 5-14

BRIXINGTON PRIMARY

2ND – 5TH APRIL AND 8TH – 12TH APRIL

9.30am – 3.30pm

BOOK TODAY

EXETERCCT.ORG

@EXETERCCT

Reminder that all Junior Grecian Members can get a **10% discount off of Holiday Club Bookings**

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FRESH PARK & RESORT

The poster features a background image of a football stadium with red seats and a green pitch. A large white rabbit is at the bottom center. There are several circular inset photos showing children playing football. The text is in various fonts and colors, including white, black, and green. There are also colorful Easter egg graphics scattered throughout.

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**UNIVERSITY OF EXETER
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PRIMARY SCHOOL**

EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY CAMPS!

**EASTER HOLIDAYS
2ND - 12TH APRIL**





Date	Event
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 for Little Acorns, Big Acorns, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6
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 for Little Acorns, Big Acorns, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y5 and Y6
Friday 22 nd March	Parents' Evening for Y4
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)