

# The Topsham School

## Newsletter 25



A love of learning and commitment to the success of every child at the heart of all we do.  
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Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

### Topsham Science Fair

We would like to invite all our parents, carers, grandparents and family to: The Topsham School Science Fair on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 3.30pm

Our Science Fair will be a celebration of all of the learning that the children have done throughout Science Week and an exciting range of display and hands-on science for our children to share with you.

### Year 3 & 4 Visit to The Box, Plymouth

We had a fantastic trip to The Box last week. The children really enjoyed looking around the galleries and taking part in a fun Pop Art workshop. The children were a great credit to the school and the workshop leaders commented on what fantastic listening skills and manners they had.

### Comic-Con

On Wednesday afternoon the Hall was packed with families and some very excited superheroes for our Topsham Comic-Con. Years 3 and 4 showed off the superhero capes they had sewn, alongside eye-catching Pop Art and persuasive superhero writing and work from our visit to The Box. It was a fitting celebration of an action-packed term of work!



## Animals 2 U visit to Years 1 and 2

As part of Science Week, Chris from Animals 2U visited Years 1 and 2 on Thursday. The children got to hold and learn about an armadillo, a snake, a stick insect, a parrot and a frog! The children had an amazing time and we would like to thank the PTA for kindly funding this experience.



## A future change at The Topsham School

As you will see below, the school is looking for a caretaker and cleaners to join our team.

Chris Ward has been the smiley and helpful face in that role for over 18 months, and he has built some wonderful relationships with us as staff, and with the children, as well as with parents. You will all have seen some of the changes in the school grounds that have been brought about from Chris's experience and skill. Chris is not going anywhere yet- we will continue to have him at the Topsham School in to the summer term.

### Link for premises staff advertisement:

[https://www.devonjobs.gov.uk/job/Premises%20Staff%3A%20Caretaker%20and%20Cleaner%20\(2%20posts\)%20-%20The%20Topsham%20School%20\(United%20Schools%20Federation\)/](https://www.devonjobs.gov.uk/job/Premises%20Staff%3A%20Caretaker%20and%20Cleaner%20(2%20posts)%20-%20The%20Topsham%20School%20(United%20Schools%20Federation)/)



## 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:

**Big Acorns** Harry and Oscar  
**Year 1** Jasmine  
**Year 2** Kaysie  
**Year 4** Sienna, Aine and Syd  
**Year 5** Leo and Mitchell  
**Year 6** Ava and William



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:mashsecure@devon.gov.uk) and give as much information as you can.*



## PTA News



### **IT'S TODAY!!!!**

We have a busy, fun day...

### **SILENT AUCTION – Last day to bid**

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

Last opportunity to bid! You can still find something within our 44 lots, from Knitting workshop, a trip out on an Aston Martin, or a Breakfast in Topsham, Luxury treatments, a voucher for a massage... You can still share this link and place a bid.

Highest bidders will be contacted next week, payments arranged and lots delivered.

### **QUIZ NIGHT – the funniest night at school**

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. With or without a team join us, you can pay for the ticket online or on the door.

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

Date: Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Doors open at 7.30pm

Quiz Starts at 8pm

### **Pre-loved Uniform Sale**

Spring has arrived and is time to start to refresh your child uniform: they need shorts/dress, cardigan or get a new stock of jumpers. Save yourself some time and money! From 3.20pm, next to the office.

Cash and card/contactless are accepted.

Dates for  
the Diary:

Date	Event
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	PTA Pre-loved school uniform sale
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Parents' Evening for Y4
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	PTA Quiz Night
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	End of the Silent Auction
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Fair 3.30pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Break up for Easter Holiday (school finishes at 2.30pm and Twiglets finishes at 4.30pm)
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Deadline for parent governor elections
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Return to school after Easter Holidays
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for half-term (3.30pm finish)
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Non-Pupil Day
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Children return to school after half-term
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 4 Day Trip to Exmouth – Water sports
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July to Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 overnight stay at Sid Vale Scout Hut
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Break up for Summer Holiday (school finishes at 2.30pm and Twiglets finishes at 4.30pm)