

The Topsham School

Newsletter 2



A love of learning and commitment to the success of every child at the heart of all we do.
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Friday 16th September 2022



In our assembly on Monday, we reflected on the life of the Queen through pictures and we spoke about her characteristics. Thoughts that the children shared included: loyal, respectful, accepting, reliable (she could be relied upon to always do the right thing), polite, curious, a role model and interested in others; attributes we all agreed were admirable qualities. We also celebrated her sense of fun by enjoying watching the clip of her tea with Paddington which was made to celebrate

her Platinum Jubilee. It is so lovely and the link is here if you would like to see it again:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7UfiCa244XE>

We had a minute's silence to reflect on these characteristics and which ones we may want to develop further in ourselves. Alongside acknowledging the sadness many in the country and the world may feel, we made special acknowledgement to her family. After all she was not only the Queen but a mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

We continue to send our thoughts and best wishes to the Queen's family at this time. May this weekend bring you all some time to enjoy together with your family; just enjoying being together in whatever form that takes.



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:

Achievers:

- Year 1** Otto and Louis
- Year 2** Phoebe and Mohammed
- Year 3** James and AJ
- Year 4** Carsen and Grace
- Year 5** Ella and Ben
- Year 6** Bertie and Kaycee

Meet The Teacher



Parents are invited to join us for Meet The Teacher sessions next week between 9.00am and 9.30am on the following days:

Tuesday 20th - Years 5 and 6

Wednesday 21st – FSU (Little and Big Acorns)

Thursday 22nd – Years 1 and 2

Friday 23rd – Years 3 and 4

We will be sharing the information shared at these sessions at the end of the week for any parents who are unable to attend.

Autumn Term Clubs

A clubs list for the Autumn term will be sent out by email later today with instructions for booking a place in a club.

Plea for junk/recycling for the FSU

In the Foundation Stage we love crafting and creating using a wide range of resources, including what we might think of as 'junk' and what you usually fill your recycling bins with!

We would greatly appreciate your junk donations, and will leave tubs out by the KS1 gates on a Friday morning for collection.

We are always looking for:

Cardboard boxes (cereal/shoe/snack bars such like)

Plastic pots and bottles

Milk bottles

Lids

Plastic trays

Cardboard trays (egg boxes, fruit punnets)

Toilet/kitchen roll tubes

Please, no glass or metal. If there is an item you 'think' we might find useful, don't hesitate to speak to a member of FSU.

Thank you!

European day of Languages – Monday 26th September

This is a wonderful opportunity for the school to celebrate the wide range of languages and cultures within our school community. We have a vast range of languages spoken by our families: from Bulgarian to German, Malayalam to Polish.

On the day we are planning on starting the day with a whole school assembly followed by stories and games in different languages. We are hoping that many of our parents will be happy to share a little of their time to come into school and lead a session in their home language– something we have not been able to do since pre-Pandemic!

If you are willing to take part, please contact Mrs Hartmann (the school's MfL coordinator) to be added to the list.



Census Day and Menu Changes - Wednesday 5th, Thursday 6th and Friday 7th October

Thursday 6th October is school census day. On this day we encourage all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children to make use of their entitlement for a free school lunch.

Children can still bring a packed lunch and eat that if they change their mind about having a school dinner. We encourage all Key Stage 1 children to sign up for a school dinner on this day because the numbers that register for a meal Thursday 6th October are used to calculate how much money the school receives for meals during the coming year. So, please help us by registering your Key Stage 1 child for a meal on this day, it won't cost you a penny but will have a big impact on school finances.

To encourage children to have school dinner on this day, Fresha are offering the most popular meal of the week but this means there will be some changes - see below for details:

Monday 3rd October: as published

Tuesday 4th October: as published

Wednesday 5th October: Roast day (Was Thursday)

Thursday 6th October (Census Day): Burgers (Was Friday)

Friday 7th October: Pizza (Was Wednesday)

In other words, whatever is on the menu on Thursday is served on Wednesday etc.

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding Leads and Contact Information

Members of staff who are safeguarding leads are as follows:

- Mrs Emma Pipe: 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.
- Miss Maria White: Deputy Safeguarding Lead, Deputy Headteacher and Online Safety Leader mwhite@topsham.devon.sch.uk
- Mrs Hartmann: Deputy Safeguarding Lead, SENDCO and Early Help Leader nhartmann@topsham.devon.sch.uk



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, Miss Greygoose and Mrs Owens. 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.*



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The Topsham School PTA

PTA NEWS

PTA AGM – Tues 20th September, 7.30pm

Thanks to some heroic fundraising last year by you, the lovely parents and staff of The Topsham School, the PTA is in a great position to start the new school year. To hear more about the results of your support, and to have your say about spending and planning more events for the coming year, please do come to the AGM at Topsham School on Tuesday 20th September at 7.30pm.

There will be a quick round up of what we achieved last year, a brief report about the finances and discussing ideas for future fundraisers. We'll be discussing what to spend PTA funds on and what to do this term. We'll also be filling the committee roles and appointing class reps, but don't let that put you off! You won't be roped into a job if you don't want one. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!** I cannot stress that enough. Whatever year your child/ren is/are in, whether you are new to the school or have been knocking around for ages, you will be warmly welcomed. Please come if you can.

Dates for
the Diary:

Date	Event
Tuesday 20 th September	Meet The Teacher Years 5 and 6 9.00am-9.30am
Wednesday 21 st September	Meet The Teacher FSU (Little and Big Acorns) 9.00am-9.30am
Thursday 22 nd September	Meet The Teacher Years 1 and 2 9.00am-9.30am
Friday 23 rd September	Meet The Teacher Years 3 and 4 9.00am-9.30am
Monday 26 th September	European day of Languages
Wednesday 28 th September	Years 3 and 4 Trip to Kents Cavern
Wednesday 5 th October	Menu Change
Wednesday 5 th October	Years 1 and 2 Trip to Plymouth Aquarium
Thursday 6 th October	Census Day and Menu Change
Friday 7 th October	Menu Change
Tuesday 11 th October	Tempest Photography to take individual photos
Friday 21 st October	Break up for half-term (3.30pm finish)
Monday 31 st October	Return to school after half-term
Monday 7 th -Thursday 10 th November	Y6 Residential
Friday 16 th December	Break up for Christmas Holidays (2.30pm finish)
Tuesday 3 rd January	Occasional Day – School Closed
Wednesday 4 th January	Return to school after Christmas Holidays