

The Topsham School

Newsletter 35



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Friday 25th June 2021



Life is a series of transitions and change. It is something we have all had to face on a regular basis recently and we still are.

It is hard to believe that our country entered the first Lockdown in March 2020. Since then, we have been through so many changes as individuals, as families, as a school, as a community, as a country and as a world of people. We are still having to live by restrictions and are all awaiting new government guidance and wondering what may or may not happen next.

Throughout this time, our children have met these changes head on and have shown how well they can cope with change; changes in how they learn, from being in school to needing to learn remotely, to being back in school, out again and then back again. (I do not wish to sound flippant but it sounds a little like the Hokey Cokey). All these changes will have had an impact on each one of us, to different extents, and we may not know to what extent for days, months or years to come; but we are all affected and transformed by the changes and transitions we go through.

As we come closer to the end of this academic year, it is time to prepare for more change; changes in who will be our teachers next year. As I have shared previously, at the end of this year we say goodbye to Mr Vernon and Mrs de Winton as they go on to new adventures and we say a 'farewell' to Mrs Whitehead as she goes to have her baby. As we are sad to see these people go, whether long or short term, we look forward to welcoming our new members of staff; and we have quite a few of them 😊. We welcomed Mrs Gater and Mrs Hodges at the start of this half term. Mrs Gater is a TA working across KS1 at present and Mrs Hodges has joined our FSU team. In September, we will welcome two new teachers Mr Elliott and Miss Uglow, and we welcome back Miss Dinning as she returns from the maternity leave.

Looking forward to September the schools class staffing will be as follows:

FSU: Mrs Owens and Miss Uglow with Mrs Curran and Mrs Hodges

Year 1: Mrs Phillips and Mrs Dinning with Mrs Copper and Mrs Hockaday

Year 2: Mrs Watts with Mrs Ostrer and Mrs Gater

Year 3: Mrs Daitz with Mrs Follet and Miss Sheen

Year 4: Miss White and Mrs Finnegan with Mrs Wannell

Year 5: Mr Elliott with Mrs Muldoon

Year 6: Miss Greygoose and Mrs Pearson

Mrs Dewick will be with us, providing Interventions and personalised support, Mrs Hartmann will continue in her role as SENDCO and Mrs Edwards and Mrs Adesina continue in the office.

We are in the process of planning for when and how a transition morning can be facilitated and we will provide more information on this when we know more; schools remain under strict CV19 restrictions, so we will be thinking creatively if needed. Those parents whose children have been identified as needing a more enhanced transition will receive further information about this early next week.

We have four more weeks of this term, and we aim to ensure that we make the most of every day we have with the children to ensure they continue to make progress and feel happy and secure. Lots of learning lies ahead 😊

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Pipe

THANK
YOU!

A big thank you to Jane Trollope and all the amazing parents of our PTA who are still busy organising fundraising activities. A special thank you to Mrs Coles for organising the Smartie Tube Challenge. All of these initiatives require lots of creative thinking and time and myself and the rest of the team are so grateful to you all.

SAFEGUARDING



Safeguarding Leads and contact information

Members of staff who are safeguarding leads are as follows:

- Mrs Emma Pipe: Designated Safeguarding Lead and Headteacher:
epipe@topsham.devon.sch.uk
- 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

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.*

Wearing masks and pick up and drop off times

We have been contacted by some of our parents who are concerned about the increasing number of people not wearing masks at pick up and drop off times. As the number of cases continues to rise across the South West, please can we ask all parents to consider wearing a mask at the school gates as part of our ongoing effort to keep everyone in our community safe. Thank you.



School Dinners

On Monday 21st June we had 11 children who had not ordered a school meal but required one. Our meals are ordered from an external kitchen and therefore it is important that the meal numbers we submit to the kitchen first thing in the morning are as accurate as possible.

Please can we remind parents that meals must be booked in advance

and **by 8.15am on the day at the latest.** The menu can be viewed on our school website.

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

Tempest Photography

Tempest Photography will be visiting us on Monday 28th June to take class group photographs.

Please can we ask all children to arrive at school in full uniform on this date. Children in Years 1 and 2 will need to bring their PE kit to school in a named bag to change into for their afternoon PE session.



Term Dates

Term dates for the academic years 2021–2022 and 2022-2023 are now available to view and download from our website.

<http://www.topsham.devon.sch.uk/term-dates.html>



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PTA NEWS



Smartie Challenge

Your children should have received (and eaten) a tube of Smarties from school this week. The challenge is to fill the empty tube with any coins you can spare and return it to school by 2nd July. Don't forget to write your house name on each tube. The house that raises the most money will gain extra house points! Thank you.

Plant Sale Thanks

Thank you so much to everyone who donated and/or bought plants at last week's plant sale. We raised £84 for the school – not bad for an hour's trading! Mr Vernon took away a selection of plants that were leftover for the school grounds, and anything surplus beyond that was donated to the Hospiscare plant stall on Ferry Road.

The Great Big Wheelbarrow Raffle

The final PTA fundraiser for this term will be an AMAZING, BUMPER, 'Summer outdoors' themed raffle. The prize will be a deluxe garden wheelbarrow donated by B & Q Exeter, filled with non-perishable Summer outdoors goodies... which is where we really need your help: filling the wheelbarrow up to its maximum capacity with goodies to make it a truly glorious prize for the lucky winner. There will also be second and third filled garden tub prizes to win. Please please can you and family or friends consider donating an item towards this final fundraiser of the year for The Topsham School. Everything and anything 'Summer outdoors' themed will be gratefully received, e.g. garden picnic items, non-perishable summer drinks (bottles/tins), BBQ accessories or non-perishable sauces, camping items/equipment, garden games or inflatables, and sweet, treats and snacks.

See your class WhatsApp group for where you can drop off your donated items. Drop off points will be open starting on Monday (28th June), ending Tuesday (6th July). In light of the current restrictions with social distancing at the school entrance, please do not bring donations to the school gates. Regrettably, we must collect the items remotely during this period of continued restrictions. MANY MANY MANY THANKS for your support and efforts to keep vital fund raisers like this going through challenging times.



The poster features a large, stylized red 'M' with a white outline and a decorative pattern inside, set against a background of yellow and green geometric shapes. Below the 'M', the words 'MIDSUMMER MARKET' are written in a bold, white, sans-serif font. A yellow banner with red text reads 'MATTHEWS HALL LAWN Saturday 26th June, 9am til 1pm'. Below this, white text on a green background says 'Live music from 'Mrs Folk Club' Free kid's crafts & 'face' painting... (but not on faces!) Social Distancing Rules Apply'. At the bottom, a red banner with a white starburst shape contains the text 'FREE ENTRY'. To the right, white text on a red background says 'Come and celebrate Topsham's Saturday Market OPEN FOR ALL!'. The logo for the Topsham Community Association (TCA) is also present, featuring a blue shield with the letters 'TCA' and the text 'TOPSHAM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION' and 'Charity No. 1146398'.

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MIDSUMMER MARKET

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Saturday 26th June, 9am til 1pm

Live music from 'Mrs Folk Club'
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TCA TOPSHAM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
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Tuesday 7 th September	Children return to school after Summer Holiday										