

The Topsham School

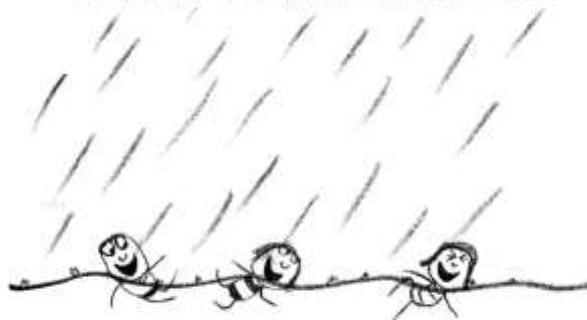
Newsletter 36



A love of learning and commitment to the success of every child at the heart of all we do.
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Friday 2nd July 2021

HAPPINESS IS



...wild swimming
in the rain.

It has been brilliant for me to accompany the Year 6 children to swimming on Monday mornings. It has been so wonderful to see the progress the children are making.

Last week, when we went, the heavens opened and myself, Mrs Wannell and Miss Greygoose may as well have got in the pool; we got absolutely saturated and on our return Mrs Edwards and Mrs Adesina found it very funny 😊 I have now learnt to have a set of spare clothes and a hairdryer in my office.

This week, three of our children were challenged to swim their 25 metres. A whole length is a long way

when you're still learning to swim. Two children managed it on their first attempt, while the third got about three quarters of the way along the pool when tiredness came on and they had to stop. Everyone around cheered and clapped there was lots of shouting of "Don't worry you'll do it next time".

The lesson continued and the child listened carefully to the feedback given to them by Mrs Pearson; remember to stretch your legs and kick really hard, keeping your ankles fluid and strong arms pushing the water to propel you through. They then practised and practised the technique alongside their friends.

At the end of the session the child asked Mrs Pearson if they could try and do their 25m again. She asked if they were sure as it was the end of a very busy session. The child said yes they were certain they wanted to do; so off they went to try.

The whole class moved to the side and the child climbed into the deep end and they were off. The rest of the class shouted words of encouragement and there was a huge round of applause as the child made it to the end. Their whole face lit up and they were obviously very proud of themselves; and so they should have been 😊 And so were all of us watching; incredibly proud of their achievement.

Thorough using their learning powers of perseverance, making links, practising and noticing they had achieved their goal. It was a pleasure to watch!

Have a lovely weekend; it may even be warm enough for a swim in the sea.

Mrs Pipe

SAFEGUARDING



Reporting Absences

Please remember, if your child is going to be absent from school, you must inform the school office by 8.55am. The easiest way to do this is by emailing admin@topsham.devon.sch.uk You can also call us on 01392 874498 and leave a message on the absence mailbox. If the absence is due to illness, it is essential to give details of the symptoms your child is experiencing, as if you just say they are unwell, we will have to follow this up.

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.*

PTA NEWS



Smarties Challenge

It's time to return those tubes to school! Huge thanks to everyone who has filled or partially filled a Smarties tube with coins (or notes if you're feeling *very* flush). Please send them in with your children. We'll let you know how much we have all raised, and which house raised the most money, as soon as we have counted all the donations.

The Great Big Wheelbarrow Raffle

We're collecting! Can you donate something to go in our lovely shiny yellow wheelbarrow (kindly donated by B&Q)? We are asking for anything summery to enjoy in your garden. Ideas include inflatables, bubble machines, BBQ sauces or utensils, wine/beer/soft drinks, garden games, gardening kit (seeds, tools, gloves etc), sweets and treats. See your class WhatsApp group for where you can drop off donations (please don't bring them to school), plus you can leave them by the front door at 10 Greatwood Terrace or 72 High Street too. Thanks a million!

Past experience has shown that when we get together to create a raffle prize, the families of Topsham School are incredibly generous, and with that in mind if you want to crack on and buy some raffle tickets (even though we can only confirm that at this moment in time that you might win a wheelbarrow, a strimmer and seven bottles of wine) here's the link:

<https://go.rallyup.com/thegreatbigwheelbarrowraffle/Campaign>

Just like last year, we've gone online, so you can purchase tickets from the comfort of your sofa. The draw will take place on Sunday 18th July at 6pm.

Amazon Smile for utterly painless fundraising!

There's a new way of supporting The Topsham School! Amazon Smile 🧐. Whenever you buy something from Amazon you can donate a small amount without any extra cost for you. So use it and spread the word about it to your family and friends. If you have the Amazon app on your phone: open the app and find 'Settings' in the main menu (☰). Tap on 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to turn on AmazonSmile on your phone. Then look for Friends Of The Topsham School; if you use a PC/laptop use **<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1043458-0>** (you can bookmark the link so it's always easy to find).

Amazon will donate 0.5% of all eligible purchases to your favourite charity when you shop. So please support "Friends Of The Topsham School" with every eligible AmazonSmile purchase from your phone or computer. Thank you!

Next PTA meeting (and last one of the year): Tuesday 20th July, venue TBC

Dates for
the Diary:

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Friday 23 rd July	Break up for Summer Holiday Finishing times as below: <table border="1" data-bbox="799 602 1437 804"> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="799 602 1209 640">Years 5 and 6</td> <td data-bbox="1209 602 1437 640">2.15pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="799 640 1209 678">Years 1 and 2</td> <td data-bbox="1209 640 1437 678">2.20pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="799 678 1209 716">Years 3 and 4</td> <td data-bbox="1209 678 1437 716">2.25pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="799 716 1209 754">Big and Little Acorns</td> <td data-bbox="1209 716 1437 754">2.30pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="799 754 1209 792">Twiglets after school club</td> <td data-bbox="1209 754 1437 792">4.30pm</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Years 5 and 6	2.15pm	Years 1 and 2	2.20pm	Years 3 and 4	2.25pm	Big and Little Acorns	2.30pm	Twiglets after school club	4.30pm
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Monday 6 th September	Non-Pupil Day										
Tuesday 7 th September	Children return to school after Summer Holiday										

Schools' COVID-19 advice to parents and carers - June 2021

Keeping our children, schools and communities safe

One in three people who catch coronavirus (COVID-19) don't get any symptoms, so regular testing is vital to help prevent spreading it unknowingly.

Rapid lateral flow device (LFD) tests are only for people without symptoms and give a quick result in 30 minutes. All adults and secondary/ college pupils should use these tests twice a week.

PCR tests are for people with symptoms. They are processed by a laboratory, with the results usually back the next day. 'Close contacts' of someone with COVID-19 can also get a PCR test, even if they don't have symptoms.

Visit devon.cc/testing for more information.

- **What if my child tests positive using a LFD home test kit?**
 - keep your child at home, tell school the result and report it via GOV.UK
 - your child and whole household should self-isolate at home immediately
 - get a PCR test within two days to confirm the result
 - they can return to school if the PCR test result (taken within two days of the LFD test) is negative and they have no symptoms
- **What if my child tests positive using a PCR test?**
 - keep your child at home and tell school the result
 - your household must self-isolate for 10 full days after your child's symptoms started or from the day of their test if they had no symptoms
 - they can return to school after 10 full days of self-isolation, provided they feel well and have not had a temperature for 24 hours

Stay up to date with the latest advice in Devon at devon.cc/covid-19
sign up to receive updates at devon.cc/connectme

- **What if my child has COVID-19 symptoms?**
 - keep your child at home and tell school
 - get them a PCR test as soon as possible via [devon.cc/testing](https://www.devon.gov.uk/covid-19/testing)
 - your child and household must self-isolate and wait for the results
 - if their PCR test result is negative they can return to school provided they feel well and have not had a temperature for 24 hours. If their PCR test result is positive they must self isolate at home for 10 full days
- **What if my child is identified as a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive or has been sent home from school as part of a 'bubble'?**
 - keep your child at home and tell school
 - your child must self-isolate at home for 10 full days, even if they test negative during this time
 - the rest of your household doesn't need to self-isolate unless they are identified as a 'close contact' too
 - they can return to school after completing 10 full days of self-isolation at home, provided they feel well and do not have any COVID-19 symptoms
- **What if someone in my household has COVID-19 symptoms?**
 - keep your child at home and tell school
 - the person with COVID-19 symptoms should get a PCR test via [devon.cc/testing](https://www.devon.gov.uk/covid-19/testing) as soon as possible
 - your household must self-isolate and wait for the result
 - your child can return to school if the person with symptoms tests negative, provided your child feels well and doesn't have COVID-19 symptoms
- **What if someone in my household tests positive for COVID-19?**
 - keep your child at home and tell school
 - if it's a LFD positive result, get a PCR test within 2 days to confirm the result
 - if it's a PCR positive result your household must self-isolate for 10 full days
- **What should I do if we are planning a holiday abroad?**
 - check all government guidance on international travel and ensure you follow all the requirements

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