

The Topsham School

Newsletter 4

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Thursday 4th October

Have you downloaded the School Gateway app yet ready for emails, texts and online payments?

Dear Parents/Carers,

Achievers

As a school, we promote positive behaviour and we have numerous incentives to support this. House tokens are given for aspiration, self-worth and respect shown in class, at play and around the school. Golden tickets are given for good behaviour/manners at lunchtimes. In addition to this, teachers award two weekly achievers for children who have been identified for a particular reason or aspect of their learning that they have done well in. There are also four children each week identified for their efforts in PE and sport. Maths and Writing effort is rewarded by displaying children's work in the framed display boards outside of the hall.

This week's achievers:



Achievers:

Olivia, Eddie, William, Bessie, Holly, Lily and Pippa.



Golden Tickets:

Mirela, Oskaras and Kiki



PE Awards:

Tilly, Emmie-May, Stan-Lee and Kade

Big Acorns Trip

This week the children in Big Acorns went on a bus trip to Darts Farm to help them develop their own 'Naughty Bus' story ideas. This was their first trip and everyone was amazed by their behaviour; we can't wait to hear their story ideas.

Year 3 and 4 Trip

Did you know that 70% of the 2000 year old Roman wall is still in place in Exeter? Well, Year 3 and 4 do and on Wednesday they walked all around it and even on a part of it! It was a beautiful morning, the views over Exeter were wonderful and the children were able to get a real sense of how big Exeter (or Isca Dumnoniorum as it was known in Roman times) actually was.

Thank you so much to the wonderful parents who accompanied us on the 2 mile walk.



Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings will be held on the 16th and 18th October. A link to our online booking facility, Sign-Up Genius will be sent by email tomorrow enabling you to book a slot. Please do help the teachers keep to time and remember that appointment slots are 10 minutes in length. Should you wish to see the teacher for longer, please arrange another appointment.

School Dinners

Please remember that if you do not order a meal online for your child before the cut-off point at 8.30am and we are informed that they require a meal, they will be provided with the main menu option.



High Viz jackets

A big thank you to Maria Goodfellow for providing the school with a number of high viz jackets, complete with our school logo. These will come in handy with the numerous trips and visits which the children are currently doing.

Met Office Video

This week Topsham School provided the venue for a short film being put together by the Met Office. Parent Adrian Holloway filmed three pupils from Year one; Olive, Evie and Benjamin as part of a video promoting the Met Office Weather App. Luckily, weather and students were in fine form. The completed film should be released soon - we'll keep you posted.

Running Club

Please note that next week's running club will be the last before half term due to parents evening.



School Community Grounds Day

On Saturday 3rd November, we will be holding a grounds day to tackle lots of areas in the school that need some TLC.

We are looking for a force of willing volunteers to come and spend a couple of hours between 9.30am and 1.30pm to make a change within the grounds, including developing areas for a new forest school area.

All help is welcome for a range of jobs!

Please feel free to join us for all or some of the time. We will be prepared with mid-morning refreshments and light lunch!

As always, if you have any worries or concerns then class teachers are always happy to help, just pop in for a chat. Alternatively I am at the front of the school most mornings, so just have a chat or share good news with me about you and your family. For more confidential matters, please speak to Jayne or Jenny in the office to make an appointment.

Yours sincerely

Kevin Martin
Acting Headteacher





Key Dates	
Wednesday 10 th October	Harvest (in school)
Tuesday 16 th October	Years 5 and 6 Trip to Buckland Abbey
Tuesday 16 th October	New parent tours
Tuesday 16 th October	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 17 th October	Dodgeball Match
Thursday 18 th October	Parents' Evening
Friday 19 th October	Break up for Half-term 3.30pm finish
Friday 19 th October	Year 6 Cake Sale
Monday 29 th October	Non-pupil Day
Tuesday 30 th October	Children return to school after Half-term
Tuesday 30 th October	PTA meeting 8pm@The Globe
Wednesday 31 st October	Years 3 and 4 Roman Baths Trip
Saturday 3 rd November	Grounds Clearance Day
Monday 5 th November	School football match
Monday 12 th November	Sharing work with parents from themed week
Wednesday 14 th November	Tempest Photos (individual)
Wednesday 14 th November	Years 3 and 4 Roman Workshop
Thursday 15 th November	Years 1 and 2 Trip to Living Coasts
Monday 26 th November	School football match
Thursday 29 th November	Full Governors meeting
Friday 3 rd December	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 11 th December	FSU Performance @2.30pm
Wednesday 12 th December	Christmas Dinner
Friday 7 th December	Christmas Bazaar
Tuesday 18 th December	KS1 Performances @2pm and 6pm
Wednesday 19 th December	KS2 Performances @2pm and 6pm
Thursday 20 th December	KS2 party
Thursday 20 th December	Theatre Alibi performance
Friday 21 st December	Break up for Christmas Holidays 2.30pm finish

We try our best to keep to published dates; however in the hustle and bustle of school life it is sometimes inevitable things may change from time to time. Sorry in advance...

The Great Topsham Bake Off

Do Viennese whirls put you in a swirl? Do you hate a soggy bottom? Is your pastry flaky and do your cookies crumble or crunch?

Calling ALL bakers...

The Great Topsham Bake Off is here!



On **Friday 2nd November** we invite your children, you or any family member to whip up their snazziest show stopper! Show stoppers can be anything from cakes to cookies.

We ask you to please include a short description for your cake which includes: who it is made by, what the bake is and whether it includes any allergens (milk, egg, nuts).

All bakes are to be dropped to the school hall by 9am ready for judging. The School Council will be supported by one of Topsham's local bakeries.

Please note that the judging will be anonymous and the top three names will only be revealed at the announcement.

The announcement will take place at 3.40pm in the main school hall. All cakes will be on sale with the proceeds going towards a local charity, decided by our Compassion Leaders.

PTA NEWS

Old dolls and small toys

If you have any dolls, toy cars or other small toys suitable for outside playtimes, would you consider donating them to the school? Having cleared the sheds last week there's now room to add new things. Toys need to be in good condition and fairly robust! Just pop your donations in a bag and leave them in the blue produce shed at the front of the school. We'll check regularly and scoop up anything we find and give it to school. Thank you.

Grounds Clearance Day – Saturday 3rd November

There are exciting plans afoot in the key stage one playground, but we need to clear the way for them first. It is proposed to organise a good old Grounds Clearance Day on the 3rd November. It's surprising how satisfying it is to clear and tidy someone else's brambles, weeds, dead branches etc (just as it's inversely awful having to clear your own), especially if you are part of a big team and refreshments are free. This isn't just a PTA thing, so look out for further news from school, and please lend your support if you can.

Year 6 cake sale

Look out for the Year 6 cake sale on Friday 19th October.

The next PTA meeting is on...

Tuesday 30th October at 8pm at The Globe. See you there! If you have a point you'd like to raise, but can't make it to the meeting, please email it to TopshamPTA@outlook.com. Bear in mind that we can have a much better discussion about something if you can provide a bit of supporting information. Off-the-top-of-your-head ideas flung into the mix don't normally gather the momentum they might deserve. A bit of background research goes a long way...

COMMUNITY NEWS

Topsham Christmas Lights

Can you help to light up Topsham this December? LoveTopsham, the community group promoting Topsham in order to increase visitors and boost business so we all get to live in a thriving town, is spear-heading an urgent appeal to fund some truly lovely Christmas lights this year. **The deadline for getting the funds in place is 15th October.** Please visit the [LoveTopsham JustGiving page](#) for more information.

The Greatest Showman – thank you!

Topsham Community Association would like to thank everyone who came to the screenings of The Greatest Showman last week. It was a great way to celebrate Matthew's Hall's 90th birthday, especially as for part of its lifetime the hall was a cinema. Thank you for your support.

Charity Calendars – A message from Myriam Prual

Your brand new channelling art calendar 2019 has arrived from the printer today! I am so excited to share it with you all! So far you have helped me raise £2000 for hospitals. This year, I would like to help the charity "MediCinema" who work at giving a real movie experience and fun to patients in a hospital context. I was lucky to benefit from their input after 6 weeks of hospitalisation. So, could you please help me raise money for this valuable cause. To buy one or more calendars, please email myriam.prual@virgin.net. There are only 100 copies available.



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Holiday Sports Course @ Topsham Primary School October 2018

Mr Keast will be running holiday courses at Topsham Primary school during the Autumn term holidays on the following date for **reception** through to **Year 6** to participate in.

08:30am – 03:30pm

Wednesday 24th October

Football – Tag Rugby – Gymnastics – Dodgeball – Cricket – Benchball – Netball – Hockey will be the sports being offered. For **just £10** this is a great way to keep your child active and participate in a wide variety of sports through Primary Sports & Education.

- Pay by **cash only, no cheques** on the day
- Email or text Nathan Keast to confirm your booking in advance
- nathank@primary-sports.co.uk
- [07894732433](tel:07894732433)
- Please bring the below form with you on the day with emergency contact number provided
- Drop off and collection from the main office
- Prizes and certificates to be handed out at the end of the day
- Please follow us on Facebook and Twitter to see our promotions and upcoming holiday camp details

Deadline for reserving a place is: Tuesday 23rd October

All equipment will be provided; children are expected to wear suitable PE Clothing and daps/trainers and provide their own packed lunch with a drink. Warm/wet weather clothing are advised. It is the responsibility of the responsible adult to make sure that inhalers are brought with the child.

We are informed of medical conditions,

And to collect your child/children promptly at 3:30pm.



Facebook.com/primarysports
Twitter.com/primarysportsgb

Childs name: _____

Medical conditions: _____

Emergency Contact No: _____

Signed (parent/guardian): _____

Photos may be taken for use on our website. Please indicate whether you give permission for photos to be taken **YES NO**

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DISCO - 6.30 - 8.30PM

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- All our coaching staff have a Level 1 or Level 2 qualification in Sports Coaching.
- Photos taken at our events may be used by ECFC for promotional/marketing purposes. Please contact us prior to attending any event if you wish for your photo not to be used.
- Children making their own way home must have a letter of authority from their parent or guardian.
- Cancellations must be at least 7 days prior to the start of the course; cancellations after this time are non-refundable.



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OUR SPOOKTACULAR TIMETABLE

ECFC PLAYERS OR GRECIAN THE LION HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO DROP INTO OUR COMPETITION DAYS SO KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN FOR SPECIAL VISITORS.

EXETER COURSES EXWICK SPORTS HUB - EX4 2HY	Monday 22 nd	Tuesday 23 rd	Wednesday 24 th	Thursday 25 th	Friday 26 th
	FOOTBALL CAMP EXWICK SPORTS HUB - 3g Pitches - £16	MATCH MANIA EXWICK SPORTS HUB - 3g Pitches - £16	GK & STRIKERS EXWICK SPORTS HUB - Grass Pitches - £16	MULTI SPORTS SKILLS & DRILLS EXWICK SPORTS HUB - 3g Pitches - £16	COMPETITION DAY EXWICK SPORTS HUB - 3g Pitches - £16
	1 DAY £16 - 2 DAYS £30 - 3 DAYS £45 OR 5 DAYS FOR £60				

**SCARY OFFER
5 DAYS £60***

GIRLS ONLY FOOTBALL CAMP DRILLS & SKILLS
EXWICK SPORTS HUB
£10

JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEADERS AWARD FOR 11+ YEARS
EXETER COLLEGE
£5

STARLITES CHEERLEADING COURSE
ISCA COLLEGE
£20 | 10 - 3pm



EXMOUTH COURSES BRIXINGTON SCHOOL - EX9 6AQ	Monday 22 nd	Tuesday 23 rd	Wednesday 24 th	Thursday 25 th	Friday 26 th
	FOOTBALL CAMP BRIXINGTON SCHOOL - Grass Pitches - £16	MATCH MANIA BRIXINGTON SCHOOL - Grass Pitches - £16	GK & STRIKERS BRIXINGTON SCHOOL - Grass Pitches - £16	MULTI SPORTS SKILLS & DRILLS BRIXINGTON SCHOOL - Grass Pitches - £16	COMPETITION DAY BRIXINGTON SCHOOL - Grass Pitches - £16
	1 DAY £16 - 2 DAYS £30 - 3 DAYS £45 OR 5 DAYS FOR £60				

TEIGNMOUTH COURSES TEIGNMOUTH COMMUNITY SCHOOL - TQ14 9HZ	Monday 22 nd	Tuesday 23 rd	Wednesday 24 th	Thursday 25 th	Friday 26 th
	FOOTBALL CAMP TEIGNMOUTH COMMUNITY SCHOOL - 3g Pitches - £13	MATCH MANIA TEIGNMOUTH COMMUNITY SCHOOL - 3g Pitches - £13	GK & STRIKERS TEIGNMOUTH COMMUNITY SCHOOL - 3g Pitches - £13	MULTI SPORTS SKILLS & DRILLS TEIGNMOUTH COMMUNITY SCHOOL - 3g Pitches - £13	COMPETITION DAY TEIGNMOUTH COMMUNITY SCHOOL - 3g Pitches - £13
	1 DAY £13 - 2 DAYS £25 - 3 DAYS £35 OR 5 DAYS FOR £50				

OTHER COURSES ACROSS DEVON	Monday 22 nd	Tuesday 23 rd	Wednesday 24 th
	OKEHAMPTON FOOTBALL CAMP OKEHAMPTON, PARKLANDS LEISURE CENTRE, EX20 1EP Astro-turf - £13	CRANBROOK FOOTBALL CAMP CRANBROOK EDUCATION CAMPUS, EX5 3EE 3g Pitches - £13	TIVERTON FOOTBALL CAMP ELMORE FC, EX16 4DB Grass Pitches - £13

TAUNTON COURSES KINGS SCHOOL, TA1 3LA	Tuesday 23 rd	Wednesday 24 th
	TAUNTON FOOTBALL ROADSHOW DRILLS & SKILLS Astro-turf - £16	TAUNTON FOOTBALL ROADSHOW DRILLS & SKILLS Astro-turf - £16
	£16 PER DAY OR £30 FOR BOTH DAYS	

FOOTBALL CAMP 5-14 YEARS 10AM-3PM

A full day of football packed activities. Our super City Community Trust coaches will provide fun, educational sessions to enhance natural development and improve your skills and techniques. There will be lots of small-sided games and mini tournaments to encourage team play.

A great opportunity to make new friends, take your new skills onto the rest of the week's sessions or return to your school or grassroots club an improved player.

MATCH MANIA 5-14 YEARS 10AM-3PM

Exclusively football. Match Mania provides a full day of small-sided football games. The day is full of fun & is your chance to put into practice your newly learnt skills from Monday's session or test yourself and impress ahead of the afternoon media presentation. Make sure you bring your shooting boots!

GK & STRIKERS' DAY 5-14 YEARS 10AM-3PM

Arguably two of the most vital positions on the pitch. The day will provide special drills and games designed to help improve your goal-scoring and goal-stopping. Develop your skills to head the ball like Jayden Stockley or dive like Christy Pym.

A great opportunity to make new friends, take your new skills onto the rest of the week's sessions or return to your school or grassroots club an improved player.

MULTI SPORTS SKILLS AND DRILLS 5-14 YEARS 10AM-3PM

Not just football (but football will definitely still be played), our multi-sports sessions offer the chance to try several sports in one day, even something new. With dodgeball, street-golf, cricket and plenty more, just turn up on the day, drop your bag and head out onto the pitch to learn new skills in a safe and enjoyable environment.

COMPETITION DAY 5-14 YEARS 10AM-3PM

Exclusively football. The final day of the week provides a full day of small-sided football matches. It's a chance to put all the skills you've learned through the week into practice and try and come out on top.

**HALLOWEEN FUN RUN
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