

The Topsham School

Newsletter 1



A love of learning and commitment to the success of every child at the heart of all we do.
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Friday 8th September 2023

As we start the new school year, we would like to reintroduce Miss Eloise Skinner as our SENDCo. Miss Skinner will be with us on a Monday and Tuesday each week, and will be contacting parents over the next few weeks for introductions, meetings, follow-ups, questions or updates. I know many of you met Miss Skinner before the summer holidays.

Mrs Stacey Preston will still be working with us for some of this term, and has, and will continue to, work alongside Miss Skinner and myself, as we make this transition.

Miss Skinner can now be contacted through her new email address:
eskinner@topsham.devon.sch.uk

We will be phasing out the temporary SENDCo email address over this half term, so please update your contacts if you need to!

We would also like to welcome Mr Paul Dibley to our Year 1 and 2 Team! He is teaching in Year 2, alongside Mrs Watts this year. His days in class are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.



Dates for your diary...

We will be holding the start-of-year **Meet the Teacher class meetings** soon! This is a chance for class teachers to introduce themselves formally, to talk to parents about the coming year, expectations, and share anything specific they feel you need to know. It is also a chance for parents to ask them any questions!



See dates below for each class:

Year Group	Meet The Teacher Session
Year 1 and Year 2	Wednesday 20 th September 3.00-3.30pm
Year 3 and Year 4	Thursday 21 st September 3.00-3.30pm
Year 5 and Year 6	Friday 15 th September 9.00-9.30am

Email addresses for teachers

Teachers can be contacted by email using the following addresses:

Year Group	Teacher(s)	Email address(s)
Little Acorns	Mrs Kat Whitehead	kwhitehead@topsham.devon.sch.uk
Big Acorns	Mrs Josephine Watson	jwatson@topsham.devon.sch.uk
Year 1	Mrs Christine Phillips	cphillips@topsham.devon.sch.uk
Year 2	Mrs Jodie Watts and Mr Paul Dibley	jwatts@topsham.devon.sch.uk and pdibley@topsham.devon.sch.uk
Year 3	Mrs Helen Daitz	hdaitz@topsham.devon.sch.uk
Year 4	Mrs Emma Harris and Mrs Emma Finnegan	eharris@topsham.devon.sch.uk and efinnegan@topsham.devon.sch.uk
Year 5	Mr Chris Elliott	celliott@topsham.devon.sch.uk
Year 6	Miss Amy Greygoose	agreygoose@topsham.devon.sch.uk

The PTA needs you!

The PTA are integral to our school- the role they play is invaluable. Without enough support from the PTA, we could not have the Christmas or Summer Fairs, incredible fundraising events such as the silent auction and quiz night, funds for trips and equipment, the list goes on...

At the end of the summer term, we lost many PTA members as their children left our school. We are looking for lots of volunteers to take up the baton for this year, maybe longer.

PLEASE come and join the **PTA AGM** on **Tuesday 19th September** in the **school hall** to see what it's all about! Please speak to Joana Osorio or email thetopshamschoolpta@outlook.com for any other information.

PE Days:

Children will come to school in their PE kit on the following days:

Year Group	PE Day(s)
Big Acorns	Wednesday
Year 1 and Year 2	Monday and Friday
Year 3 and Year 3	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 5 and Year 6	Wednesday and Friday

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.

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 and give as much information as you can.*

PTA NEWS



TODAY - Pre-loved uniform sale after school (cash or card)

AGM - We would like to invite all parents to attend the PTA AGM on **Tuesday 19th September at 7.30pm** in the school hall. The AGM is a legal requirement for the PTA to run as a charity and we need as many people to attend as possible in order to legally vote in a committee. There will be wine and nibbles, so even if you come along for a listen (and a drink), you will be most welcome. We promise you will not be made to volunteer and it is a great way to find out more about how the PTA works.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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MONDAY'S (R - YR 2) MULTI SPORTS

11/09 - 16/10. (6 DATES)

3:30PM - 4:30PM

£39 - BOOK ONLINE



TUHURSDAY'S - (YRS 3 - YR 6) DODGEBALL

14/09 - 19/10. (6 DATES)

3:30PM - 4:30PM

£39 - BOOK ONLINE

Both clubs will be taking place in the school hall or playground. Parents please collect from gate entering the playground.

BOOKINGS ONLINE: [SPORTYSTARS.CO.UK](https://www.sportystars.co.uk)

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WARM WELCOME **CAFE**



NANCY POTTER HOUSE

**Pop into the Bradbury café between
3.30pm - 4.45pm on Thursdays**

**why not relax in our cozy corner
and read a book or play some games to
pass the time!!**

**STARTING FROM
14TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

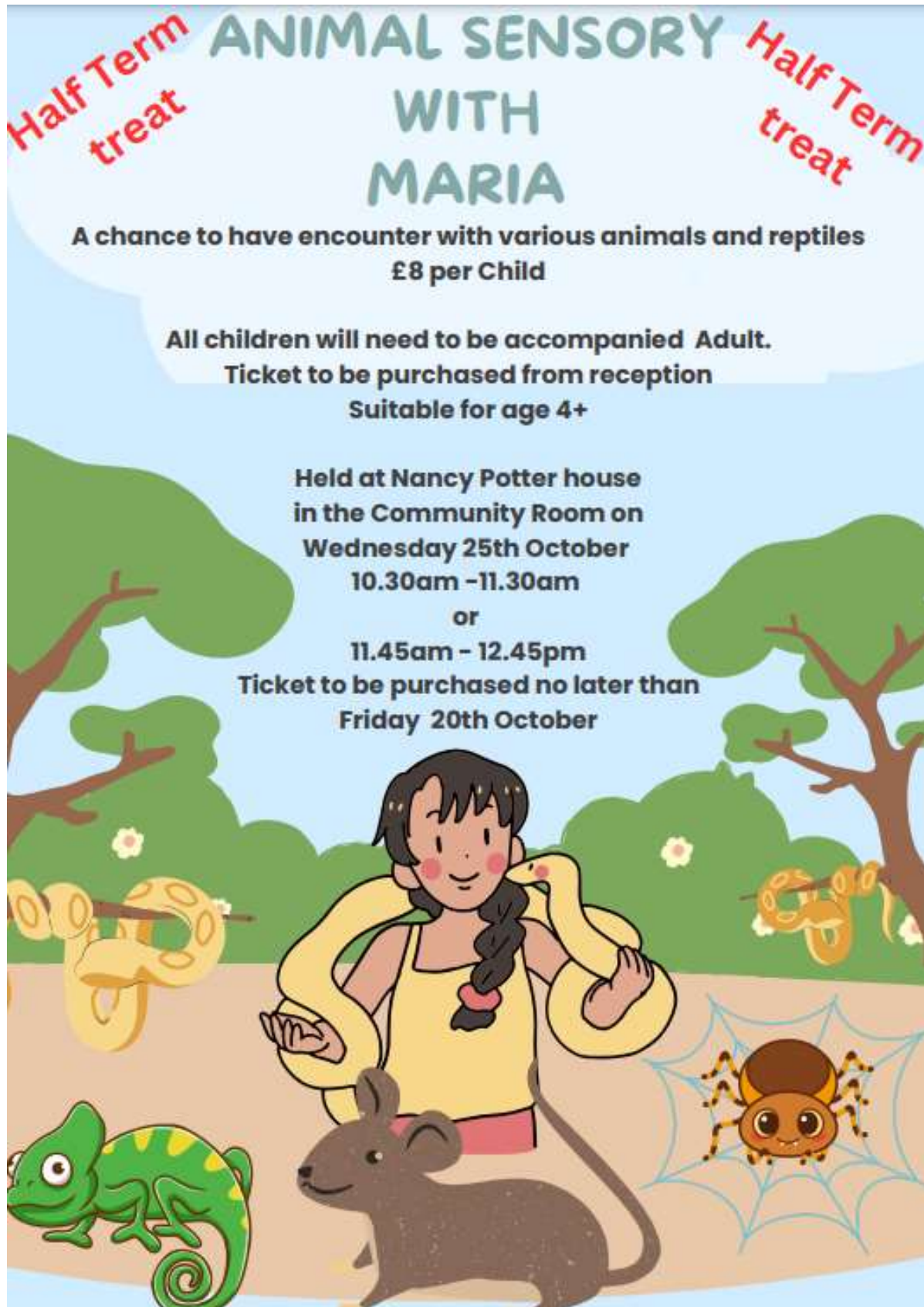
3.30PM-4.45PM

Teas & Coffees available
(donations welcome for these)



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Half Term treat

ANIMAL SENSORY WITH MARIA

Half Term treat

**A chance to have encounter with various animals and reptiles
£8 per Child**

**All children will need to be accompanied Adult.
Ticket to be purchased from reception
Suitable for age 4+**

**Held at Nancy Potter house
in the Community Room on
Wednesday 25th October
10.30am -11.30am
or
11.45am - 12.45pm
Ticket to be purchased no later than
Friday 20th October**



Date	Event
Friday 8 th September	PTA Pre-loved uniform sale after school
Friday 15 th September	Year 5 and Year 6 Meet The Teacher 9.00am - 9.30am
Tuesday 19 th September	PTA AGM 7.30pm
Wednesday 20 th September	Year 1 and Year 2 Meet The Teacher 3.00pm – 3.30pm
Thursday 21 st September	Year 3 and Year 4 Meet The Teacher 3.00pm – 3.30pm
Tuesday 10 th – Friday 13 th October	Year 6 Residential
Tuesday 31 st October	Closing date for applying for a secondary school place for September 2024