

The Topsham School

Newsletter 3



A love of learning and commitment to the success of every child at the heart of all we do.
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Friday 22nd September 2023

Dates for
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Please see the calendar of dates for an updated list for this term. There may be additional dates to add, but we hope those currently arranged mean you can start planning.

The PTA

A huge thank you to everyone who turned out for the PTA AGM this week! There have been lots of ideas and events decided for the upcoming year, and some exciting events for your diaries! Please take a look at the PTA website and the PTA page of the newsletter for more information.



Fire alarm practice

On Thursday we held the first practice of the year.

As you will know, it is incredibly important to regularly practice this procedure, both to ensure the children are familiar with the routine, as well as allowing us to constantly pinpoint any issues that arise in different circumstances. We test fire drills on different days of the week and at different times to highlight this.

The rain this week was also a great way to do this! And, although we sent the children back inside almost as quickly as we brought them out, it highlighted any changes we need to make to accommodate for this eventuality.

The children have been very inquisitive, asking 'What would happen if...?' We encourage this questioning! So, you may have some questions at home and please do let us know if anything comes up that you need our help with!

WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT



Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 29th September, the Year 6 class at The Topsham School will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee morning in the hall. The coffee morning will be from 9:30am - 10:45am.

We would really appreciate it if you could join us for this special morning. There will be delicious cakes and hot drinks for sale for you to enjoy.

All of the money will be donated to the Macmillan Cancer Charity, which does vital work for people in need of support.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school to treat yourself to some cake and coffee, have a friendly chat, all whilst raising money at the same time.

Meet The SEND Team

Parents are invited in to meet our SEND Team and SEND Governor on Monday 2nd October at 9.15am. This is a chance for our SEND Team to introduce themselves and refreshments will be provided. Please be aware that this is an opportunity for all parents to meet the team and there will not be chance to discuss children on an individual basis at this event.



Applying for Secondary School Places for September 2024



You can now make your application by visiting www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline or by contacting them on 0345 155 1019 to request a hard copy application form.

It is important that if you wish to apply for a Year 7 secondary school place for September 2024, you complete the application form **by midnight on 31st October**.

Peripatetic Lessons at Topsham School



Music Lessons

If you are interested in finding out more about music lessons or to sign your child up for lessons, please contact Music Devon using the details below:

<http://www.musicdevon.com/>
admin@music.devon.com

musicdevon.com

Or call during office hours on 01392 466390 (9:30 – 12:30 Monday – Friday during term time)

SPEECH & DRAMA CLASSES

Speech and Drama Lessons

For information about Speech and Drama Lessons, please email Mrs Thalia Squire directly thaliasquire@icloud.com



Achievers

As a school, we promote positive behaviour and we have numerous incentives to support this. The recipients of last week's achiever awards are listed below:

Achiever Awards:

- Big Acorns** Oscar and Otis
- Year 1** Coraline and Joni
- Year 2** Cleo, Chloe and Aria
- Year 3** Aziz and Nella
- Year 4** Joshwa and Sienna
- Year 5** Felix and Sophia
- Y6** Esme and Oscar

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.*



Date	Event
Friday 29 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning 9.30am – 10.45am
Monday 2 nd October	Meet the SEND Team 9.15am – 10.15am
Tuesday 10 th – Friday 13 th October	Year 6 Residential
Friday 13 th October	Watermeadow Grange visit – Year 5
Tuesday 10 th October	Hello Yellow Day World Mental Health Day – theme celebrating the power of the community – kindness
Tuesday 31 st October	Closing date for applying for a secondary school place for September 2024
Wednesday 1 st November	Open Session for children starting Reception class in September 2024 9.30am - 10.30am
Monday 6 th - Friday 10 th November	No teacher-led clubs this week.
Tuesday 7 th November	Parents' evening – 3.45pm – 6.45pm online
Thursday 9 th November	Parents' evening – 3.45pm – 6.45pm online
Thursday 16 th November	Watermeadow Grange visit – Year 4
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need
Tuesday 21 st November	Open Session for children starting Reception class in September 2024 1.30pm-2.30pm
Friday 1 st December	Christmas Craft morning: wear Christmas Jumpers!
Friday 1 st December	PTA Christmas Bazaar
Wednesday 6 th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 7 th December	KS2 Rehearsals in the Church 1.30-3.15pm
Friday 8 th December	Community Christmas Party (morning), led by Year 6
Friday 8 th Wednesday December	Watermeadow Grange visit – Year 3
Friday 8 th Wednesday December	Choir performing Christmas Carols in the playground at 3.30pm. Mince pies and mulled wine.
Monday 11 th December	KS2 Rehearsals in the Church 1.30-3.15pm
Tuesday 12 th December	KS2 Christmas Service in the Church 2pm and 6pm
Wednesday 13 th December	KS1 and FSU Christmas Service 2pm and 6pm
Thursday 14 th December	KS1 and FSU Christmas Parties
Thursday 14 th December	KS2 Christmas Parties
Friday 15 th December	Break up for Christmas Finish at 2.30pm