

# The Topsham School

## Newsletter 4



A love of learning and commitment to the success of every child at the heart of all we do.  
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Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023



We would like to extend a massive thank you to all of the parents and members of the community who attended our Macmillan Coffee Morning today. It was wonderful to see so many of us come together to support such a worthy cause.

First and foremost, we want to express our gratitude for your generous contributions towards Macmillan Cancer Support - our collective efforts raised an impressive amount, with donations in excess of £400 having been received so far.

Thank you very much to Graham Pearson, who provided entertainment by playing various musical instruments, helping to create a wonderful atmosphere in the hall.

Thank you also to Roger from Topsham Art Group, who generously gave his time to sell paintings at the event in aid of Macmillan.

The Coffee Morning also provided us with an opportunity to come together as a community and engage in meaningful conversations as well as sharing laughter over a cup of coffee and delicious treats. The Year 6 children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were fantastic role models for the school.



## 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** Lokni and Imogen  
**Year 1** Leo and Ruby  
**Year 2** Phileas and Megan  
**Year 3** Edward and William  
**Year 4** Harriet and Helena  
**Year 5** Cora and Oscar  
**Y6** Flynn and Elsie



**Winning House**

## Tempest Photography



Tempest photography will be in school on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October to take individual and family group photographs. Siblings in school on the day will be photographed together in family groups. Any younger siblings or children who are not attending Little Acorns on the day are welcome to come in to have photographs taken before school from 8.30am.

## Meet The SEND Team

Parents are invited in to meet our SEND Team and SEND Governor on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



## Ordering School Dinners

Please can we remind parents that school dinners need to be booked online via Schoolcomms by 8.15am at the latest on the day the meal is required. If you miss this cut-off point, we cannot guarantee a choice of meal and a main, vegetarian, jacket potato or baguette may be provided and the parent will be charged for this.

# #HelloYellow



On **Tuesday 10th October** we are inviting the children to come to school dressed in yellow to raise awareness of the importance of our mental health.

During the day there will be activities in classes and a whole school assembly where our new Year 6 Mental Health Ambassadors will be introduced.

## What can you do to help?



- Bring a donation (suggested amount £2) and come to school
- Bring in baked or bought cakes for our class cake swap, each class will have the opportunity during the day to choose a cake from their cake donations.

*If your child has any allergies and you would like them to take part, please send in a suitable cake sealed in a named container and handed to the class teacher.*

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:thaliasquire@icloud.com)

# 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](mailto: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](mailto:mashsecure@devon.gov.uk) and give as much information as you can.*



## PTA NEWS

On Tuesday night last week, we held our AGM. It was lovely to reflect on the positive outcomes from last year and thank the key people that helped and contributed so much to the success of the PTA. You can find the minutes and other bits of information on [topshampta.co.uk](http://topshampta.co.uk) .

### **Here is the PTA Committee for 2023/24:**

**Chair:** Joana Osorio

**Vice Chair:** Lindsey Henderson

**Treasurer:** Kate Sidaway-Lee

**Secretary:** Rachel Freathy and Melanie Dew

**Governor's rep:** Sharon Wannell

Our Year Reps are always a huge help in sharing our reminders and messages in addition to organising volunteers for a few events each year. Here are the Year Reps for this academic year:

**Big Acorns:** Melanie Dew and Jill Grindrod

**Year 1:** Hannah Waite and James Taylor

**Year 2:** Ayse/Matt Vahiboglu and ?

**Year 3:** Catherine Vanrenen and ?

**Year 4:** Charlotte Moore and Nadine MacLennan

**Year 5:** Fiona Fitzpatrick and Zoe Verling

**Year 6:** Rachel Freathy and Sarah Davies

We also decided upon some key dates for events throughout the year (watch this space). Pre-loved Uniform Sales will be scheduled during the school year and the next one will be on 20<sup>th</sup> October. **If you have any pre-loved uniform, please can you bag it up and drop it into the PTA shed.**

The first **bake sale** of the year will be run by the **Year 6 parents on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October.**

The next **PTA meeting** will be held via Zoom so please save the date: **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October.** All are welcome to attend the meeting and we hope that by holding it online we can encourage more parents to join us/listen in and find out more about how the PTA works.

## COMMUNITY NEWS\*

*\*Please be aware that clicking on links/following web addresses in this section may take you to sites that require payment for the activities advertised. The Topsham School does not endorse any products or events in this section.*

### **Glow in the dark dodgeball is coming to Topsham Primary School**

Sporty Stars will be back hosting the following glow in the dark dodgeball evenings in the school hall at Topsham Primary School.

#### **Dates / Year Groups:**

Monday 6th November

5:15pm - 6:15pm (KS1) & 6:30pm - 7:30pm (KS2)

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Monday 22nd January

5:15pm - 6:15pm (KS1) & 6:30pm - 7:30pm (KS2)

This unique experience combines UV and disco lighting, face paint, fluorescent bibs, music and specialised sports equipment. Children we play a range of dodgeball related games in an exciting disco sporting environment, like no other.

We recommend children arrive wearing sporty clothing, they will be provided with all the equipment they require including fluorescent bibs and face paint. Children will be placed in age-appropriate groups on the day.

#### **Bookings:**

The cost of these sessions is £7 per person / per session, each session will have a limited number of spaces.

Book online via the website here: <https://www.sportystars.co.uk/glow-sports-events.html>

Kind regards,

Sporty Stars



Date	Event
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Meet the SEND Team 9.15am – 10.15am
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Tempest Photography in to take individual photos
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Y6 PTA Cake Sale
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 Residential
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Watermeadow Grange visit – Year 5
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Hello Yellow Day World Mental Health Day – theme celebrating the power of the community – kindness
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	PTA Meeting on Zoom
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	PTA Pre-loved uniform sale
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Closing date for applying for a secondary school place for September 2024
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Open Session for children starting Reception class in September 2024 9.30am - 10.30am
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	No teacher-led clubs this week.
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents' evening – 3.45pm – 6.45pm online
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents' evening – 3.45pm – 6.45pm online
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Watermeadow Grange visit – Year 4
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Open Session for children starting Reception class in September 2024 1.30pm-2.30pm
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Craft morning: wear Christmas Jumpers!
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	PTA Christmas Bazaar
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Rehearsals in the Church 1.30-3.15pm
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Community Christmas Party (morning), led by Year 6
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday December	Watermeadow Grange visit – Year 3
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday December	Choir performing Christmas Carols in the playground at 3.30pm. Mince pies and mulled wine.
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Rehearsals in the Church 1.30-3.15pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Service in the Church 2pm and 6pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 and FSU Christmas Service 2pm and 6pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 and FSU Christmas Parties
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Parties
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for Christmas Finish at 2.30pm

