

The Topsham School

Newsletter 5



A love of learning and commitment to the success of every child at the heart of all we do.
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Friday 6th October 2023



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, and raise money for Young Minds, the charity that fights for young people's mental health.

During the day there will be activities in classes and a whole school assembly. Also, after the success of previous years, the children will have a cake swap within each class. This is an opportunity to choose a cake to have as a treat, from a selection brought in by the children. They may choose to have their own cake or choose from the selection!

What can you do to help?

Bring a donation (suggested amount: between £1-£2, but any donation, if you can, is hugely appreciated).

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.**

Medical Conditions and Dietary Needs

It is vitally important that you inform the school of any allergies or medical needs of your child, and this **must be done through the office, and in writing.** This **cannot** be passed on to classroom staff.

A form will be sent out to parents regarding allergy information and medical needs and this form will need to be completed by **ALL parents.** *The only exception being children who have a healthcare protocol who will receive a copy of this to check and confirm the information is correct.*

Please use the form to give us the accurate information we need to fully support your child.

Important things to note:

- If your child has a medically diagnosed allergy, please ensure the information the school holds is accurate and up to date.
- If your child has a food intolerance, please give us details.
- All children with asthma must have an inhaler that is kept in school at all times.

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 Georgie and Jack

Year 1 The whole class + Isla for an amazing trip around Topsham

Year 3 Bella and Oscar

Year 4 Oscar and Sara

Year 5 Leo and Grace

Y6 The whole class for being great at the Macmillan Coffee Morning



Winning House

This year we will be celebrating Harvest on Monday 16th October.



We will be collecting items for Exeter Food Bank and are lucky to have Rebecca Dominy, who volunteers with the Food Bank, joining us in our whole school assembly. She will be talking about the important role it has in our community and how we can support it.

With this in mind, we would appreciate it if you could send your child to school on Monday 16th with one (or more) of the items listed below. Our newly appointed Mental Health Ambassadors will be creating a display using the donations and helping to load the Food Bank van on Tuesday.

Please note that the Food bank cannot accept any fresh produce.

Please see the next page for details of priority items requested by the Food Bank.

PRIORITY ITEMS

- **Tins of meat**
- **Tins of vegetables**
- **Tins of fruit**
- **Noodle and pasta snacks**
- **Jams and spreads**
- **Small jars of coffee**
- **Rice Pudding**

Thank you so much for your support.

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

Bake Sale

The first bake sale of the year is TODAY! The Year 6 team will be selling lots of lovely treats at 3.30pm. Cash is preferable but we do have a card reader (£2 minimum spend). Bring a tin/Tupperware to take your treats home!

PTA CALENDAR

Never miss an important event again! Subscribe to our Topsham PTA Calendar which lists all the bake sale dates, summer and winter fairs, ice cream Fridays, meeting dates and the AGM. You can view the full list of events on our calendar HERE: <https://www.topshampta.co.uk/events/>

At the bottom of the page, there is the option to subscribe to the calendar or download a spreadsheet of events.

Or just subscribe to a calendar HERE:

Google Calendar

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iCalendar webcal://www.topshampta.co.uk/?post_type=tribe_events&ical=1&eventDisplay=list

Outlook 365

https://outlook.office.com/owa?path=%2Fcalendar%2Faction%2Fcompose&rru=addsubscription&url=webcal%253A%252F%252Fwww.topshampta.co.uk%252F%253Fpost_type%253Dtribe_events%2526eventDisplay%253Dlist%26ical%3D1&name=Topsham+School+PTA+Events+-+Topsham+School+PTA

Outlook Live

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Your School Lottery

This lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children!

It's a fantastic way to bring Parents, Carers, Teachers and the wider community together, in partnership with our school, and at the same time give something back. We hope to raise funds that can support and enrich the education of our children - we aim to provide extra

resources for the children, improve the school environment as well as run extracurricular activities such as music, art and sport.

Your support is greatly appreciated, and we wish you good luck!

Visit the page and share this link with Family, Friends and wider community. Support The Topsham School when you play Your School Lottery - Your School Lottery



| Date | Event |
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| Friday 6 th October | Y6 PTA Cake Sale |
| Tuesday 10 th – Friday 13 th October | Year 6 Residential |
| Thursday 12 th October | Year 5 Trip to Exeter Energy from Waste Plant (EfW) |
| 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 |
| Monday 16 th October | Harvest Celebration and Food Bank donations |
| Tuesday 17 th October | PTA Meeting on Zoom |
| Friday 20 th October | Year 3/4 Roman Workshop at Topsham Museum |
| Friday 20 th October | PTA Pre-loved uniform sale |
| Friday 20 th October | Break up for half-term (3.30pm finish) |
| Monday 30 th October | Return to school after half-term |
| 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 |
| Thursday 2 nd November | Year 6 Trip to Exeter Energy from Waste Plant (EfW) |
| 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 |
| Monday 27 th November | Drum Assembly |
| 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 the earlier time of 2.30pm (Twiglets finishes at 4.30pm) |

