

The Topsham School

Newsletter 8



A love of learning and commitment to the success of every child at the heart of all we do.
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Friday 3rd November 2023

Achievers

As a school, we promote positive behaviour and we have numerous incentives to support this. The recipients of our half-termly achiever awards are listed below:

Achiever Awards:

Big Acorns Kit
Year 1 Sophia
Year 2 Lawrenny
Year 3 Tor
Year 4 Holly
Year 5 Cora
Year 6 Theo



Keys To Success Winners:

FSU: Aaravi Big Acorns
KS1: Bertie Y1
KS2: Joshwa Y3



Winning House

Parents' Evenings

Online parents' evenings facilitated by School Cloud are taking place next week.

Parents' Evenings for children in Little Acorns, Big Acorns, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y5 and Y6 will take place on Tuesday 7th November and Thursday 9th November 3.45pm – 6.45pm.

Parents' Evenings for children in Year 4 will take place on Tuesday 7th November 3.45pm – 6.45pm and Wednesday 8th November 1.00pm - 3.00pm.

If you have not already done so, please book an appointment by visiting <https://topshamschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

The booking system will close to parents at 5pm on Monday 6th November.

Don't forget
parents'
evening!

No clubs run by Teachers next week

We would like to remind parents that there will be no clubs run by Teachers next week (Monday 6th - Friday 10th November) due to parents' evenings taking place during the week.



Poppy Appeal

Poppies will be available to buy in school next week. The School Leaders will be taking poppies to the classrooms and children can bring in a donation should they wish to buy one.

School Dinner Bookings and Payments

Please can we remind parents that school dinners need to be booked in advance and **by 8.15am on the morning the meal is required at the latest.** We have had lots of children this week who have not had a meal ordered online but have required a dinner on the day.

If your child is not entitled to Universal Free School Meals or Free School Meals, please can we ask parents to ensure that payment is made at the of time of booking.

Copies of the menu can be found on our website: <https://www.topsham.devon.sch.uk/school-lunch.html>

Children in Need – Friday 17th November 2023



On Friday 17th November the children at The Topsham School will be celebrating Children in Need.

This year the infamous Joe Wicks will be leading 'Bearpees' (a.k.a burpees). With that in mind, we would like to invite family members and the wider community to sponsor your child to see how many they can complete in one minute! Sponsorship will be per burpee, much like our annual pancake flip.



Sponsorship forms will be sent home with children today and spare copies are available from the green rack in the foyer outside the office. All children will receive a certificate on the day, which will inform you as to how many bearpees they achieve. We then ask that all sponsorship form and money raised is returned to school no later than Friday 24th November.

In addition, we ask that the children come to school dressed in pyjamas. These of course need to be school appropriate but can also include dressing gowns, slippers and such like. Please note, with the weather that bit colder we ask that children wear appropriate clothing and footwear to ensure they are warm enough and can go outside (slippers can be brought in bags to wear within school, but outdoor shoes such as trainers must be worn to and from).



After school, the School Leaders will be holding a Bake Sale. If you are able to donate any cakes, we would greatly appreciate it. We highly rely on these donations, so please do get those aprons on! But please remember: no nuts.

Donations of 50p/£1 to the cause would be kindly received.

Mrs Whitehead and The School Leaders



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

Christmas Bazaar 2023

The PTA Christmas Bazaar will take place on Friday, 1st December at 3.45pm. We are planning a fun, festive evening with delicious hot food, bar, stalls, games and music. Here is how you might be able to help/get involved:

- Volunteer to help with your year group stall/game (the more volunteers we get the merrier) – see your year rep for more details.
- Run a stall – are you a small business owner? We have a number of stall spaces to rent, please email us if you would like to run a stall during the Bazaar
- Donate items for your class hamper.

Christmas Hampers

For 2023 Christmas Raffles we are having again the year groups coloured hampers. Donations will start next week when the hampers will be available on the usual spot next to the front office. These are the colours for our 2023 Christmas Hampers:

Acorns → Gold
Year 1 → Red
Year 2 → Yellow
Year 3 → Green
Year 4 → White
Year 5 → Silver
Year 6 → Blue

These are the colour themes but please don't be too worried about sticking completely to the colour! Items can be wrapped or decorated with a colourful tag/bow.

Match Funding

If you work for an organisation that has a match funding policy, any money you raise could be matched by your employer. Companies may match the fundraising total for an event, or for the stall that their employee is working on. Usually, the employee will need to supply them with a letter from the PTA detailing the date and nature of the event, together with the total raised.

We understand that the high street banks, building societies, supermarkets and large corporations are likely to do match funding, but these schemes are not exclusive to the major corporate giants. If you work for an independent company, they may be interested in charitable giving through match funding too.

We would be grateful if you could see if your employer has a match funding scheme, or if they are willing to match fund any of our events. If you can't help out this time, but you know the company you work for has a match funding policy, please let us know. This could be a really large source of income for the PTA and help us raise money.

If you are able to help us this way, please let us know and we can discuss your companies' requirements.

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.*

Sporty Stars will be back hosting the following glow in the dark dodgeball evenings at **Topsham Primary School!**

Dates / Year Groups:

Dates: Monday 6th November & Monday 22nd January

KS1 5:15 pm - 6:15 pm

KS2 6:30 pm -7:30 pm

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>





Date	Event
Friday 3 rd November	Children from Year 6 Climbing at Exeter Quay in the afternoon
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
Friday 10 th November	Year 5 Bake Sale
Thursday 16 th November	Watermeadow Grange visit – Year 4
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need – 'Bearpees' Challenge, Wear Pyjamas and Bake Sale
Tuesday 21 st November	Open Session for children starting Reception class in September 2024 1.30pm-2.30pm
Wednesday 22 nd November	Year 3 and 4 Roman Celebration
Monday 27 th November	Drum Assembly
Friday 1 st December	Christmas Craft morning: Wear Christmas Jumpers!
Friday 1 st December	Children from Year 6 Climbing at Exeter Quay in the afternoon
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 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)