The Topsham School Newsletter 9



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Friday 10th November 2023

Achievers

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

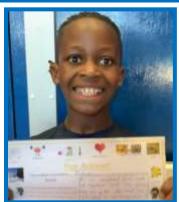
Achiever Awards:

Year 1 Evie and Leo
Year 3 Fred and Victor
Year 4 Alina, Muhafiz and Holly
Year 5 Dashen
Year 6 Chithila















Advent Countdown Calendar - Christmas 2023



With the festive season fast approaching, to help you plan ahead, at the start of next week, we will be sending out a an 'Advent Countdown Calendar' along with letters relevant to the Christmas activities for each Key Stage.

The Advent Countdown Calendar will share our key dates for Christmas and outline arrangements for the festive season. Please read this carefully as ordering tickets etc. after the dates required may result in disappointment.

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.

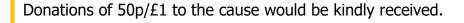


Sponsorship forms will be sent home with children today and spare copies are available from the green rack in the foyer outside the office. All children will receive a certificate on the day, which will inform you as to how many bearpees they achieve. We then ask that all sponsorship form and money raised 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.





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:

<u>safeguarding@topsham.devon.sch.uk</u>. 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 5 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!

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 and you can find them for donations next to the front office. These are the colours for our 2023 Christmas Hampers:

Acorns	Gold
Year 1	Red
Year 2	Yellov
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.



PTA meeting

Next week, Tuesday 14th November, there will be an online PTA meeting (on Zoom) and everyone is welcome. Log in from 7.30pm

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89814262238?pwd=JpZUQvLCeTnYzjLjPnetPZARIzycBh.1 and join us in this meeting that will ultimate the plans for this year's Christmas Event

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.





Date	Event	
Friday 10 th November	Year 5 Bake Sale	
Tuesday 14 th November	PTA Meeting on Zoom 7.30pm	
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 2.45pm	
Wednesday 29 th November	Costumes to be in school	
Friday 1st December	Christmas Craft morning: Wear Christmas Jumpers!	
Friday 1st December	Children from Year 6 Climbing at Exeter Quay in the afternoon	
Friday 1st December	PTA Christmas Bazaar 3.45pm	
Friday 1st December	Choir Performing at the Christmas Bazaar	
Monday 4 th – Friday 8 th	Christmas cards for the community	
December		
Wednesday 6 th December	Christmas Dinner	
Thursday 7 th December	10.00am School choir to sing at Water Meadow Grange	
Thursday 7 th December	KS2 Rehearsals in the Church 1.30-3.15pm	
Friday 8th December	Community Christmas Party (morning), led by Year 6	
Friday 8th December	School Choir singing at the Community Christmas Party	
Friday 8 th 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 14th December	Topsham School Christmas post boxes close	
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)	