

# The Topsham School

## Newsletter 9



A love of learning and commitment to the success of every child at the heart of all we do.

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Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 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:

**Big Acorns** Peony, Ella and Isla

**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 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 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023



On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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](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

### 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  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.



### PTA meeting

Next week, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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.*



# The HAF website is now live!

The programme of events for  
Winter has now gone live in  
Devon

<http://devon.cc/haf-winter-23>

**Please share far and wide!  
Places are limited**

Places are available for children who are  
accessing benefit related free school  
meals

<https://devon.cc/haf-parents-info>

MERRY XMAS



Date	Event
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 Bake Sale
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Meeting on Zoom 7.30pm
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Watermeadow Grange visit – Year 4
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need – ‘Bearpees’ Challenge, Wear Pyjamas and Bake Sale
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Open Session for children starting Reception class in September 2024 1.30pm-2.30pm
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Year 3 and 4 Roman Celebration
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Drum Assembly 2.45pm
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Costumes to be in school
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Craft morning: Wear Christmas Jumpers!
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Children from Year 6 Climbing at Exeter Quay in the afternoon
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	PTA Christmas Bazaar 3.45pm
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Choir Performing at the Christmas Bazaar
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas cards for the community
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00am School choir to sing at Water Meadow Grange
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> December	School Choir singing at the Community Christmas Party
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Watermeadow Grange visit – Year 3
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> 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	Topsham School Christmas post boxes close
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 the earlier time of 2.30pm (Twiglets finishes at 4.30pm)