

The Topsham School

Newsletter 11



A love of learning and commitment to the success of every child at the heart of all we do.
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Friday 24th November 2023

Thank you!



Thank you to everyone at
Topsham School.
From Pudsey!

Thanks to the generosity and fabulous fundraising efforts of our school community, we are delighted to announce that we have raised an amazing total of **£1157.99** for Children in Need.

If anyone has any sponsorship money still to hand in, please can we request this is brought in to school by Monday 27th November or paid directly to Children in Need after this date.

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 George and Josh

Year 1 Axel and Pearl

Year 2 Louis and Igor

Year 3 Octavia and Jaime

Year 4 Aine

Year 5 Isaac and Luca

Year 6 The whole class – for being supportive during the daily mile with the Big Acorns

Losi, Helena and Charles were also awarded for their resilience during Cross Country



Winning House:



School Leader Awards:

KS1 Astrid
KS2 Pippa



Roman Day - Years 3 and 4

On Wednesday Years 3 & 4 celebrated their History learning with a magnificent Roman Day! The children arrived in fantastic costumes and enjoyed a busy day including Roman marching, a catapult competition, mosaics and baking roman biscuits in the shape of dormice - a Roman delicacy.



Applying for a Reception (Big Acorns) place for September 2024

Children born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 will start primary school in September 2024. Devon County Council's application process is now open for Reception September 2024, it will remain open until 15th January 2024. The link below contains a step-by-step guide tab and also an apply now tab.

[Apply for a reception or year 3 place at a primary school \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk)

Christmas Dinner Bookings

If you would like your child to have a school Christmas Dinner on 6th December, please make sure you have **booked online via Schoolcomms by (Monday 27th November) at the latest**. The ordering system is exactly the same as ordering lunch for any other day but you should be able to see the Christmas Dinner options for 6th December instead of the usual four choices. The only difference being that we will print a list on 27th November and these numbers will be submitted to the kitchen. We will be unable to fulfil requests for meals ordered after this date. *Please be aware that no refunds will be issued after the cut-off date as we have to submit these numbers to the kitchen in advance.*

CHRISTMAS DINNER MENU:

Roast Turkey, Roast Potatoes,
Sausage (1,12), Stuffing (1),
Peas and Carrots and Gravy

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Veggie Wellington (1), Roast Potatoes
Veggie Sausage (1) Stuffing (1)
Peas and Carrots and Gravy

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Chocolate Fudge Cake (1, 6, 8)
Fruit salad
Yoghurts (6)

Allergens Codes:

(1) Cereals containing Gluten – including wheat, rye, barley and oats (2) Celery
(3) Crustaceans – such as prawns, crabs and lobsters (4) Lupin (5) Fish (6) Milk
(7) Mustard (8) Eggs (9) Peanuts (10) Sesame Seeds (11) Soya Beans
(12) Sulphur Dioxide (13) Tree Nuts (14) Molluscs

Data Collection Forms

To ensure we are able to contact you, we carry out an annual check to confirm that the information we hold is correct and up to date. This is especially important should we need to get hold of you in an emergency.

All parents have been sent a 'Data Collection Sheet' for their child. You will have received one form for each child in your family. We would be grateful if you could check the information carefully and if you need to make any amendments, please email jadesina@topsham.devon.sch.uk

Please ensure you have given us details of at least three different contact numbers so that we can, should we need to, get hold of you in an emergency. Please include postcodes for all addresses.

It is also essential that parents check that any information we hold regarding medical conditions and allergies is correct and advise us if changes need to be made.

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 – Friday 1st December 3.45pm-6.30pm

Next Friday evening will be a feel-good fair of festive fun! We have yummy hot food (hot dogs, turkey baps and vegan soup), a bar, mulled cider and cocktails, café, cake stall, live music, craft stalls, the chocolate tombola, a whole host of games to enjoy and a Santa's Grotto! The novelty this year is a Prize Stall – instead of small prizes in each game, participants can accumulate star tickets to choose their prizes in the prize Stall (arcade style). It is an evening not to be missed! The draw for the raffle hampers will take place at 6pm.

Here is what you need to know:

- Tokens – All of the stalls (except for external sellers and the food/café/bar) will only accept the PTA tokens as payment. You can purchase a set of tokens in advance or on the night (cash or card payments). If you would like to avoid the queues and purchase your tokens in advance, please make a bank transfer to our bank account:

Account Name: Friends of the Topsham School

Sort Code: 30-93-14 Account No. 02699047

reference: tokens NAME Yr (for example tokensLISA6)

Minimum spend for advance payments is £5. Smaller amounts can be purchased on the night. Each token is worth 50p. The deadline for advance payments is Wednesday, 29th November.

- The Bar, Café and Food stalls will accept cash and card payments. And we will have external stalls that will only accept cash.
- Friday 1st December is also Christmas Jumper Day (students can wear a Christmas top instead of the normal school jumper). In exchange for the treat of wearing a festive top, we would like students to donate a chocolate item for the chocolate tombola (it's a Topsham School Christmas Bazaar tradition!). Please hand in your chocolate to the class teacher at the start of the day. We would welcome diary free/allergy friendly chocolate items too and remember no nuts.
- Are you able to help?
Wanted! Pre-loved books and toys – drop off in PTA Shed.
Wanted! Small toys for Lucky Dip drop off in PTA Shed.
Wanted! Nail varnish – especially Christmassy colours.
Wanted! Baked goodies (home-made or shop bought) – hand in to the main office on Friday 1st December.
Wanted! Volunteers! The year group reps have done an amazing job of organising games and volunteers – but you can never have enough volunteers! So, if you would like to help



set up or run a stall, even if you can only spare 30 minutes, please get in touch with your reps or email us at thetopshamschoolpta@outlook.com

TODAY – Running Club cake sale

Our running club is the most sought-after club in our school and there are 2 ways of supporting everyone (staff and parents) that volunteer to organise it:

- Volunteer to be a marshal on Tuesdays
- Donate and buy a cake today.

Let's help to keep this "running family" active and supported.

Other Christmas Dates to keep in mind:

- Monday, 4th December → Foodbank Donations
- Monday, 4th December until Thursday 8th December → Christmas cards for the community
- Friday, 8th December → Christmas Carols (School Choir) with hot drinks and mince pies.



Date	Event
Monday 27 th November	Drum Assembly 2.45pm
Wednesday 29 th November	Costumes to be in school
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 3.45pm
Friday 1 st December	Choir Performing at the Christmas Bazaar
Monday 4 th December	PTA Christmas Foodbank Collection
Monday 4 th – Friday 8 th December	Christmas cards for the community
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 8 th December	Community Christmas Party (morning), led by Year 6
Friday 8 th 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 14 th 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)
Tuesday 2 nd January	Occasional Day (School Closed)
Wednesday 3 rd January	Non-Pupil Day
Thursday 4 th January	Children return to school after Christmas holiday
Monday 15 th January	Deadline for applying for a Reception (Big Acorns) place for September 2024