

# The Topsham School

## Newsletter 24



A love of learning and commitment to the success of every child at the heart of all we do.  
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Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023

SOMETIMES YOUR JOY IS THE SOURCE OF  
YOUR SMILE, BUT SOMETIMES YOUR  
SMILE CAN BE THE SOURCE OF YOUR JOY.

Today we celebrated Red Nose Day with the theme being; 'Joy'. We have dressed for joy and the children have been involved in activities to bring them and each other joy including sharing something funny in assembly.

In the hall, we have had the Big Science Draw with children celebrating their Science learning and the knowledge they have gained over this year, and in previous years- the joy of learning is something wonderful. Thank you, Mrs Watts, for organising this and thank you to those parents who are able to drop in at the end of the day and add to our collage of knowledge.

This morning we welcomed some more Little Acorns who will bring their joyful spirit to our school. And children do that; they bring so much happiness just by being themselves.

It is this spirit and the connections with the children that I will miss the very most when I leave. I will miss their energy, their imaginations, their talk, their stories, their smiles, their laughter and all the other emotions they share. I shall miss the way that they all say good morning to me at the gate or around the school- they each do, in their own way. I shall miss their excitement and eagerness to talk to me about their learning, to involve me in their play, to tell me their news; good and not so good. I shall miss those who come and take my hand on the playground, or suddenly hug my leg when I am walking through the school or go into class. I shall miss how many of them trust me to help and to listen. I will miss watching them grow and develop; when I started the children in Year 6 were only in Year 2. They have grown and developed so much and to be part of that is a gift.

And each one of them I will remember, just as I have remembered all the other children I have had the privilege to work with so far; some now married with children of their own!

So, to each child in this school; thank you for the joy you bring- it is gift and I will treasure the time I have spent with you.

Have a wonderful time with your families this weekend- do something that brings you all joy.

Mrs Pipe

### Reports for Years 1 – 6

Mid-Year Reports for children in Years 1 - 6 will be sent out later today via Schoolcomms email. Parents will also receive a copy of their child's Registration Certificate showing attendance data.

## 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** Henry and Axel

**Year 1** Otto and Amelia

**Year 2** Aziz, Zac and Sophia

**Year 3** Ned and Xander

**Year 4** Louis and Carsen

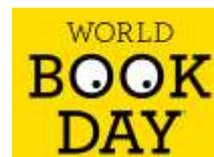
**Year 5** Elsie and Florence

**Year 6** Annie, Isabella, Manha and Aurelia



### Mealtime Achievers

Henry, Oscar, Cloe, Tilly, Zac and Aine



**World Book Day Decorated Potato Winners:**

**FSU/KS1 – Merryn**

**KS2 - Amelie**

## British Science Week – Big Draw Event (TODAY – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March)

We're celebrating British Science Week and in particular this year's theme of making connections.



The whole school will be working together today to represent our understanding of science with a 'Big Draw' event. Each class at a time will add pictures of their science learning to a HUGE shared picture in the hall. **After school we would then like to invite parents and families into the hall** to add to this drawing alongside your children. Our aim is to create a **unique** and **interesting** piece of art which helps to demonstrate to the children how important science is in our everyday lives.

**We really hope you can join us!**



### Parents' Evenings – March 2023

#### When will they take place and which Year Groups will be included?

**Little Acorns** – Appointments for new Little Acorn children only (children who joined us in January 2023) will take place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 3.45pm - 7.05pm.

**Big Acorns** – Big Acorns have already had parents evening appointments this term and will not have appointments in March.

**Years 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6** will take place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March from 3.45pm – 7.05pm.

**Year 4** will take place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 3.45 – 7.05pm and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1.00pm – 3.00pm *Please note the different timings for the Year 4 parent consultations.*

#### How to book:

Please see the email sent via Schoolcomms for details of how to book. **The booking system is now live** and closes at 12 noon on Monday 20th March.

A yellow sticky note with the text 'Don't forget Parents' Evening!' written in black marker.

Don't forget  
Parents'  
Evening!

# SAFEGUARDING

## **Safeguarding Leads and Contact Information**

Members of staff who are safeguarding leads are as follows:

- Mrs Emma Pipe: 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.
- Miss Maria White: Deputy Safeguarding Lead, Deputy Headteacher and Online Safety Leader [mwhite@topsham.devon.sch.uk](mailto:mwhite@topsham.devon.sch.uk)
- Mrs Hartmann: Deputy Safeguarding Lead, SENDCO and Early Help Leader [nhartmann@topsham.devon.sch.uk](mailto:nhartmann@topsham.devon.sch.uk)



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.*



## **National Exploitation Awareness Day**

As it is National Exploitation Awareness Day on 18<sup>th</sup> March, we are sharing a list of resources provided by Early Help as an attachment alongside this newsletter.



## PTA NEWS



### **Updates, dates and more dates...**

#### **Today**

Visit our website and check out our splendid Silent Auction. Thank you to everyone that has donated items and experiences, there are a fabulous variety of 'lots' to bid for. If you checked out the auction last week, check again as more lots have been added! Go to: Topsham School PTA ([topshampta.co.uk](http://topshampta.co.uk))

#### **Friday 24th March**

Of course, you have this date in your diary already! Have you booked a table for the 80's and 90's themed quiz night? For more information about how to book tickets, you've guessed it – visit our website!

#### **Friday 31st March**

To end the term in style, there will be a Year 1 Bake Sale on the last day of term. Early easter treats anyone?

#### **Friday 21st April**

We are planning to hold a Pre-loved uniform sale on the first Friday of the Summer Term. We hope that this will give you all a chance to purchase some summer uniform. If you have any uniform that you would like to donate, we will be taking in items just before Easter.

#### **Promoting our events**

We would really appreciate your help to promote our Silent Auction and Quiz night to our wider community. These events are for everyone to get involved with. So, if you are able to pop a like or a share on social media, or advertise to a local group we would be so grateful.



Date	Event
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	The Big Draw (British Science Week)– parents invited in to the hall after school
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Parents’ Evenings for Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. 3.45pm – 7.05pm
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Parents’ Evenings for Year 4. 1.00 – 3.00pm
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parents’ Evenings for Years 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6. 3.45pm – 7.05pm
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parents’ Evenings for Little Acorns who joined us in January 2023
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Silent Auction ends
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Quiz Night
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Break up for Easter Holiday 2.30pm finish
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 1 Bake Sale
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Return to school after Easter Holiday
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	PTA pre-loved uniform sale
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Additional Bank Holiday for the King’s Coronation – School Closed
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for half-term 3.30pm finish
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Non-Pupil Day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Children return to school after half-term
w/b Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 Phonics Screening Testing
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Children break up for Summer Holiday 2.30pm finish
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Non-Pupil Day
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Occasional Day – School Closed