

The Topsham School

Newsletter 30



A love of learning and commitment to the success of every child at the heart of all we do.
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Friday 14th May 2021

There is never a lack of resources, only a lack of resourcefulness - - and you can always be more resourceful, so you are never lacking anything!

Following on from last week, please see our icons and definitions of our Learning Powers connected to Resourcefulness.

Resourcefulness

I can use all my learning powers to help me be independent in my learning and I know what resources to choose and use to help me work things out and succeed.



resourcefulness

Curiosity and questioning

I am curious and want to find out more. I ask questions to help me discover new things.



curiosity and questioning

Risk taking

I take risks in my learning and want to tackle new things, so I keep making progress; I don't want to coast along. I work in my 'stretch zone' so I feel challenged in my learning.



risk taking

Making links

I can make links between what I already know and what I am learning. I am able to look back at what I know and what I have learnt already to help me learn new things. I can see and explain how old and new learning are connected.



making links

Detecting

I can read through and listen to information and make observations to discover facts that help me in my learning and help me explain and justify my understanding, thoughts and ideas.



detecting

Organisation

I know what resources to use and when to use them so I can do my learning on my own and show what I know.



organisation

Have a good weekend

Mrs Pipe

**KS2 Swimming Payments**

If you have not already done so, please can we ask you to ensure payments for Key Stage 2 swimming lessons are made by Sunday 16th May. Payments can be made online via Schoolcomms. When paying online, please indicate if your child lacks water confidence or is a strong swimmer in the comments box. Thank you.

SAFEGUARDING



Safeguarding Leads and contact information

Members of staff who are safeguarding leads are as follows:

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

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."

Mental Health Awareness Week



This week we have been raising awareness of the importance of our mental health through celebrating the nature that surrounds us. During our assemblies we highlighted how we really need to talk about how we are feeling and also how to listen to others. If you would like to find out more about the activities involved in this year's campaign please visit the Mental Health Foundation website by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week>



Year 1 enjoyed moments of stillness by using their senses to silently explore the detail in flowers, pebbles and driftwood.



PTA NEWS



Dip a Toe in the PTA Pool?

It looks like there will be quite a shake up in the ranks of the PTA at the end of this school year, with several long-serving committee stalwarts stepping down as their children leave the school. If you've ever thought about getting more involved, now's your chance. You don't have to handover your soul, or volunteer to take on a major role, just come along to a meeting or two, swell the ranks so that everyone has just a bit to do, rather than a burden falling on a few. PTA meetings are friendly and brief, and usually involve a pub (though not recently, alas). Everybody is really open to ideas, so please dip in, share your thoughts and skills and help your children's school. Thanks.

Next meeting next week (18th May)

We've been cooking up some fundraising plans over the past few weeks, so if you'd like to help to make them happen, or to throw in a few ideas of your own, please join the next PTA Zoom meeting next Tuesday at 8pm. All absolutely welcome. If you want to stick anything particular on the agenda, please email TheTopshamSchoolPTA@outlook.com by Monday. Thanks again.



Date	Event
Tuesday 18 th May	Sports Day
Friday 28 th May	Break up for Half-Term
Monday 7 th June	Return to school after Half-Term
Monday 7 th June	KS2 Swimming Lessons start
Friday 23 rd July	Break up for Summer Holiday

COMMUNITY NEWS*

**Please be aware that following links in this section may take you to websites that advertise activities with associated costs.*

Fresha Job Advert

We have an opportunity for someone who has a passion to cook healthy meals that children will enjoy and love.



Fresha has a vacancy in the school kitchen 25 hours a week permanent term time only.

The job involves some basic kitchen prep, driving a van to transport meals to two schools, involves lifting of insulated food boxes, serving the school meals at Topsham School and cleaning kitchen. Then the reverse journey back to the production kitchen at Countess Wear.

Experience would be preferred but not essential as training will be given.

Rate of pay £8.91 per hour.

Please email a copy of your CV to vicky@fresha.org

Sporty Stars are returning in May Half Term! SportyStars will be delivering their popular multi activity camp at Topsham School again this Half Term. Offering pupils, some of the most exciting and engaging activities imaginable in the school Holiday's. Book fast to avoid disappointment! **May Half Term:** - Tues 1st June - Fri 4th June - 8.15am - 5:15pm - Topsham Primary, Exeter - Ages 4 - 12 Years - £35 Per Day More Info / Book: <https://www.sportystars.co.uk/topsham/>

Activities include: Sports | Zorbing | Shelter Building | Archery | Nerf Wars | Glow in the Dark Sports | Forrest School | Arts & Crafts | Bouncy Castle | & More As well as providing a Covid safe environment, Sporty Stars offer a full refund if any of our camps are cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions.





Topsham Museum

Create a Miniature Garden! (for Children aged 3-11 years)



Monday 31st May...

Children are invited to bring a miniature garden they have made, on a plate or in a plant pot, to the [Riverside Garden](#) at the Museum. Gates will be open from 10am, they will register their name with a Museum helper so it can be displayed along with their arrangement. They will need to collect their garden between 5-6pm. All children bringing a miniature garden will receive a small gift.

These gardens will be admired by passers by during the day and give children a fun opportunity to explore plants and flowers.