

# The Topsham School

## Newsletter 7



A love of learning and commitment to the success of every child at the heart of all we do.  
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Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022

Over the course of this half term the Year 6 children have been designing and building their own roller coasters. I have spent some time speaking to them about what they have been building and the processes and skills they have been using to succeed in their challenge.

**Q: Can you tell me what subjects you have been using in your project?**

A: DT, Science and Maths

**Q: Tell me more about this?**

A: For Science we have been building a circuit. Our circuit has been made to push the marble to give it extra acceleration. It also gives light to in case we wanted to use it at night, and for decoration.

For Maths we have needed to calculate the angles the curves would need to be at. We used obtuse angles, some acute angles and our main 'drop' was 60 degrees.



For DT we have needed to think about what resources we would use and how we would fix things together. We used a lot of sellotape and a glue gun to fix the things together. At first, we wanted to do a loop de loop but this was too hard for us to keep up, so we changed it to have a loop going down and around. This took about an hour to create. At first, we didn't have enough resources and we had to get some more. The curved loop usually works but sometimes there is too much acceleration from the top and the marble (representing the car) flies off. We are now working on modifying the design to stop this. We are trying a few ideas for this.

**Q: What Learning Powers have you needed to use?**

- Collaboration and bouncing back definitely.
- Practising- we had to practise and practise with how things would fix together.
- Adapting; we had to change the loop de loop because there wasn't enough acceleration so we adapted the design to make the loop go around and down and this really helped.

**Q: Who inspired you in your work and in your Learning Power inspiration?**

- Guy Claxton: we spoke to him last week. He was brilliant to listen to.

- **Steve Jobs:** he is the CEO of Apple. He persevered through a difficult childhood to create a very successful company. He persevered and had self-motivation to succeed.
- **Stephen Hawkins:** He showed real perseverance as he had so many disabilities to overcome from the age of 21. He had to adapt to his new life and he is known as one of the most intelligent people in the world. The work he has done in science has changed the world.
- **Sir Isaac Newton:** he found out about gravity and we have needed to think about this when thinking about momentum and acceleration.

It was a pleasure to speak to this group of children and they were so excited to articulate their ideas and what they had learnt.

Thank you to Oskaras, Ben, Bertie, Emmanuel and Daniel.

...and finally

It has been wonderful for us to share the achievements of all the children this half term, as they have worked so hard.

However, this week, Jack did something so unexpected and wonderful, we felt he needed a mention all of his own. On Thursday morning, when it started to rain very heavily just as everyone was coming in to school, Jack offered his umbrella to Mrs Hartmann who had taken shelter under a tree. Thank you, Jack, for being so kind and thoughtful and for showing so many of the school values!



Have a great half term.

Mrs Pipe

### 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:



#### Achievers:

**Big Acorns:** Joel and Axel  
**Year 1** Igor and Caitlin  
**Year 2** Robyn and Deena  
**Year 3** Muhafiz and Holly  
**Year 4** Cora and Austin  
**Year 5** Eliza and Evie  
**Year 6** Jackson and Emmanuel

#### Lunchtime Awards:

**Big Acorns:** Axel  
**Year 1** Isaac  
**Year 2** Phoebe  
**Year 3** Sienna  
**Year 4** Oscar  
**Year 5** Jowan  
**Year 6** Reece



**Winning House**

## Deadline for applying for Secondary School places for September 2023

We would like to remind Year 6 parents that the deadline for applying for Secondary school places is **Monday 31st October**. The easiest way to apply is online by visiting [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline)



### Tempest Photographs

The cut-off point for ordering Tempest photographs for free delivery to school is Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October at midnight.

### New Menu

Copies of the menu for November-December 2022 are being sent out by email today.



The menu can also be downloaded from our website.

<http://www.topsham.devon.sch.uk/school-lunch.html>

School dinners can now be booked online via Schoolcomms for next half-term. Please remember to book your child a meal by 8.15am on the day the meal is required. Thank you.

### Bring a Parent to Learning Powers

We would like to invite parents of children in Y1-Y6 to join us on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November from 9.00am-10.30am to our Learning Powers morning.



### Christmas Dates

Please see the dates section at the end of this newsletter for our upcoming Christmas events. More information about these events will be shared closer to the time.

### Nasal Flu Vaccination for children in Big Acorns -Year 6

All children in Reception (Big Acorns) to Year 6 from September 2022, are eligible for a free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination.

The immunisation team will be visiting your child's school on: **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

Seasonal flu vaccination remains one of the most important public health interventions to protect individuals and prevent the spread of infection to those most at risk in society. This contributes to reduce morbidity, mortality and hospitalisation associated with flu at a time when the NHS and social care will be managing winter pressures, potentially including further outbreaks of COVID-19.

For this reason, it is essential we deliver the vaccine to as many children as possible.

Full information about this live vaccination, including frequently asked questions and access to the NHS England information, are available when accessing the link. We recommend you discuss this vaccination with your child prior to the date of vaccination.

To consent to, or to decline the flu vaccination for your child please click on the link below:

<https://schoolimms.hcrgcaregroup.com/flu/2022/devon>

Please note that this link will close at midnight on: **6<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**It is important that you respond prior to this date for your child to receive their flu immunisation at the school session as there will only be one visit to their school this season.**

If you miss this deadline, your child(ren) will not be vaccinated at school, however you will have the opportunity to book them into a community catch up clinic. This also applies if your child is absent or refuses the vaccination at school.

**After your child has been vaccinated (if consent provided) you will receive an automated email to confirm this and provide post-immunisation advice. Please check your junk/spam box on the day of vaccination if you do not receive this in your inbox.**

If you have any difficulties with completing the consent form, please contact the Immunisation Team on our Single Point of Access (SPA).

Tel: 0300 247 0082 (lines are open 9.00 until 16.30)

Email: [vcl.immunisations@nhs.net](mailto:vcl.immunisations@nhs.net)

## **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, Miss Greygoose and Mrs Owens. 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

### **Check your bags!**

The forms on which the children can design personalised Christmas cards and gifts have been sent home this week. Magenta Designs need all orders returned by 3<sup>rd</sup> November, please hand in to your class teacher.

### **Pre-Loved Uniform and Christmas Jumpers**

We are still accepting donations of uniform and Christmas Jumpers. Please drop off clean pre-loved items to the PTA shed.

### **Save the date**

Friday 4th November: Year 6 Cake Sale

Tuesday 8th November: PTA meeting face to face (venue tbc)

Friday 18th November: Pre-loved sale: Christmas jumpers and Uniform

Friday 25th November: Running Club Cake Sale

Friday 2nd December: Christmas Bazaar and Christmas Jumper Day

### **Christmas Hampers**

For 2022 Christmas Raffles, we will have a novelty with 7 hampers on the draw. Each year group will organise donations for their hamper with a colour theme:

Acorns > Blue

Year 1 > Silver

Year 2 > Purple

Year 3 > Red

Year 4 > Yellow

Year 5 > Pink

Year 6 > Green

Your Year Rep will soon give you more information!

### **Don't forget – Amazon Smile and Your School Lottery**

It is so easy to use Amazon Smile and it costs you nothing! Go to [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) and choose to support Friends of The Topsham School.

There are prizes to be won through Your School Lottery, by purchasing a ticket you will be helping to raise money and you might win big!

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/the-topsham-school>

## 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.*

MONDAY 24 TO FRIDAY 28 OCTOBER, 2022

# OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS

Sign up today for fantastic football fun!

Learn from top Exeter City Community Trust coaches, improve your skills and make new friends. The perfect holiday activity for boys and girls aged from 5 to 14.

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### LOCATIONS

**EXETER** : 9.30am - 3.30pm, Exwick Sports Hub, EX4 2BQ  
**EXMOUTH** : 9.30am - 3.30pm, Brixington Primary School, EX8 4JQ  
**BARNSTAPLE** : 10am - 3pm, Park School, EX32 9AX  
**ILFRACOMBE** : 10am - 3pm, Ilfracombe Academy, EX34 9JB

### DON'T FORGET



Let us know if you don't want photos taken



Football boots and trainers



Weather suitable clothing



Packed lunch and plenty of fluids



A big smile and lots of enthusiasm

SCAN HERE TO BOOK



## JUNIOR GRECIANS

Sign up today for Junior Grecians - the junior supporters club of Exeter City FC.

Exclusive events, meet the players, fun activities all year round - and 10% off all your Exeter City Community Trust holiday clubs, plus so much more.

[WWW.EXETERCCT.ORG/JUNIOR-GRECIANS](http://WWW.EXETERCCT.ORG/JUNIOR-GRECIANS)

JOIN TODAY



Dates for  
the Diary:

Date	Event
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Break up for half-term (3.30pm finish)
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Cut-off point at midnight for ordering Tempest Photos for free delivery to school
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Return to school after half-term
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Deadline for applying for a secondary school place for September 2023
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Y6 Bake Sale
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Link to give consent for flu vaccine closes at midnight
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> -Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Y6 Residential
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Bring a parent to Learning Powers 9.00am – 10.30am
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Nasal Flu Vaccinations for Reception – Year 6
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Christmas Craft and Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	PTA Christmas Bazar
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Service in the church 2pm and 6pm
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Drama workshops
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Party
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 and FSU Christmas performance afternoon and evening performances
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Drama workshops
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	FSU and KS1 Christmas party
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for Christmas Holidays (2.30pm finish)
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Occasional Day – School Closed
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Return to school after Christmas Holidays