The Topsham School
Newsletter 28

A love of learning and commitment to the success of every child at the heart of all we do.
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Friday 26th April 2024

Chess Success

Congratulations to Isaac in Year 5 who won the Chess Championship last term. Isaac was presented with a trophy by Mrs Finnegan who was really impressed the sportsmanship and skills displayed by all contenders. Well done Isaac and well done chess club.

Achievers

The recipients of last week's achievers' awards are listed below:

Big Acorns Ella and Josh
Year 1 Harper and Kendall
Year 2 Livvi and Cleo
Year 3 Octavia and Arthur
Year 4 Erin and James
Year 5 Jaidan
Year 6 Pippa and Eliza

Maternity Cover for our Big Acorns Class

We are very pleased to welcome Mrs Jade Pook to our school, to teach in Reception (Big Acorns) for the last half term of this academic year. Mrs Pook is a very experienced Reception teacher, currently teaching at Ipplepen Primary.

Mrs Pook will start with us after half term, in the week beginning 3rd June.

Your Early Years Unit NEEDS you!

We are in the process of developing our outside area and with that are on the search for a number of different resources.

The items we are looking for include, but are not limited to;
- Tyres - different shapes and sizes, including small go kart tyres
- Cable drums
- Plastic crates
- Metal shopping baskets
- Large sheets - changing your linens? Can you give us the ones you are throwing away?
- Small wheelbarrow

- Wooden planks of different sizes
- Guttering
- Water pipes
- Different shapes and sizes of plastic jugs/measuring cups/cylinders
- Steering wheels
- Cones - road works!
- Metal dish pans

Toys you might be rehoming…
Baby doll's prams
Baby dolls and clothes
Dressing up clothes/props
Digger/dump trucks

If you are able to help source any of these resources, please contact Mrs Whitehead.

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

Friends of The Topsham School
The Topsham School PTA

Today - Bake Sale

The best way to start PTA events this Summer Term… a Bake Sale. Come prepared (why not bring a box to take some yummy treats home?!) and enjoy what Year 1 parents have prepared!

Friday 3rd May - Pre-loved uniform sale

We are planning to hold a pre-loved uniform sale next week. 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, please drop a bag of clean uniform in the PTA shed.

Prize donations

Wishful thinking: if we start planning for the Summer Fair, maybe we will have warmer weather! If you are doing a Spring Clean, please consider donating some of those "not used anymore" toys in good condition (any size, as we need small ones too) for token prizes.

Next PTA meeting - Thursday 9th May

Date	Event
Friday 26th April	Year 1 Bake Sale
Thursday 2nd May	Big Acorns local walk pm
Friday 3rd May	PTA pre-loved uniform sale
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Thursday 9th May	PTA Meeting via Zoom
Monday 13th – Thursday 16th May	Year 6 SATs
Friday 24th May	Break up for half-term (3.30pm finish)
Friday 24th May	No KS2 Choir tonight
Monday 3rd June	Non-Pupil Day
Tuesday 4th June	Children return to school after half-term
Tuesday 2nd July	Year 4 Day Trip to Exmouth – Water sports
Wednesday 3rd July to Thursday 4th July	Year 4 overnight stay at Sid Vale Scout Hut
Wednesday 24th July	Break up for Summer Holiday (school finishes at 2.30pm and Twiglets finishes at 4.30pm)