The Topsham School
Newsletter 33

A love of learning and commitment to the success of every child at the heart of all we do.
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Friday 7th June 2024

Awards

The recipients of our half-termly achiever awards are listed below:

Achiever Awards

Big Acorns Jasper
Year 1 Evie
Year 2 Igor
Year 3 Lawrence
Year 4 Ned
Year 5 Mitchell
Year 6 Florence

Winning House:

Ruby House

Reading Awards

Congratulations to the children listed below who have reached one or more of their reading targets!

Silver Award (500000 words) – Tor (Y3) and Freddie (Y3)
Bronze Award (200000 words) – Lawrenny (Y2) and Isaac (Y2)

Raffle Winners

KS1 – Darcy (Y2)
KS2 – AJ (Y4)

House Party Announcement

Winners last half term: Ruby!

If your child is in Ruby House, they are invited to take part in a House Party next week. Please see below for more details:

When: Wednesday 12th June @2.00pm - 3.15pm

What: (Weather dependent) Games inside and/or outside, food treat, water challenge!

Please bring:

1. Clothes to change in to if you wish (wear uniform as normal to school in the morning). Children can choose to take part in water-based challenges and so should bring clothes to get wet AND a towel.
2. Board games, card games, outside toys incl. skipping ropes, scooters, water shooters. All items to be given to class teachers at the start of the day.
3.

The party will be overseen and supported by staff and the school leaders in Year 6.

Key Stage 2 Swimming

Key Stage 2 Swimming lessons will start on Monday 10th June 2024. Lessons will be from 10.30am-11.30am.

If you have not already done so, please can we ask all KS2 parents to ensure they have completed the short Google form on the link below to give permission and to indicate if their child lacks water confidence or is a strong swimmer. If you have more than one child in KS2, please complete a separate form for each child. Link for Google Form:
https://forms.gle/AF8zEJ55eBoK8W6x7

The days each class will be swimming next week are as below:

Date	Class Swimming
Monday 10th June	Year 6
Tuesday 11th June	Year 3
Wednesday 12th June	Year 4
Thursday 13th June	Year 5
Friday 14th June	Year 6

A message from Devon & Cornwall Police….

Devon & Cornwall Police are committed to working together with other agencies as part of the Exeter Community Safety partnership in order to reduce levels of nuisance and anti-social behaviour. Our intention is to prevent this behaviour and to improve the quality of life for everyone in
our community. The Newcourt & Topsham Neighbourhood Police team have received reports of inappropriate and dangerous parking outside Topsham School, at dropping off and picking up time. The reports include vehicles parking or stopping on double yellow lines opposite the school gates, vehicles parking partially on the pavement and vehicles obstructing resident's driveways.

On the morning of Thursday 6th June 2024 between 8.40am and 9.10am, PCSO Rich Shelton was on foot patrol outside the school and observed during that time, in total, 11 cars which either parked or stopped on the double yellow lines outside the main school gates.

The purpose of this letter is to ask for your help in this matter. If you or any other persons using your vehicle are parking in a manner as described above, please ensure you park in a safer and more appropriate place. Although we understand that parking in the area can sometimes be difficult, there are normally spaces in nearby roads. We have also been told that there is a local agreement where parents are allowed to use the car parks at Topsham Rugby Club and the Lord Nelson pub when dropping off or picking up their children from the school.

The Newcourt & Topsham Neighbourhood Police Team hope that you receive this letter in the spirit it is intended, i.e. to keep all pedestrians and drivers safe and to reduce future problems. Should these issues continue, we may look at taking further action which could include issuing Fixed Penalty Notices to drivers seen parking inappropriately and dangerously.

National Sports Week and Sports Day

To celebrate *National School Sports Week, Monday 17th to Sunday 23rd June 2024,* the children will be taking part in a variety of sporting activities, such as cricket (Years 1 - 6), swimming (Years 3-6) and learning about the Olympic games.

National Sports week will conclude with Sports Day, set for Thursday 20th June, with a **reserve date** of Thursday 27th June booked, in case of adverse weather conditions. We invite parents to attend the afternoon of the 20th June, from 1:30pm, to watch a variety of events. Please could all children come to school in their P.E kits on this day. Also, please could children have water bottles and any sun protection, depending on the weather. There will be some opportunities for parents to take part, so please wear trainers, if you intend to take part!

VACANCY- Various Schools within the United Schools Federation

St Michaels C. of E. Nursery & Primary | St Catherine's C. of E. VA Primary | Maridon C. of E. VA Primary | Brixton St Mary's C. of E. VA Primary | Ipplepen Primary | Stokeinteignhead Primary | Doddiscombsleigh Primary School | The Topsham School

CARETAKER- PART TIME

20 hours per week (afternoon / early evenings) Mondays to Fridays 52 week Contract

We are seeking an enthusiastic, reliable and committed person to assist in the care for the buildings and premises. You will be part of a team ensuring a safe, clean and well-maintained school environment for all staff and children, working under the direction of the United Schools Federations Premises Manager.

The ability to complete physical work and be able to use tools to complete minor maintenance tasks is essential. Work will be both inside or outside dependant on the task. You will be responsible for grounds tasks; general maintenance; site security; and Health and Safety. See Post Job Description for further details.

A full driving licence is required for this post as well as a willingness to travel between schools within the United Schools Federation. This position maybe linked to an individual school within the Federation, (Ipplepen Primary school, St Catherine's Primary or The Topsham School) or be mobile across various schools, depending on the applicant, (to be discussed at interview).

Please see DCC jobs website or enquire at a school office for an application form / Job Description.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Please see our Safeguarding Policy on the school website. An enhanced DBS disclosure is required for this post.

Please apply using DCC application Form to:

- **Mr James Clayden, Premises Manager, St Michaels C. of E. Primary School, Church Street, Kingsteignton, Newton Abbot TQ12 3BQ**
- **Or email completed application forms to: applications@st-michaels-pri.devon.sch.uk**

Salary: Grade C – scale point 5 to 7- £12.18 to £12.59 per hour depending on experience - pay award pending

Closing Date Friday 28th June 2024
Anticipated interview Date: Week Commencing 1st July 2024

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

Ice Cream Fridays ARE BACK!!!!
Today, from 3.30pm meet the Y5 parents that will be selling some ice creams (£1 each) at the usual spot. Cash or contactless payment is accepted.

"Olympic" Summer Fayre – 5th July
This year the theme for our Summer Fayre will be the Olympics! Talk to your year Rep and see how you can help volunteering to run your year group stall.

> Donations
Also, we are accepting donations for our prize stall. Any good condition pre-loved books and toys can be donated to the PTA shed

> Talent Show
We will have some performances during our Summer Fayre but we are also challenging The Topsham School Community (students, staff, parents and families) to show off your talents (it could be singing, dancing, playing an instrument, drama or juggling…). If you or someone you know would like to join in as a Performer, contact your Year Rep or send an email to thetopshamschoolpta@outlook.com so we can arrange a slot.

>**Jolly Jars**
Save an empty jar and let your kids fill it up with small toys, stationary or sweets. They can then decorate and bring it to school for our Olympic Summer Fayre.

PTA Meeting
Thursday, 13th June 8pm everyone is invited to join in our PTA meeting. It will be online from 8pm and we will wrap up the planning for our Summer Fayre.
Join Zoom Meeting:
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81944940925?pwd=Urez3AYDayJKaEiYinZptlfSTX4jkb.1
Meeting ID: 819 4494 0925
Passcode: 459254

Date	Event
Friday 7th June	PTA Ice Cream Friday
Monday 10th June	KS2 Swimming starts
Wednesday 12th June	House Party for children in Ruby House 2.00pm – 3.15pm
Thursday 13th June	Parents' meeting for Y4 residential in Y4 classroom 3.00pm
Thursday 13th June	PTA Meeting via Zoom 8.00pm
Week beginning 17th June	National School Sports Week
Thursday 20th June	Sports Day
Thursday 27th June	Reserve date for Sports Day
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
Friday 5th July	PTA 'Olympic Summer Fayre'
Tuesday 16th July	KS2 Performances during the afternoon and at 6.00pm
Wednesday 17th July	KS2 Performance at 6.00pm
Monday 22nd July	KS2 Swimming Gala 10.00am-12.00noon
Tuesday 23rd July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly 2.00pm
Wednesday 24th July	Break up for Summer Holiday (school finishes at 2.30pm and Twiglets finishes at 4.30pm)
Tuesday 3rd September	Non-Pupil Day
Wednesday 4th September	Children return to school after Summer Holidays

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.*

FREE ONLINE SESSIONS FOR PARENTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OR WHO ARE NEURODIVERGENT (diagnosed or suspected)

We are really pleased to let you know we have four new Let's Talk Sessions coming soon and FREE tickets are now available, these sessions aim to address the community safety risks our young people face with tips and techniques designed to help parents of young people with special educational needs or who are neurodivergent. The sessions will cover topics including mental health and emotional wellbeing, anger and challenging behaviour, healthy relationships and online safety.

To sign up to these sessions please click the links below:

2nd July	Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing
4th July	Anger and Challenging Behaviour
9th July	Healthy Relationships
11th July	Online Safety and Exploitation

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MONDAYS - KS1, MULTI SPORTS
03/06/24 - 15/07/24 (7 DATES)
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
BOOK ONLINE - https://bookwhen.com/after-school-clubs57/e/ev-s1sx-20240610153000

WEDNESDAYS - KS2, NETBALL
05/06/24 - 17/07/24 (7 DATES)
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
BOOK ONLINE - https://bookwhen.com/after-school-clubs57/e/ev-szpz-20240612153000

THURSDAYS - KS2, DODGEBALL
06/06/24 - 18/07/24 (7 DATES)
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
BOOK ONLINE - https://bookwhen.com/after-school-clubs57#focus=ev-s1i4-20240606151500