The Topsham School
Newsletter 34

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Friday 14th June 2024

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!

School Blog

Our school website now has a new Blog that is up and running from this week!
All classes will be posting on the Blog over the half term, so please tune in to see what the class is up to. Please bear with all of our teachers as we slowly build up to this new and exciting routine to share events and learning from across the school. https://topsham.devon.sch.uk/pupil-zone/blogs/

Year 6 Crate Stacking and High Ropes

This term, the children in Year 6 have the opportunity to experience an activity session tackling crate stacking and high ropes challenges at Colehayes Park. These activities involve children working both individually and as groups to overcome obstacles and complete tasks at height. The first group of Year 6 children took part in a session last week alongside other schools in the federation. Thank you to Mr Elliott and Mrs Muldoon for accompanying the children on this trip.

Year 6 Scuba Diving

Year 6 had a really fantastic time learning to Scuba dive yesterday afternoon! We can't wait for the next group to have a try!

Awards

The recipients of our weekly achiever awards are listed below:

Achiever Awards

Big Acorns Ella and Albert
Year 1 Dylan and Isla
Year 2 Cait
Year 3 Edward and Michelle
Year 4 Xander, Laurie and Sara
Year 5 Luca S and Charles
Year 6 Will

Key Stage 2 Swimming

Key Stage 2 Swimming lessons are now underway and lessons take place from 10.30am-11.30am. Please can we ask parents to ensure their child has their full swimming kit with them at the start of the school day on the day their class is swimming.

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

Date	Class Swimming
Monday 17th June	Year 6
Tuesday 18th June	Year 3
Wednesday 19th June	Year 4
Thursday 20th June	Year 5
Friday 21st June	Year 5

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PREMISES STAFF VACANCY
CLEANER (2 POSTS AVAILABLE)

3 hours per day- 5 days a week- Monday to Friday
Term Time (plus two weeks per year for holiday cleaning)
Grade A scale point 2 (£11.59 per hour)

We are looking for cheerful, reliable and hard-working people, ideally with experience in the cleaning trade (although training will be available from our senior caretaking team), to ensure the school is kept in a clean and hygienic condition.

Due to the nature of the post a level of physical health is required for bending, possible awkward positions, light lifting and pushing. General cleaning duties in a specified area will be your daily routine although you may be required to change to other areas of the school as and when required.

You will be part of a team who oversee the safety, security and cleaning of The Topsham School and please keep in mind that school cleaning will cover many different areas including toilets as well as the usual classrooms, hallways etc. See Job Description for further details.

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 visit the school website to view our safeguarding policy. An Enhanced DBS disclosure is required for this post.

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

TO APPLY

- Closing date for applications is **12 noon** on **Monday 24nd June**
- All applications must be on Devon County Council Application forms
- Applications should be sent to Head of School, Miss Maria White, Orchard Way, Topsham, Exeter EX3 0DN or emailed to applications@st-michaels-pri.devon.sch.uk
- Candidates will be informed by email if selected for interview.
- 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

TODAY – Ice Cream Friday, after yesterday's weather, nothing like celebrating a better day with an ice cream. What a great way to help fundraising for our school!

Olympic Summer Fayre - Friday 5th July – SUMMER FAYRE – 3.45pm until 6.30pm.

Pre-Ordering Tokens – We will once again be using tokens only for all PTA stalls. Tokens will be available to buy during the Fayre and just before the start of the Fayre. Or you can get ahead of the game by pre-ordering your tokens. It's easy to do – please transfer the amount of money you would like to exchange for tokens (most stalls cost 50p or £1). The PTA account is:

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Important: Please put your child's name and year as the reference (example: Amy Y4).

Please note there will be no refunds on tokens. Bar and food will accept tokens, cash and card.

External Stalls (as hair feathers and sweets van) will only accept cash.

Lists are everything (if you are like me)! Here is a helpful 'to do' list in preparation for the Summer Fayre:

- Start preparing the "Jolly Jars" (see below)

- Donations, have a clear out and let us have:

o For the Prize stall: pre-loved toys and books (in a bag, in the PTA shed).

o For the Lucky Dip: small toys (in a bag in the PTA shed)

o For the traditional Barrow of Booze: soon we will let you know how and where to donate those bottles.

- Volunteer, if you volunteer for 30 minutes, we all can help and enjoy the Summer Fayre: it could be for your year group stall, Inflatables, Prize stall, tokens sale… Talk to your Year Rep or sign up in one of the links that will be shared. All help is so much appreciated.

- Invite friends and family to the Summer Fayre, entry is free, and everyone is welcome!

"JOLLY JARS": On the day of the Summer Fayre, students will be able to attend school in non-uniform Olympics related outfit (it can be a football kit, dressed as their favourite athlete or as a country flag!). In exchange for this treat we hope that students will bring in a 'Jolly Jar'. What's a Jolly Jar? A cleaned-out jar that has sweets, preloved toys, cards or craft items inside it. So, start saving your jars and start squirrelling away some of those small toys your littles ones keep leaving all over the house!! Be creative – one of the most popular prizes last year was a small jar with a pound coin in it! The jars will be used in the Jolly Jar tombola at the fayre.

Date	Event
Week beginning 17th June	National School Sports Week
Thursday 20th June	Sports Day – starting at 1.30pm
Friday 21st June	Year 3 Exe Estuary Trip
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*

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