The Topsham School
Newsletter 35

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Friday 21st June 2024

Sports Day

Sports Day was a huge success! Congratulations to all who took part and to Topaz House who were our overall winners. It was lovely to see so many of our school community who came along to support the event. Thank you to Mr Elliott and all the teaching staff for all organising the afternoon. We would also like to say a huge thank you to Lawrenny's dad, Paul, for the use of his sound system.

Awards

The recipients of our weekly achiever awards are listed below:

Achiever Awards

Big Acorns Isabella and Jaxon
Year 1 Kendall and Henry
Year 2 Lawrenny and Otto
Year 3 Jaime and Georgie
Year 4 Helena, Losi and Joshwa
Year 5 Leo and Sophia
Year 6 Theo and Ben

Reading Awards

Congratulations to the children listed below who were awarded last week for having reached one or more of their reading targets.

Year 3 Reading Target Badge – Harry and Jaime
Year 4 Reading Target Badge – Xander, Helena, AJ, Laurie, Alina, Ned, Muhafiz and Millie

60 000 words – Fynley Y2
170 000 words – Elena Y4
1 million words – Millie Y4
2 million words – Helena Y4

Congratulations Mrs Watson!

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Watson and her husband welcomed a baby boy, who was born on Friday 7th June. Mum and baby are both doing very well.

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 24th June	Year 6
Tuesday 25th June	Year 3
Wednesday 26th June	Year 4
Thursday 27th June	Year 5
Friday 28th June	Year 6

Tempest Photography

Tempest Photography will be in school on Wednesday 26th June to take class group photographs.

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.*

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Music Lessons

If you are interested in finding out more about music lessons or to sign your child up for lessons, please contact Music Devon using the details below:
http://www.musicdevon.com/
admin@music.devon.com
Or call during office hours on 01392 466390 (9:30 – 12:30 Monday – Friday during term time)

musicdevon.com

Speech and Drama Lessons

For information about Speech and Drama Lessons, please email Mrs Thalia Squire directly thaliasquire@icloud.com

PTA News

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The Topsham School PTA

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 until 2nd July. 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 crafts 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
Friday 21st June	Ice Cream Friday
Wednesday 26th June	Tempest Photography – Class group photographs
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.*

The team of Charter Day will be running a free children's workshop in the summer holidays, please see below for more information:

Hooray! Free 'flower power' workshop to combat holiday fatigue!
Where: St. Margaret's Church Topsham Social Area
When: Tuesday 20th August
Time: 10.00 -12 midday
Ages: All very welcome.

What is the workshop?
Decorating jars with 'jewels' and all sorts of beautiful decorations then choosing fresh flowers to arrange in the jar. Then take it home to make your home look gorgeous.

We look forward to welcoming you for some flower fun!