# The Topsham School
## Newsletter 36

**A love of learning and commitment to the success of every child at the heart of all we do.**
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**Friday 28th June 2024**

## Year 4 Trip to The Minack Theatre

On Tuesday, children in Year 4 had the fantastic opportunity to go to Minack Theatre in Cornwall to see 'The Adventures of Dr Dolittle.' The Minack Theatre is an outdoor theatre on the rugged Cornish coastline and it was a stunning setting to see the show. Thank you to Mrs Wannell, Mrs Haysom and Miss White for accompanying the children and to Bozhilov, our Caretaker, for driving one of the minibuses.

## Year 3 Exe Estuary Trip

Year 3 had a brilliant afternoon on the Exe Estuary at Exmouth last Friday. The children were kept busy exploring the habitat and searching for the many different types of creatures that live there. Fascinating finds of the day included lugworms, shrimps, crabs and even some animal bones! The fieldwork gave us a great start to our Science topic on Living Things and their Habitats. The trip on the train also gifted us beautiful views of the Exe Estuary, so very useful for our Geography too!

# Achiever Awards

The recipients of our weekly achiever awards are listed below:

**Big Acorns** Joey and Ella
**Year 1** Casey and Joel
**Year 2** Isobel and Fank
**Year 3** The whole class
**Year 4** Willow and Aine
**Year 5** The whole class for swimming and for showing great maturity regarding water safety and survival
**Year 6** Livvi, Tilly and Elowen

# 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** – Edward
**1 million words** – Felix Year 5

# Book donations for the school library

We are currently in need of picture books aimed at Reception age children, as well as popular fiction books targeted at Key Stage 2 students. These types of books not only engage our young readers but also help foster a love for reading.

Do you have any books that could be donated? Your contributions, no matter how big or small, will make a significant impact on our library.

Furthermore, if your child has any books at home that belong to the school, please can they return them as soon as possible. This will help us ensure that our library collection remains complete and accessible to all students.

Please drop off any book donations at the school office.

## 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.

**Please note that due to the Year 4 residential next week, there are some changes to swimming days.**
**The days each class will be swimming next week are as below:**

| Date | Class Swimming |
|---|---|
| Monday 1st July | Year 6 |
| Tuesday 2nd July | Year 3 |
| Wednesday 3rd July | Year 5 |
| Thursday 4th July | Year 5 |
| Friday 5th July | Year 4 |

## Road Safety

Please can we ask all parents to remind their children about the importance of road safety when walking, scooting or cycling to and from school. Especially, looking both ways before leaving the pavement to cross roads.

## 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

Friends of
The Topsham School
The Topsham School PTA

**TODAY** – Now you know, every Friday is a "Frozen" Friday. Nothing better that ending a week with a nice Ice cream!

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

One week to go!!!

**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:

Friends of The Topsham School
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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:
    - For the Prize stall: pre-loved toys and books (in a bag, in the PTA shed).
    - For the Lucky Dip: small toys (in a bag in the PTA shed)
    - For the traditional Barrow of Booze: if you can pick up a bottle of something or have a bottle lurking in the back of the cupboard that you'd be willing to donate, that would really help. Please give those bottles to Jenny or Jayne in school reception and they will stash them safely away until the Fayre.
- 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!

We need YOU! The more people volunteer the easier and funnier this fayre will be. Please sign up and let us know if you are available…

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E44A9A62DA3F85-summer2

Your Year Reps are organising the volunteer rota for their stalls, but we need extra pairs of hands to have everything running smoothly.

"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.

FREE ENTRY
All welcome!
Topsham School
Summer Fayre
Friday 5th July
3:45-6:30pm
BBQ & Bar, Bouncy Castle, Popcorn and Candyfloss Stall, Face Painting, Hair Feathers, Ice Cream Van, Jolly Jars, Inflatable Fun, Music and Talent Performances, Games stalls, Crafts and More.
Friends of The Topsham School
A fundraiser for Friends of the Topsham School (the Topsham School PTA) charity number: 1043458

| Date | Event |
|---|---|
| Friday 28th June | Ice Cream Friday |
| 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 | Children can come to school in non-uniform (Olympics-related outfits) in exchange for a 'Jolly Jar' for the Fayre |
| 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 |