The Topsham School
Newsletter 39

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Friday 19th July 2024

Safety: cycling and scooting to school

Since the change in weather (finally!) it has been wonderful to see so many children cycling and scooting to school. We are very lucky to have a school situated in such a well-established area for cycling. But I am asking parents to talk to children about road safety while on their bikes and scooters. Not only have I seen children riding unsafely around the school, but local residents and visitors to the school have also shared concerns. Please remind children to:

- wear a helmet
- ride on the pavement, and not hop on and off between the pavement and road
- ride slowly when around other people

We will contact parents if we see our children riding in a manner that causes concern, so we can ensure we keep all of our children are safe.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Key Stage 2 Swimming Gala – Monday 22nd July 10.00am - 12 noon

Parents of children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) are invited to join us for our Swimming Gala at Topsham Pool on Monday 22nd July from 10am – 12.00 noon.

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

Date	Class Swimming
Monday 22nd July	Key Stage 2 Swimming Gala (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)
Tuesday 23rd July	Year 4 and Year 5
Wednesday 24th July	No swimming today

House Party – Monday 22nd July 2.00pm - 3.00pm

Who will be winners this half term....?

This afternoon we will be announcing the winners of the House Party.
This will be announced on **Google Classroom** by our teachers after school, and in person at pick up by our staff (and the children themselves probably!)

The winning house will be invited to take part in a House Party next week. In case your child's house wins, please see below for more details:

When: Monday 22nd July @2.00pm – 3.00pm

What: (Weather dependent) Games inside and/or outside, food treat, water challenge (after the success of last half term)!

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. In the last party, children did get wet. So, they must bring a towel and a change of t-shirt at least.
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.

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

Last Day of Term – Wednesday 24th July

We would like to remind parents that we break up for the Summer Holidays at the earlier time of 2.30pm on Wednesday 24th July. Twiglets also finishes at the earlier time of 4.30pm on the last day of term.

Exe Valley Challenge

An amazing 11 teams, including 4 'Mini' teams from Year 3, took part in the Exe Valley Challenge on Sunday. Mrs Daitz and Mrs Harris were really impressed with the children's resilience and team work. There were medals for everyone and our Year 5 Team won the Junior Boys Cup!

Achiever Awards

The recipients of last week's awards are listed below:
Big Acorns Lola and Peony
Year 1 Mia and Elliot
Year 2 Elena and Phileas
Year 3 Tor and Alfie
Year 4 Willow and James
Mrs Wannell was also nominated by Year 4 for her hard work on the residential and for supporting the class throughout the year with their learning.
Year 5 Isaac and Joe

Reading Awards:

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

200000 words – Ed Y2, Miro Y2 and Evan Y2
500000 words – Isaac Y2
1 million words – Lawrenny Y2

VACANCY- Various Schools within the United Schools Federation

St Michaels C. of E. Nursery & Primary | St Catherine's C. of E. VA Primary | Marldon 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

25 hours per week (mornings/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 Tuesday 10th September 2024
Anticipated interview Date: Week Commencing 16th September 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.*

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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 – Last "Frozen" Friday… And the weather is totally asking for some ice – from 3.30pm you can buy an ice cream or more (£1 each) at the usual space.

AND IT'S A WRAP… What a year it's been! A full round up will be given at the September PTA AGM meeting. Do try and make it if you can (there are always snacks and drinks).

But we can advance that this school year we have raised over £7,700.00. And this was only possible thanks to this amazing school community.

We would like to say a big thank you and farewell to the Year 6 parents. For many of you is the end of the Primary School era. There were so many of you that contributed greatly and will be missed. A special thanks to "Y6 Leavers" Lauren and Jemma (our PTA Masterchefs), Michelle (smarties ambassador), Rachel (amazing secretary) and I always feel that I am failing with mentioning a lot of people because it was a special and "hands on" group of parents.

Your School Lottery – a great way to keep supporting our school throughout the Summer

This lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children!

It's a fantastic way to bring Parents, Carers, Teachers and the wider community together, in partnership with our school, and at the same time give something back. We hope to raise funds that can support and enrich the education of our children - we aim to provide extra resources for the children, improve the school environment as well as run extracurricular activities such as music, art and sport. Support The Topsham School when you play Your School Lottery - Your School Lottery

PTA AGM

Finally, a look ahead to the next academic year… The AGM will take place on Tuesday, 17th September at 7.30pm. Save the date! It would be amazing to have you there, where you can understand what happened this year and start planning 2024/25!

Have a great Summer!

Date	Event
Friday 19th July	"Frozen" Friday – PTA Ice Cream Sale
Monday 22nd July	KS2 Swimming Gala 10.00am - 12.00noon
Monday 22nd July	House Party 2.00pm - 3.00pm
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
Tuesday 17th September	PTA AGM