The Topsham School
Newsletter 03

A love of learning and commitment to the success of every child at the heart of all we do.
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Friday 20th September 2024

Achievers
As a school, we promote positive behaviour and we have numerous incentives to support this. The recipients of last week's achiever awards are listed below:

Achiever Awards:

Year 1 Imogen and Jack
Year 2 Sophia and Axel
Year 3 Aria and Otto
Year 4 Zac and Nell
Year 5 Shammah and Elliott
Y6 Isaac and Jack

Macmillan Coffee Morning
On Friday 27th September, the Year 6 class at The Topsham School will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning in the hall. The coffee morning will be from 9.30am – 10.45am.

We would really appreciate it if you could join us for this special morning. There will be delicious cakes and hot drinks for sale for you to enjoy.

All of the money will be donated to the Macmillan Cancer Charity, which does vital work for people in need of support.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school to treat yourself to some cake and coffee, have a friendly chat, all whilst raising money at the same time.

Tempest Photographs

Tempest Photography will be visiting the school on Friday 4th October to take individual and sibling group photographs. If you have a child below school age or a child who does not attend Little Acorns on Friday mornings, and you would like their photograph taken, you are able to come in at 8.30am to have this done.

Congratulations to Mrs. Whitehead, who is expecting the birth of her second child in January! Mrs Whitehead will commence her Maternity Leave at the start of the Christmas Holidays. We all wish her and her husband and little girl all the luck!

Forms
As a school we are transitioning from paper forms to online forms and we have two forms that all parents will need to complete. Online forms have many benefits, including allowing us to easily share the information with Class Teachers.

Consent Form:
Please can we ask parents of all children at the school and pre-school to complete the online consent form on the link below. This form will replace any previous permission forms completed by parents.
https://forms.office.com/e/d6cfN3YL30

Asthma Form:
Please complete this form to advise us whether or not your child has asthma. Please complete this form even if your child does not have asthma. https://forms.gle/2zqAZQ1uydKrzTsH6

If you have more than one child at the school, please separate forms for each child. Thank you.

Meet the Teacher Sessions
We will be holding the start-of-year Meet the Teacher class meetings over the next few weeks. This is a chance for class teachers to introduce themselves formally, to talk to parents about the coming year, expectations in their class, and share anything specific they feel you need to know. It is also a chance for parents to ask them any questions. The meetings will be held in the classrooms, and will be no longer than 30 minutes. Please come in through the main office entrance, where you will be met and shown down to the classroom. If you are unable to attend, please don't worry; we will share the information after the event.

Reception/Big Acorns only: Miss Perrins will hold two sessions. Please sign up to one of the sessions if you would like to attend. There is a cap on the number of places on each day. When one is full, please sign up to the other. To sign up, please visit the payments section of your Schoolcomms account and click on the 'Sign Up for Meet the Teacher' option for your preferred date. Whilst this is found in the payments section, there is no charge for signing up.

Please see the dates section at the end of the newsletter for the dates and times for each class.

Nasal Flu Immunisations
The School Immunistaion Service will be in school on 11th October 2024 to deliver nasal flu immunisations to children in Reception - Year 6.

Please see the letter sent via Schoolcomms for more information and use the following link to indicate whether or not you wish to give consent:
https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu PLEASE ENSURE YOU ENTER THE FULL UNIQUE SCHOOL REFERENCE CODE. The code for your child's school is: DV131108
This link will close on 8th October at midday.

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.

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, Miss Greygoose and Mrs Whitehead. 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

Last Tuesday night, we held our AGM. Thank you for all of you that were present and brought such a great energy with a lot of ideas! It was lovely to reflect on the positive outcomes from last year and thank the key people that helped and contributed so much to the success of the PTA. You can find the minutes and other bits of information on topshampta.co.uk .

The new PTA Committee was elected:

Chair: Joana Osorio

Vice Chair: Lindsey Henderson

Treasurer: Kate Sidaway-Lee

Secretary: Martha Gibbons and Melanie Dew

Governor's rep: TBC

Our Year Reps are always a huge help in sharing our reminders and messages in addition to organising volunteers for a few events each year. Here are the Year Reps for this academic year:

Big Acorns: Sophie & TBC

Year 1: Martha & Terri

Year 2: James & Matt

Year 3: Nicola & Jess

Year 4: Rosie & Catherine

Year 5: Nadine & Giancarla

Year 6: Niki & TBC

Other members:

- Pre-Loved Uniform Team: Sarah Davies and Kate Sidaway-Lee
- Social Media consultant: Nadine MacLenan
- IT (and DIY) specialist: Matt Vahiboglu

We also decided upon some key dates for events throughout the year (watch this space).

The first event is **TODAY**! A **Pre-loved Uniform Sale**, after school right next to the PTA Shed. Cash or contactless can be used to pay.

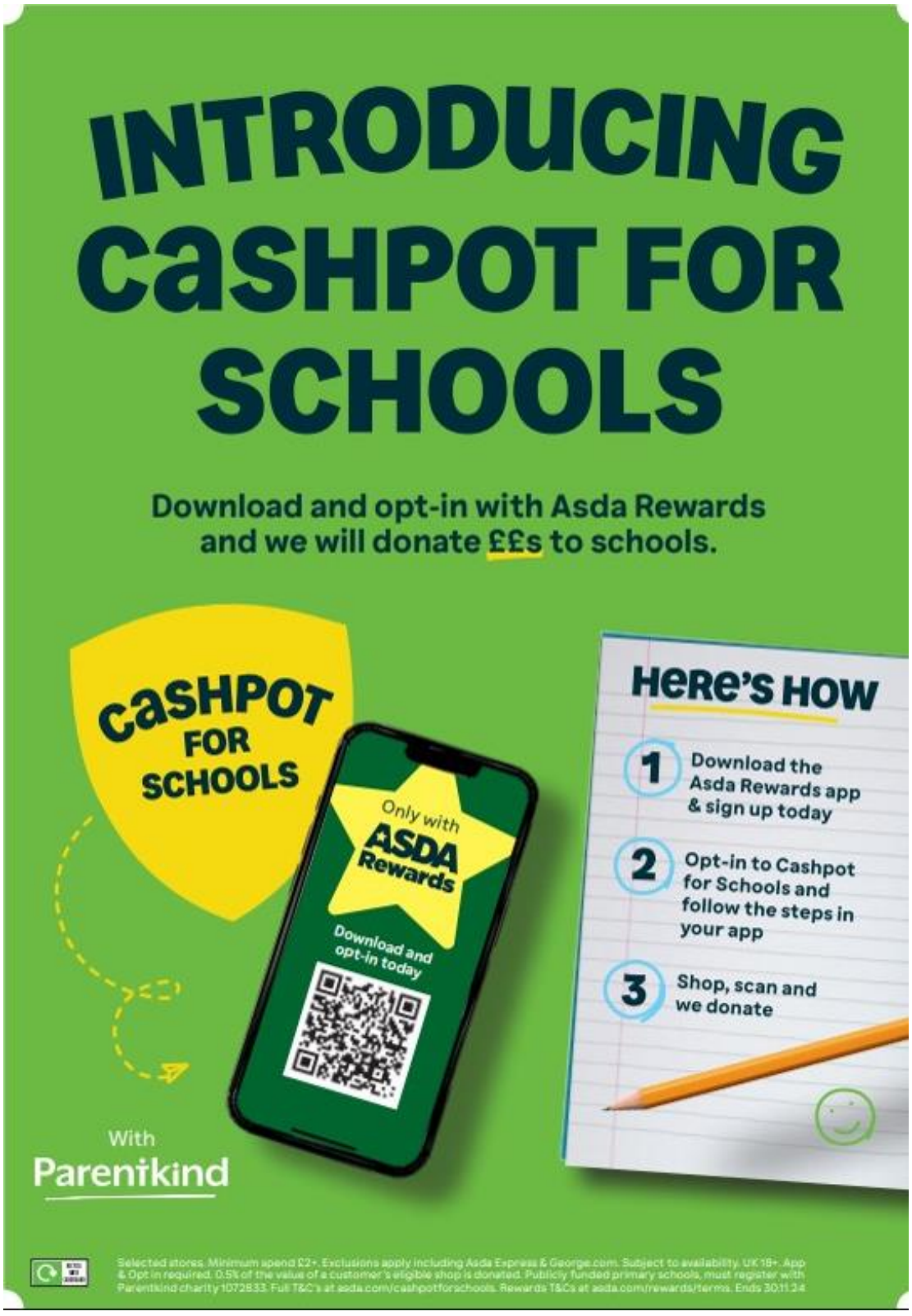
The first **bake sale** of the year will be run by the **Year 5 & 6 parents on Friday 18th October**.

The next **PTA meeting** will be held via zoom so please save the date: **Tuesday 10th October**. All are welcome to attend the meeting and we hope that by holding it online we can encourage more parents to join us/listen in and find out more about how the PTA works.

In the meantime, there are some initiatives that you can participate or help spreading the word that will promote our fundraising throughout the year:

- **<u>Your School Lottery</u>**: This lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children! Join in and/or share with friends and family.

- **<u>Cashpot for schools by Asda</u>**: Asda is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative – all we have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards App, choose Topsham School and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024
Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our PTA. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, Asda is also giving £50 to every school to get them started. Share this with your family and friends across UK and we can raise some more funds to our School.



Date	Event
Friday 20th September	PTA Pre-loved Uniform Sale
Wednesday 25th September	Year 3 Meet the Teacher 9.00am
Wednesday 25th September	Year 5 Meet the Teacher 9.00am
Thursday 26th September	Year 1 Meet the Teacher 9.00am
Thursday 26th September	Year 2 Meet the Teacher 3.00pm
Thursday 26th September	Year 4 Meet the Teacher 3.00pm
Friday 27th September	Year 2 Trip to Exeter
Friday 27th September	Year 6 Meet the Teacher 9.00am
Friday 27th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning 9.30am – 10.45am
Monday 30th September	Big Acorns Meet the Teacher (session 1) 9.00am
Tuesday 1st October	Big Acorns Meet the Teacher (session 2) 9.00am
Tuesday 1st October	Years 3 and 4 Trip to Kents Cavern
Friday 4th October	Tempest Photography – Individual and sibling group photographs
Thursday 10th October	PTA Meeting
Wednesday 11th October	Flu Immunisations for children in Reception – Year 6
Friday 18th October	PTA Bake Sale
Friday 25th October	Break up for half-term (3.30pm finish)
Thursday 31st October	Closing date for applying for a secondary school place for September 2025
Monday 4th November	Non-Pupil Day
Tuesday 5th November	Non-Pupil Day
Wednesday 6th November	Children return to school after half-term
Friday 6th December	PTA Christmas Bazaar
Friday 20th December	Break up for Christmas Holiday (2.30pm finish)
Monday 6th January	Return to school after Christmas Holiday