The Topsham School
Newsletter 05

A love of learning and commitment to the success of every child at the heart of all we do.
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Friday 4th October 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 Albert and Millie
Year 3 Charlie and Darcy
Year 4 Deena and Jaime
Year 5 Oscar and Xander
Year 6 Charlie and Grace

Reading Awards:

Congratulations to Phileas, Lawrenny, Evan and Miro in Year 3 for achieving their reading target last week.

Winning House:

Years 3 and 4 to Kents Cavern trip

On Tuesday Years 3 and 4 had a fantastic trip to Kents Cavern. They enjoyed a tour of the caves, a woodland walk past life-sized models of prehistoric animals and an artefact handling session holding actual Stone Age tools!

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.

This year we will be celebrating Harvest on
Thursday 10th October

We will be collecting items for Exeter Food Bank. We are hoping to have a representative from the Food Bank joining us in our whole school assembly who will talk about the important role it has in our community and how we can support it.

With this in mind, we would appreciate it if you could send your child to school on Thursday 10th with one (or more) of the items listed below. Our newly appointed Mental Health Ambassadors will be creating a display using the donations and helping to load the Food Bank van.

Please note that the Foodbank cannot accept any fresh produce.

PRIORITY ITEMS
• **Tins of meat** • **Tins of vegetables** • **Tins of fruit** • **Noodle and pasta snacks** • **Jams and spreads** • **Small jars of coffee** • **Rice Pudding**

Thank you so much for your support.

World Mental Health Day

Our Topsham School Mental Health Ambassadors (MHAs) have chosen to focus on *Kindness* for World Mental Health Day next week.

This theme fits in perfectly with our Harvest assembly where we are collecting food donations for Exeter Foodbank.

Throughout the next two weeks we will be setting the children 'kindness challenges' so please look out for further information on Google Classroom and in next week's newsletter.

NSPCC

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

Friends of
The Topsham School
The Topsham School PTA

PTA meeting

Next week, Thursday 10th October, there will be an online PTA meeting (on Zoom) and everyone is welcome. Log in from 8pm
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82677446420?pwd=bb8HWpUFGtzlHOmzkBpH8EFzrhzRTa.1
and join us in this meeting that will specially cover the plans for this year's Christmas Events and big projects for this year.
You can participate as much or a little as you wish, but you will get news first hand!

Next PTA event

1st Bake Sale – Year 5 & Year 6 will organise a Bake Sale on 18th October.

Topsham PTA website

Have you visited and share our website?! The Topsham School PTA - Topsham School PTA (topshampta.co.uk)
Check out all news, calendar, meeting minutes and what the PTA is all about – fundraise so all of our children can get much more opportunities (and see on what we have helped our school on)

Community News*

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Topsham Community Survey
Topsham Community Association is gathering views from the local community to help shape its future work and would be grateful if you could complete a short survey.

This survey can be accessed through the TCA website:
https://www.topshamcommunityassociation.co.uk/topsham-community-survey/

SportyStars Glow In The Dark Dodgeball

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Exeter City Holiday Clubs

Date	Event
Thursday 10th October	World Mental Health Day
Thursday 10th October	Harvest Celebration – Donations for Exeter Food Bank
Thursday 10th October	PTA Meeting
Wednesday 11th October	Flu Immunisations for children in Reception – Year 6
Friday 18th October	PTA Y5/6 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 and Twiglets finishes at 4.30pm)
Monday 6th January	Return to school after Christmas Holiday
Friday 14th February	Non-Pupil Day
Friday 4th April	Break up for Easter Holiday (2.30pm finish and Twiglets finishes at 4.30pm)
Tuesday 22nd April	Return to school after Easter Holiday
Monday 5th May	May Bank Holiday – School closed
Friday 23rd May	Break up for half-term (3.30pm finish)
Monday 2nd June	Non-Pupil Day
Monday 21st – Wednesday 23rd July	Year 6 Skern Lodge Residential
Wednesday 23rd July	Break Up for Summer Holidays (2.30pm finish and Twiglets finishes at 4.30pm)