The Topsham School
Newsletter 07

A love of learning and commitment to the success of every child at the heart of all we do.
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Friday 18th October 2024

Arts Week

Monday 21st – Friday 25th October 2024

We are very excited about Arts Week which will take place in school next week. The children will be developing their art skills within a focused week. They will be following the art curriculum to create artwork that will be displayed around our school, celebrating our town, its community and the environment.

Key Information:

- **Monday 21st October - Please can children bring an old big shirt or t-shirt that is appropriate for painting in. This can stay in school all week.**
- **Look out for updates on the class blogs or Google Classroom.**
- **Artists will be in school through the week.**
- **Friday 25th October - Dress up as ART day! – We are asking for a donation of £1.00 which will be available to pay via the payments section of your child's Schoolcomms account.**
- **Friday 25th October - All welcome for the Art Show 3.15pm-4.15pm**

Tempest Photographs

TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHY

The closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Sunday 20th October.** Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk
If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, please contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

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 Zara and Sylvia
Year 2 Astrid and Henry
Year 3 Otto and Floyd
Year 4 Zac, Olivia and Tor
Year 5 Elliott and Muhafiz
Year 6 Oscar, Leo and Dashen

Reading Awards:

Congratulations to the following children who achieved their reading target last week:

Olivia Year 4, Jack Year 6 and Joe Year 6

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.*

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PTA NEWS

1st Bake Sale – TODAY!

Yummy!!! Who was missing these delicious bake sales?! First of this school year is today, organised by Y5 & Y6 parents, from 3.30pm right outside the school office. Each cupcake will be £1, and you can pay with cash or contactless. Why not bring a box and take a treat for tea at home!

Christmas Hampers

For 2024 Christmas Raffles we are having again the year groups coloured hampers. Donations to fill up those hampers will start after the half term, but we cannot wait to let you know this year's colours:

Acorns = Purple
Year 1 = White
Year 2 = Green
Year 3 = Orange
Year 4 = Yellow / Gold
Year 5 = Grey / Silver
Year 6 = Red
Start thinking on what you can donate and be creative (you can always wrap the donation or add a colour bow)!

PTA Website

Have you checked our PTA website: https://www.topshampta.co.uk

You can find the calendar of events, how PTA is supporting our school, who is in this year's committee and also make suggestions.

Community News*

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Date	Event
Friday 18th October	PTA Y5/6 Bake Sale
Sunday 20th October	Closing date for free delivery back to school for Tempest photographs
Monday 21st – Friday 25th October	Arts Week
Friday 25th October	Dress Up as ART day (donations for school) and Parents invited to The Topsham Gallery @3.15-4.15pm
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
Tuesday 12th November	Year 1 Animal Encounter Experience
Tuesday 12th November	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 12th November	Drop in Open Evening for Little Acorn parents 3.45pm – 4.45pm
Thursday 14th November	Parents' Evening
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Friday 15th November	Children in Need
Friday 6th December	Christmas Craft and Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 6th December	PTA Christmas Bazaar
Friday 13th December	Community Xmas Party (led by Year 6)
Monday 16th December	KS1 and Foundation Stage Xmas performance @2pm and 6pm
Tuesday 17th December	KS2 church service @2pm and 6pm
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Parties
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)