The Topsham School
Newsletter 09

A love of learning and commitment to the success of every child at the heart of all we do.
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Friday 8th November 2024

Parents' Evenings for Big Acorns – Year 6

Parents' Evenings will take place on Tuesday 12th November and Thursday 14th November 3.45pm – 7.05pm.

How will they be facilitated?

These appointments will be held remotely using School Cloud. The same system as previously used. This is an online booking system created just for the purpose of parent/teacher meetings. It can be accessed from any device, including a mobile phone.

How does it work?

Parents need to put this link into their browser https://topshamschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/ and this will take you straight to the appropriate page.

When can I book my appointment?

The system will go live and at 6pm TODAY (Friday 8th November). Parents are able to amend their own booking slots if there is availability. **The deadline for booking, including registering questions is 12.00pm on Tuesday 12th November.**

Please see the letter sent via Schoolcomms email for more information about booking appointments.

Little Acorns Drop in Open Evenings

Drop in open evenings for Little Acorn parents will take place between 3.45pm – 4.45pm on Tuesday 12th November and Thursday 14th November.

Book Look for Year 1 – Year 6

There will be an opportunity for parents to take a look at their child's exercise books on Monday 11th November between 3.30pm and 4.45pm, the day before parents' evenings this term. This allows parents to see and celebrate all the learning their child has done so far this term, and allows parents to see this before talking to teachers during their parents evening appointment. The books will be laid out in your child's classroom.

Big Acorns new environment

Parents of Big Acorns are invited to come in on Monday 11th November between 3.30pm and 4.45pm to allow their child to show them around the new class environment. The children have been excited to explore all the new areas and resources this week and we would love for you to explore with them at the end of the day on Monday.

Achievers

As a school, we promote positive behaviour and we have numerous incentives to support this.

The recipients of our half-termly achiever awards are listed below:

Winning House:

Achiever Awards:

Year 1 Millie
Year 2 Kendall
Year 3 Phileas
Year 4 Nel
Year 5 James
Year 6 Emilia

Children in Need

On Friday 15th November the children at The Topsham School will be celebrating Children in Need.

We ask that the children come to school dressed in pyjamas. These of course need to be school appropriate but can also include dressing gowns, slippers and such like. Please note, with the weather that bit colder we ask that children wear appropriate clothing and footwear to ensure they are warm enough and can go outside (slippers can be brought in bags to wear within school, but outdoor shoes such as trainers must be worn to and from).

After school the School Leaders will be holding a Bake sale. If you are able to donate any cakes, we would greatly appreciate it. We highly rely on these donations, so please do get those aprons on! But please remember: no nuts.
During the day each class will be participating in a 'team building challenge' whereby they will need to keep Pudsey off the ground…!

Donations of 50p/£1 to the cause would be kindly received.

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

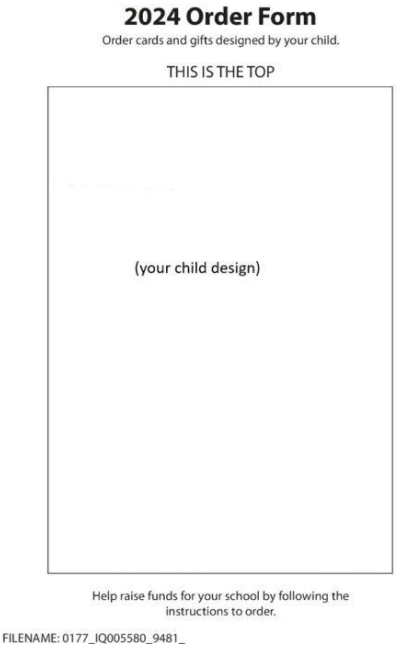
"If you are worried about a child or young person in Devon and want to speak to someone, or if you are a child or young person worried about your own safety, please contact the MASH on ***0345 155 1071*** *or email mashsecure@devon.gov.uk and give as much information as you can.*

PTA NEWS

Friends of
The Topsham School
The Topsham School PTA

Personalised Gifts and Cards

Hopefully, you will have found the **order form** at the bottom of the school bag. Like this one


2024 Order Form
Order cards and gifts designed by your child.
THIS IS THE TOP
(your child design)
Help raise funds for your school by following the instructions to order.
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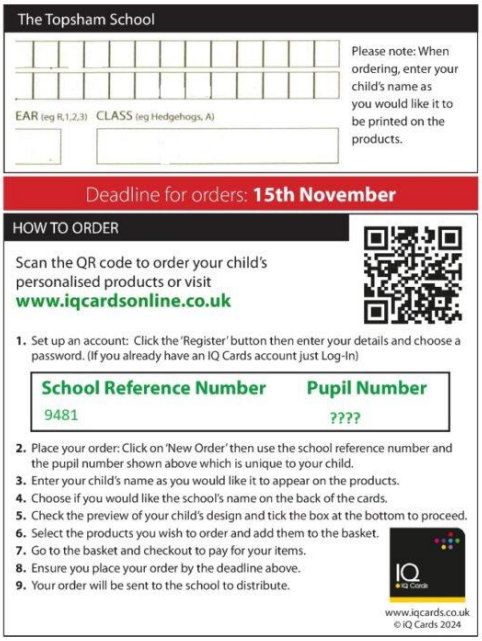
The Topsham School
EAR (eg R,1,2,3) CLASS (eg Hedgehogs, A)
Please note: When ordering, enter your child's name as you would like it to be printed on the products.
Deadline for orders: 15th November
HOW TO ORDER
Scan the QR code to order your child's personalised products or visit www.iqcardsonline.co.uk
1. Set up an account: Click the 'Register' button then enter your details and choose a password. (If you already have an IQ Cards account just Log-In)
School Reference Number 9481 Pupil Number ????
2. Place your order: Click on 'New Order' then use the school reference number and the pupil number shown above which is unique to your child.
3. Enter your child's name as you would like it to appear on the products.
4. Choose if you would like the school's name on the back of the cards.
5. Check the preview of your child's design and tick the box at the bottom to proceed.
6. Select the products you wish to order and add them to the basket.
7. Go to the basket and checkout to pay for your items.
8. Ensure you place your order by the deadline above.
9. Your order will be sent to the school to distribute.
www.iqcards.co.uk
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Orders via https://www.iqcardsonline.co.uk/

The **deadline** for orders is Friday, **15th November**. And we should receive the printed items by 29th November. If you need an extra form (or cannot find the original one), no problem! Just email us on thetopshamschoolpta@outlook.com with name and year group and we will send you a copy.

Christmas Hampers

You can find the hampers next to the front office and waiting to be filled with **donations**. Here is a little reminder of the colour themes for each class:

Acorns → **Purple**
Year 1 → **White**
Year 2 → **Green**
Year 3 → **Orange**
Year 4 → **Yellow/Gold**
Year 5 → **Grey/Silver**
Year 6 → **Red**

PTA meeting

Thursday, 14th November, 8pm we are back with a presential meeting! The perfect excuse to leave the house on a weekday evening. We will be wrapping up the plans for the Christmas Bazaar and everyone is welcome. Location TBC.

Community News*

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Date	Event
Friday 8th November	Cross Country event at Killerton
Monday 11th November	Book Look for parents of children in Years 1 -6
Monday 11th November	Big Acorn parents invited in to see the new class environment 3.30pm - 4.45pm
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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Thursday 14th November	PTA Meeting
Friday 15th November	Children in Need
Friday 15th November	Deadline for ordering PTA Personalised Gifts and Cards
Friday 22nd November	PTA Pre-loved Uniform Sale
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	Vision Screening for Big Acorns
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)