THE TOPSHAM SCHOOL

A love of learning and commitment to the success of every child at the heart of all we do.

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Newsletter
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Head's Message

What a wonderful few weeks it has been at Topsham School. It has been a joy to see all the festive activities taking place across the school, from Christmas crafting and decorating, to the fantastic fundraising at the fair. Our infants' nativity and carol singing were truly special moments, and the school has been filled with colour and cheer thanks to a wonderful array of Christmas jumpers!

On behalf of all of us here at Topsham School, I would like to wish everyone in our school community a very happy Christmas. Thank you for your continued support throughout the term. I would also like to extend a huge thank you to our PTA for their incredible efforts and generosity this term. Their hard work and commitment make such a difference to our school and are very much appreciated by us all.

We wish you a peaceful and joyful Christmas break and look forward to welcoming everyone back in the New Year.

Reminders for the new term:

Parking: Please do not park on the double yellow lines outside the front of the school. It causes issues for families crossing the road, residents moving to and from their houses and for traffic passing through. There is still free 20 minute parking at The Nelson round the corner from the school.

Uniform: Can we please start the new term with correct uniform across the school, with black shoes and black, navy or white socks, no jewellery (except a watch or small studs in ears) and no nail varnish.
Year 6 now have their new leaver's hoodies, which can be worn in place of their uniform jumper. A huge thank you to the PTA for funding these this year.

Running Club t-shirts and hoodies: We are always happy for your child to wear their t-shirt or hoodie, in place of the PE t-shirt if their PE day is a Tuesday. If your child does not have PE on a Tuesday, they are given time to change for the club

Key Dates

Thursday 18th December - KS2 Christmas Carols in the Church 2.00pm and 6.00pm

Friday 19th December - Break up for Christmas Holiday (earlier finish time of 2.30pm and Twiglets finishes at 4.30pm)

Friday 19th December - No Exeter City Football

Monday 5th January - Non-Pupil Day

Tuesday 6th January - Children return to school after Christmas Holiday

Year 5 Theatre Trip

To tie in with their current literacy book "Shackleton's Journey," Year 5 visited Exeter Phoenix to see "Ernie And The Sea Of Ice."

The show really brought the work from English lessons to life in a fun setting.

Choir

It was wonderful to see so many parents turn out for Carols in the Playground. Thank you for coming and enjoying a sing-a-long, and getting in to the festive spirit with us.

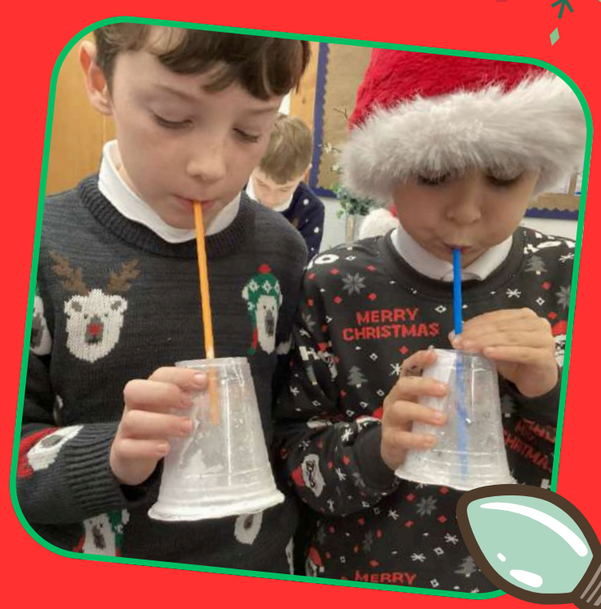
THANK YOU

Thank you for all your support with our recent fundraising efforts.

We are delighted to announce that we raised £59.00 for the Poppy Appeal and £268.70 for Children in Need.

Moving forward, in the new year, all payments for charitable donations will be made online as we are becoming a completely cashless school.

Christmas Craft Morning



Christmas Dinner

The first ever Christmas Lunch cooked on site at The Topsham School!

And what a success! We had 161 children booked in, from Preschool to Year 6, and the buzz in hall this year was very exciting. The roast smells from kitchen starting drifting down the school by 10am and were leaving the children, and staff, very ready for lunch! The reviews were all round positive, from all of us, especially the roast potatoes, pigs in blankets and Christmas biscuits. Well done to our kitchen team, Mrs McKenna and Ms Alderman, for such a successful service.

Santa Run

Thank you to the massive group of marshals who gave up their time to ensure we could have the biggest Santa Run yet! The children really showed their running progress and their enthusiasm. Well done to everyone in Running Club!

COMMUNITY NEWS*

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If you did not give consent or your child was absent on the day of the flu vaccine, Kernow Health will be running clinics at various locations across Devon from mid-December, by appointment only.

Please see the poster shown for more information or contact Kernow Health on 01392 342678 or email kernowhealthcic.schoolimmsdevon@nhs.net for further information.