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

Well, that first half of the summer term has gone by so quickly! And the children and the school have achieved a huge amount.

I need to recognise the hard work, focus and sense of calm from our Year 6s during their SATs before half term. They were supportive of each other and put all the hard work over the last few months (and years!) in to practice. They celebrated with a whole federation trip to Splashdown waterpark at the end of the week. Well done Year 6!

We have lots of assessments going on this term, and I know our staff have prepared the children wonderfully.

Please remember that next week is Science Week, with the Science Fair on Friday for all of our school community so please do stop in and see all of the children's learning for the week and take part in activities and experiments, meeting and learning from the scientists that are within our parent community.

Maria White
Head of School

Parking

The mornings are getting very busy on the road in front of the school again and there has been an increase in people parking on the double yellow lines. This means vehicles are having to be stop-start when trying to get passed, and move in and out of spaces irregularly. We have many children who cycle or scoot to school, and this parking is causing a safety to risk to them, and families crossing the road. Please park in the Nelson car park with 20 minutes of free parking.

Key Dates

Tuesday 2nd June - Friday 12th June - Year 4 MTC checks
W/b 8th June - Phonics Screening Week
Tuesday 9th June - Year 6 Scuba Diving (Group 1)
W/b 15th June - Science Week
Wednesday 17th June - Storyteller visit for Year 4
Thursday 18th June - Year 3 Trip to Exmouth
Friday 19th June - Science Fair 3.30pm
Monday 22nd June - Sports Day
Wednesday 24th June - MHST online workshop
Friday 26th June - Year 2 Sleepover at Topsham
Monday 29th June - Reserve Sports Day
W/b Monday 29th June - Year 5 Bikeability
Monday 29th June - Year 2 Food Feast - parents invited in at 3.00pm
Tuesday 30th June - Year 4 day trip to Exmouth (Watersports)
Wednesday 1st - Thursday 2nd July - Year 4 overnight stay at Sid Vale Scout Hut
Friday 3rd July - Summer Fair
Monday 6th July - Drumming assembly 2.45pm
Tuesday 7th July - Summer Music Concert 5.30pm (performers to arrive 5.00pm)
Thursday 9th July - Whole school transition morning
Sunday 12th July - Exe Valley Challenge
Monday 13th July - KS2 Swimming Gala at Topsham Pool am
Tuesday 14th July - Year 5/6 Summer Show 2.00pm and 6.00pm
Wednesday 15th July - MHST online workshop
Friday 17th July - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 2.00pm
Monday 20th - Wednesday 22nd July - Year 6 Skern Lodge Residential
Thursday 23rd July - Break up for Summer Holiday (2.30pm finish and Twiglets finishes at 4.30pm)
Friday 24th July - Occasional Day (school closed)
Thursday 3rd September - Return to school after Summer Holidays

Half term achievers

In assembly at the end of half term, we celebrated a special set of achievers, noticed for progress over the term, or the year, in each class. Well done to all of our children receiving their certificate before half term.

Congratulations to:

Rhys - Big Acorns
Ted - Year 1
Lokni - Year 2
Sophia - Year 3
Alfie - Year 4
Harry - Year 5
Ezra - Year 6

Mental Health Matters

As we move into the last part of the school year, many of our children may be experiencing a mixture of excitement and worry about upcoming changes. Whether it's moving to a new class, meeting a new teacher, or preparing for secondary school, all these things can cause some emotional upheaval!

To support your child, recognise that changes and transitions can bring uncertainty, so it's important to create space for children to talk openly about their feelings, ask questions, and feel reassured that their emotions are normal. Keeping routines predictable, encouraging conversations about worries, and focusing on the positives of new opportunities can all help children feel more confident and secure. For Year 6 pupils preparing for secondary school, leading children's mental health charity Anna Freud has created a helpful short animation called "Moving Up! The Transition to Secondary School", designed to support children in feeling less anxious and more prepared for the move: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kFpVOIpeksk

Lost Property

Thank you to the PTA last week for their second-hand uniform sale. It is so well received and hugely impactful for our families.

The Lost Property has grown again this term, especially with jumpers removed because of the sunshine! Please ensure your child's clothes are labelled- by this time in the year, names can have worn off. Even for our Little Acorns. Lost Property will be set out at the end of the week, so if you are missing something, please check. It will not be kept after this week.

Uniform

It is that time of year where the children may be growing out of items of uniform. Although consideration will be given to this, please adhere to our uniform policy in these last few weeks of the term, including PE kits only worn on PE days, jewellery and nail varnish not worn, school jumpers only to be worn, including on PE days (Running Club jumpers are also also acceptable when your child has PE).

COMMUNITY NEWS*

*Please be aware that clicking on links/following web addresses in this section may take you to sites that require payment for the activities advertised. The Topsham School does not endorse any products or events in this section.

Free Children's Art and Craft Activities in Town Fayre Week

Tuesday 25th August 10.30-12.00
Design your own Chalk pictures on the ground and take home your own paper picture.
Globe Hotel. *Free*.

Wednesday 26th August 10.30-12.00
Take home a decorated jar with 'jewels' and ribbons with your fresh flower arrangement.
St. Margaret's Church Social Area. *Free*.

Thursday 27th August 10.30-12.00
Decorate and take home cakes (if they make it home!)
Globe Hotel. *Free*.