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Dear Parent/Carer

On Thursday we had an exciting visit from Yeovil Town Football Club to show off their trophy and to talk to the children. The children enjoyed seeing this and meeting those that came.



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Cynet class have been testing out their new balance bikes and bikes and I had a lovely letter from one of the Year 1s requesting a 'a bigger bike for the tall children'. Due to the amazing contributions from the sponsored trike ride, this is being ordered as I write this, along with storage for all the bikes. A huge thank you to the two parents who spent last Friday morning assembling the bikes and to everyone who offered their help.

On Monday all the classes had a session from the Somerset Cricket Foundation. They practised some skills and played a game. Everyone enjoyed being out in the sunshine and it almost left like summer had arrived!

Now that the warmer weather has made an appearance can parents please ensure that children have a named sunhat and suncream in their bags and for children to arrive wearing suncream when appropriate.

### **PTFA Updates**

#### **LAST CALL FOR SCARECROWS**

A little reminder that you've only got until tomorrow, Saturday 11th May, to enter your Scarecrow into this years trail!

Scarecrows need to be displayed from 25th May, so you've got plenty of time to get creative, once you've entered!

Click the link below & head to our online entry form, you'll find all the T&C's there too.  
CLICK HERE <https://forms.gle/jTGN2HE6Bjp8UZ8K7>

If you have any questions or need more information, please pop us a message or email us at [lsprimaryptfa@gmail.com](mailto:lsprimaryptfa@gmail.com).

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## **THE BIG POOL CLEAN UP!**

Join us tomorrow morning, Saturday 11th May from 10.00am, and help us give the pool area a good clean and tidy before the pool opens again! (Adults only please - no children due to pool safety). If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

### **PTFA dates for your diary**

The Big Pool Clean Up - Saturday 11th May  
Scarecrow Entry Deadline - Saturday 11th May  
Playground Treats - Thursday 23rd May  
Scarecrow Trail - Saturday 25th May until Sunday 2nd June  
PTFA Meeting - Thursday 6th June

### **Parent Information Sessions**

#### **Wise Up workshops – Somerset Parent Carer Forum**

<https://somerseparentcarerforum.org.uk/home/wise-up-workshops/>

#### **Coming up:**

**Autism & Disordered eating- Parish Hall, Cheddar – 5<sup>th</sup> June**

**Understanding sensory differences - The David Hall, South Petherton – 13<sup>th</sup> June or**

**The Thatched Cottage, Shepton Mallet – 17<sup>th</sup> June**

**or Somerset Parent Carer Forum Office, Yeovil – 18<sup>th</sup> June**

To book use this link <https://somerseparentcarerforum.org.uk/home/wise-up-workshops/> or any issues call 01458 259384 or 07359 611454

**Would you like to understand more about children & young people and self-injury? Joining our free 90-minute self-harm awareness training, for parents, carers and family members in somerset will help you to –**

- Understand self harm and who it can affect
- Identify reasons that can lead a young person to self-harm
- Recognise the stigma surrounding self-harm and the impact this can have
- Understand the wider impact self-harm has on friends and family, with a focus on parents/carers
- Raise confidence in responding to/supporting young people who self-harm
- Establish how to maintain your own self-care and wellbeing
- Identify a range of local and national resources/services/information to support young people who self-harm
- Understand the importance of recovery
- Q & A

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**The training dates below offer mixed training for people who want to understand about self-injury, including for children and young people or adults**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July PM**

3.30pm – 5pm

[FREE Somerset - Self Harm Awareness Training Tickets, Mon 1 Jul 2024 at 15:30 | Eventbrite](#)

**Friday 16th August AM**

9.30am – 11am

[FREE Somerset - Self Harm Awareness Training Tickets, Fri 16 Aug 2024 at 09:30 | Eventbrite](#)

**Child Exploitation by County Lines with Escapeline**

**Date:** Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024

**Time:** Starting at 6pm with an estimated end time of 7:30pm

**Venue:** Room H1, Huish Sixth building, Huish Episcopi Academy, Langport, TA10 9SS

**Child Exploitation by County Lines** - In the South West of the UK, including all areas of Somerset, there is a significant rise in county lines drug crime, whereby a large amount of young people as young as **6 years old**, are being criminally and sexually exploited by gangs. County lines are illegal business models, in which drug gangs expand their operations from their big city bases, such as London, Birmingham and Liverpool, to smaller cities, towns, coastal and rural areas across Britain. These gangs use their power and position to groom, recruit and exploit children and young people for the purpose of criminal gain.

These gangs proactively recruit young people to drug run in and around the South West, as well as outside the area. The gangs and criminal networks use extreme violence and intimidation towards these young people, which result in these young people feeling trapped and scared. Some of these gangs are forcing vulnerable children from their homes to be trafficked to other parts of the country. As well as criminal exploitation, young people, both girls and boys, are also being sexually exploited by these gangs.

This session will raise awareness of the signs of Child Exploitation by County Lines and guide you in teaching children and young people about healthy relationships.

To book a place to attend this session please visit: <https://forms.gle/YVj1EpvbRqJKQzoF8>

**Attendance – Unauthorised Term-Time Leave**

Please be aware that when a parent or carer chooses to take their child out of school for a period of leave, which has not been authorised by the Head Teacher it may result in a Penalty Notice being issued. Term-time leave of absence is not an automatic right and will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. You can find the school's attendance policy and letter of intention to take term-time leave request form on the school website.

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## Is my child too ill for school?

It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above. Further guidance can be found here - [NHS 'Is my child too ill for school?' guidance](#)

## Nut free school (inc. Toy Box)

We have multiple children in school at present with a nut allergy. Please do not give your child food/snacks to bring into school containing any type of nut or nut product, e.g. Nutella and Peanut Butter. Thank you for your support.

## Dates for the diary

Y6 SATs week	w/c Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May
Arts week celebration	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May at 3pm
INSET	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May
Sports Day	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June
Transition Day	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July
Information Evening for new parents and those moving classes	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July
Summer Fair (New Date)	Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> July
Harrier Show	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July
Leavers' Service	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July

## Safeguarding (Protecting children from harm/keeping them safe)

In school we have a duty to ensure that all children are safe and protect from harm or abuse. If we have concerns about a child's wellbeing it is our duty to look into this, talk to the family, and if need be, report it to Somerset Direct.

**If you have any concerns about your child, or another, please come and speak to me. Safeguarding is everyone's business and cannot be ignored. Somerset Direct (0300 123 2224) or the NSPCC are useful points of contact, should you wish to share or discuss any Safeguarding concerns you have.**

**Here are some useful websites recommended by our DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead – Lizzie Reynolds).**

[NSPCC](#)    [SOMERSETDIRECT](#)

Best wishes  
Mrs Lizzie Reynolds

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