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Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you to those of you who joined us for Sports day, weren't we lucky with the weather? I think the children had a good day and I just love to see the support they give each other. It was also good to see so many children trying their best even when they knew they wouldn't win the race. Thank you to PTFA for the ice poles, these were certainly enjoyed.

The children in Year 1 and some Year 2's have completed their phonics screening this week and we were so proud of them; they have done extremely well and best of all they all did the best they could and kept going even when they were finding it hard. It was a challenging test with children having to read made up words that were very similar to real words, but they rose to the challenge.

The School Council's cake sale last Friday was a huge success, thank you to those who donated cakes. In the end they made £78 for the RSPCA which is fantastic.

### Your PTFA

I think you will agree that the PTFA have done an amazing job this year, running events, supporting the school, raising money and buying many things for the children to support their learning. I would be really keen for one/some of you to nominate them for the below award. Please let me know if you do decide to do this.

*The National PTA Awards 2024 are a celebration of the time, hard work and dedication that PTAs and supporters volunteer to raise vital funds for the school community. This year's PTA Awards will take place in the autumn term and give PTAs the chance to receive local and national recognition for their achievements and a chance to win up to £2000!*

*With that in mind, if you'd like to nominate our school PTFA for an award, you can find out how via the link below. Nominations close on Friday 28th June 2024.*

<https://www.parentkind.org.uk/your-pta-expert/national-pta-awards>

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## Online Safety information

**This NSPCC information looks really useful, please do take a look.**

Navigating the internet can be challenging for children. Distinguishing between real and fake content, avoiding negativity, and handling mistakes can be tough. To address this, the NSPCC have introduced six positive online habits. These tips empower parents to discuss online well-being with their families, to help develop informed, confident, and happy internet use. Their new Positively Online campaign offers content, videos, and a quiz to support parents in guiding their children through the online world:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-wellbeing/positively-online>

## **Splash Session**

These are taking place on Tuesdays and Fridays 3.30 – 4.30. Just a reminder that parents must stay with their children and are responsible for their safety and behaviour. Please sign up on the gate on the day but the £2 needs to be paid at the pool in the evening. At the end of the session, you need to leave through the school as the gates are locked by this time. Please ensure that you are dressed and ready to leave by 4.45 at the latest, if you need more than 15 minutes to change then please get your child out early.

## **PTFA UPDATES**

### **We want your second-hand uniform**

If you have any good condition school uniform that you would like to donate, please bring it to the school gate on the mornings of Thursday 20th and Friday 21st June.

### **Teddies Wanted!**

If you have preloved teddies and soft toys looking for a new home, we can help! Please save them up and bring your donations to school on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th June. All shapes, sizes and characters welcome! We hope to use your donations for a game at this years Summer Fete.

### **PTFA DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Uniform Donation Days - Thursday 20th and Friday 21st June

Soft Toy Donation Days - Thursday 27th and Friday 28th June

Playground Treats - Friday 28th June

Second-Hand Uniform Sale - Wednesday 3rd July

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## Parent Information Sessions

### Wise Up workshops – Somerset Parent Carer Forum

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

#### Coming up:

Understanding sensory differences - 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

**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 16<sup>th</sup> August AM**

9.30am – 11am

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

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## 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.

## 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](#)

The infographic is divided into two main sections. The left section is titled 'Article 28 The right to education' and contains text about children's rights to education and healthcare, along with a list of survey topics. The right section is titled 'Please share your views on health-related school absence...' and features two QR codes for parent and young person questionnaires, along with the RCPCH & Us logo and a small illustration of diverse people.

**Article 28** The right to education

Children and young people said:

- School is a place where we access support and other services. It's a place which supports our physical, emotional and mental health.
- Health services and schools should work together to help us with school attendance.

We are looking at improving the ways healthcare, education and other services for children and young people work together to better meet their needs:

- We would like to hear your views on healthcare related school absence and how our services could be improved
- If you would like to help, please scan the QR codes opposite for links to anonymously complete our surveys!

**Please share your views on health-related school absence...**

Scan for parent or carer questionnaire: [QR Code]

Scan for young person's questionnaire: [QR Code]

**RCPCH & Us** Find out more... For useful links and tips on participation on children's rights go to [www.rcpch.ac.uk/rightsmatter](http://www.rcpch.ac.uk/rightsmatter)

## 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

Transition Day  
Information Evening for new parents and those moving classes  
Mufti Day  
Summer Fair (New Date)  
Harrier Show  
Leavers' Service

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July  
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Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July

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## **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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