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Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to say how proud we all are of the Year 6 children who have sat their SATS tests this week. They worked incredibly hard, trying their best and just got on with it. I would also like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Janas and her team who have prepared them so well, that the children have just taken this in their stride and even seem to have enjoyed the week – that might be on account of the special breakfasts Mrs Janas has prepared for them each day! Here they are in their new Leavers' Hoodies (many thanks to the PTFA for their contribution to these).

Escapeline Talk – I would like to draw your attention to this which is on Child Exploitation by County Lines. If you have not attended it here at school, I really recommend you attend this scary but very useful session. I believe all parents need to hear this and it does happen around here I am afraid.



Child Exploitation by County Lines with Escapeline

Date: Monday, 20th 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

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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>

Mobile phones

Please can I ask that parents don't have their mobile phones out at pick up on the playground. In school we have a 'no mobile phones' policy to ensure the safety/safeguarding of our children and we want this to be ensured at all times. There are some families whose children are not allowed to be photographed for safeguarding reasons. Here is the link to the school mobile devices policy

<https://www.longsuttonprimaryschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Mobile-Phone-and-smart-device-Policy-2022-V1.pdf>

After school
SPLASH!

Long Sutton Primary School
Swimming Pool

Tuesday & Friday

3.30 - 4.30pm

£2.00 per child
Pay on the pool gate at 3.30pm (Cash only please)

Book your child's space at the school gate on the morning of the session
First come, first served (Max. 20 children)

Open to children in the school & those joining in September from Toy Box. Younger children must be able to go in the pool without an adult.

Parents are in charge of their own children's safety and must remain in the pool area throughout the session.

Being ready for the week

Please can you ensure that you child has their PE kit in school at all times. If they do a club, please makes sure it comes back the next day. From after half term, we would like to ask for them to have their swimming kit in school daily as well, and for Harriers from next week. They also need a coat (the weather is unpredictable, and we do go out even if it is wet), and a sun hat each day. **Please can everything be named but especially jumpers and cardigans, I find at least 5 a day unnamed.**

Pool

A huge thank you to those who came and helped tidy and prepare the pool for use. As a treat for their hard work this week Year 5/6 were able to be the first group in the pool this year and had a lovely swim today. We are hoping to get some of the classes in next week and to start swimming regularly after half term. We will also start 'Splash' sessions after half

term on Tuesdays and Fridays. These sessions will need signing up for at the gate in

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the morning and are on a first come first served basis. They will cost £2 per child for an hour session. Parents must stay to watch their child in the pool and are responsible for their child's behaviour and safety.

PTFA UPDATES

School Tea Towels

Your children have all drawn portraits of themselves that have made up our new school tea towel design. The tea towel includes drawings from the whole school, including children in Toybox.

Tea towel order forms have been emailed to all families.

Tea towels are £6.00 each, and if you order a tea towel you can also get a coaster with your child's individual drawing for just £3.00.

Please return your order forms via email to school, or print at home, and return to school with payment by next Thursday 23rd May 2024. (Payment by cheque or cash).

Playground Treats

The PTFA will be selling treats on the playground after school next Thursday 23rd May. All items will be 50p each, cash only.

Long Sutton Scarecrow Trail

The Scarecrow Trail is taking place in Long Sutton this May Half Term, from Saturday 25th May until Sunday 2nd June 2024. Thank you to everyone who has entered a scarecrow for the trail, we're so please to have so many of you taking part - it's going to be great!

Trail maps will be available to buy and download from our website from Saturday 25th May for £5.00 per map, with all money raised going to the PTFA. For regular updates, follow us on Facebook @longsuttonprimaryptfa

PTFA website: www.pta-events.co.uk/longsuttonprimary

PTFA DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Playground Treats - Thursday 23rd May

Scarecrow Trail - Saturday 25th May - Sunday 2nd June

PTFA Meeting - Thursday 6th June

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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 – 5th June

Understanding sensory differences - The David Hall, South Petherton – 13th June
or

The Thatched Cottage, Shepton Mallet – 17th June

or Somerset Parent Carer Forum Office, Yeovil – 18th 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 1st 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](#)

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May half term at RSPB Ham Wall

Tweet-acular Tunes: Marsh Musicians Dawn Chorus Family Nature Trail

27 April - 12 June, 10am-3pm

Trail Packs cost £3.50 (inc. small prize)

Join us on an adventure as we see how many different birds make up the Dawn Chorus Ham Wall band!

Family Pond Dipping Sessions

02 June, 11am-3pm

£5 per RSPB member child, £6 per non-RSPB member child (please note booking fees apply. Booking fee included in listed price)

There's a secret world hidden all around us full of amazing creatures. What will you find lurking just below the surface?

Will it be a ferocious Dragonfly Nymph, a cunningly disguised Caddisfly Larvae or a shimmering Stickleback?

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Wildlife Explorer Backpacks

Daily, 10am-2pm

£3.50 per backpack

Unleash your inner explorer! Grab one of our wildlife explorer backpacks and dive into the enchanting world of nature! Each backpack has a pair of children's binoculars, magnifying glass, bug pot, ID guides and seasonal activity sheets to turn your outing into an unforgettable adventure.

Facilities and Location

Car Park and Toilets: 5am-8pm

Info Point: 10am-4pm

Catering Kiosk: 10am-4pm, guaranteed opening on weekends. Open on weekdays when a volunteer is available. Selling hot and cold drinks, pre-packaged snacks and ice creams.

Address: RSPB Ham Wall, Meare near Glastonbury, BA6 9SX

Find out more: <https://events.rspb.org.uk/hamwall>

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](#)

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
Arts week celebration

w/c Monday 13th May
Thursday 23rd May at 3pm

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

Friday 24th May
Wednesday 12th June
Wednesday 3rd July
Wednesday 3rd July
Saturday 13th July
Wednesday 17th July
Wednesday 24th 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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