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Dear Parent/Carer

Another busy week has past and how nice it has been to see the sunshine. As you will be aware we had our SIAMS, church school inspection on Wednesday. The children were amazing, as usual; they were really keen to share their learning and thoughts with the inspector as well working hard in class. Some of our Year 6's wrote and ran the Worship on that day, they read and acted out a bible story very professionally, then shared a poem they had written alongside prayers and singing, I certainly couldn't have done it as well as they did – what a credit they are to the school.

Years 3/4/5 & 6 children were involved in the CLP Athletics at Huish Academy on Thursday. The children all tried their best, some as last minute stand ins for children unable to go, and their resilience and determination was lovely to see. Lucy and Daniel were also presented with their medals from the Aquathlon which surprised and pleased them! Monday afternoon saw some Y3/4 children take part in a football tournament. They did spend most of their time defending, which they did well with the help of a star goal keeper, but again showed resilience when they could easily have given up. They all seemed to have enjoyed the experience.



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Sadly, today we say goodbye to a family who have been with the school for many years, Molly and Wilf will be much missed by their peers and teachers alike. Both have taken part in school life fully, joining school teams and the choir as well as helping out in school as School Councillors and Well Being Ambassadors. We wish them and the whole family all the best for their new school and life on the coast!

KIDS GO FREE - Yeovil vs Exeter 19th July 2024

Book Yeovil Town Tickets online in Blocks F,G and GG and get up to 4 junior tickets free which each paying adult. Use the code SUTTON (case sensitive) at checkout.

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>

Splash Session

These are taking place on Tuesdays and Fridays 3.30 – 4.30. It is lovely to see the children enjoying these sessions. If you haven't been, do try to sign up and go. It is such a great way for children to develop water confidence and swimming skills without knowing. I have seen a few children already improve their swimming and confidence immensely from attending these sessions this year. If you have never visited the pool, feel free to pop in to one of these sessions to see this amazing facility.

PTFA UPDATE

Teddies Wanted!

If you have preloved teddies and soft toys looking for a new home, we can help! Please bag them up and bring your donations to school this 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.

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Swimming Pool Hire

With the warmer weather finally making an appearance, the school swimming pool is the perfect place for some weekend fun! Just head to the PTFA Facebook page or the school website for booking details. (There's even some availability this weekend if you're quick!)

Playground Treats

The PTFA will be selling ice poles on the playground after school next Friday 28th June. Ice poles will be 50p each, cash only.

PTFA DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Playground Treats - Friday 28th June

Second-Hand Uniform Sale - Wednesday 3rd July

School Disco - Friday 19th July

Parent Information Sessions

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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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](#)

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:

Scan for young person's questionnaire:

RCPCH & Us Find out more... For useful links and tips on participation on children's rights go to 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	Wednesday 3 rd July
Information Evening for new parents and those moving classes	Wednesday 3 rd July
Mufti Day	Friday 12 th July
Summer Fair (New Date)	Saturday 13 th July
Harrier Show	Wednesday 17 th July
Leavers' Service	Wednesday 24 th 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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