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Dear Parent/Carer

The children have had a great week emerged in the Arts. Kingfisher and Harrier attended an online ballet workshop with was based around Romeo and Juliet which was a great experience, they used their knowledge on this from Shakespeare week amongst others. Kite class took part in an online 'meet the author' session and found out all about writing a book. They couldn't believe it took 3 years to edit it! Cygnets have been covering everything in paint while printing! They have also continued to develop their cycling skills! I could go on about the amazing drawings, patterns and designs I have seen but I am hoping you will have seen these yourselves at our exhibition.

Much of the children's art work and some poetry will also be on show at the Royal Bath and West Show in the Village school. Do please go and take a look. Thank you to Mrs Brading for organising this.

All the classes have also been making scarecrows for the PTFA scarecrow trail, so please do come and have a look and complete the trail.

The School Council have decided that they would like to do a cake sale in aid of the RSPCA. This will take place on Friday 7th June at 3.30 in the playground.

Swimming and PE

The children will be doing swimming and PE each week, the days may vary, so please can they have both kits in school all week. Splash will start on Tuesday 4th June. Sign up at the gate or call the office on the day.

Pool Hire

The pool will be available for hire from the weekend 8th June, further information on this will be sent out after half term.

**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.

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PTFA UPDATES

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 @longsuttonprimarypta

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

Teddies Wanted!

If you're having a clear out over half term and 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

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

PTFA Meeting - Thursday 6th June

Uniform Donation Days - Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd June

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

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- 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](#)

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?

Wildlife Explorer Backpacks

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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

INSET

School Council Bake Sale

Sports Day

Transition Day

Information Evening for new parents and those moving classes

Friday 24th May

Friday 07th June

Wednesday 12th June

Wednesday 3rd July

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Summer Fair (New Date)
Harrier Show
Leavers' Service

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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