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Dear Parent/Carer

Another busy week in school. Year 1 and 2 children took part in the CLP Multi-skills morning on Tuesday which was very efficiently run by our Year 5/6 children. I was so impressed with how the older children set up the activities, explained them to the groups of children and ran them completely independently. And it was lovely to see the younger ones having fun with children from other local schools. Year 6 had a morning with Rev Andy, thinking about their transition to Year 7. We had our new Reception children in for their second visit on Thursday which went well, they are beginning to look like they belong in Cygnet class already! Today, Kingfisher class have headed off on a trip to Ham Hill to find out all about plants and living things, supporting the science they have been doing this term. I am hoping that the cooler weather today will make this more enjoyable for them.

Next week brings transition day for the children. We look forward to seeing many of you at the class information session on Wednesday evening. The PTFA will be selling uniform that evening as well.

5.30pm Kites (Yr 4/5) - Mrs Pengelly
6.00pm Cygnets (YrR, Y1) –Mrs Manzi
6.30pm Kingfisher (Yr2/3) – Mrs Brading and Mrs Casalis
7.00pm Harriers (Yr5/6) Mrs Janas

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 with each paying adult. Use the code SUTTON (case sensitive) at checkout.

Sensory Process Help For Families – from Somerset Council

We are really pleased to launch the updated guidance and information for families and educational setting focusing on how to support children and young people with sensory processing differences.

The updated materials have been produced in partnership between education settings, Somerset Parent Carer Forum, Somerset Council, and health services.

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You find out more and download the handbook at: [Sensory Processing Handbook](#).

There is also a new sensory processing pathway guidance for parent carers that provides advice, training and how/when to seek more specialist support if that is required: [Sensory Processing Pathway for Parent Carers](#).

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.

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

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SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE DATES 2024 - U.K.

ALDI - £5 School Uniform Bundle -
Thursday 4th July

TESCO -25% off School Uniform -
Tuesday 23rd July

M&S - 20% off school uniform -
Tuesday 2nd July

ASDA - selected items currently reduced

SAINSBURYS - 25% off school uniform -
Wednesday 19th June

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](#)

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 views on school 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/carer and young person questionnaires, along with the RCPCH & Us logo and a website link.

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

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.

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Dates for the diary

Whole School Skipping Workshop
Kingfisher Trip to the Newt
Transition Day
Information Evening for new parents and those moving classes
Cygnet Trip to Sutton Bingham
Cygnet Farm visit
Mufti Day
Summer Fair (New Date)
Harrier Show
Year 5 Bikeability Day 1
Year 5 Bikeability Day 2
PTFA School Disco
Parents Evening (No appointments 3.30pm-5.00pm)
Year 6 Leavers Party
Leavers' Service

Monday 1st July
Tuesday 2nd July
Wednesday 3rd July
Wednesday 3rd July

Friday 5th July
Thursday 11th July
Friday 12th July
Saturday 13th July
Wednesday 17th July
Thursday 18th July
Friday 19th July
Friday 19th July
Monday 22nd July
Tuesday 23rd 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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