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Long Sutton C of E V A Primary School & Toybox Preschool

NEWSLETTER

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This term seems to be speeding by with only two weeks until half term. The children are working hard and enjoying what they are doing. Toy Box are learning about journeys and have been enjoying a range of travel around the world. Cygnets are learning all about Victorian's and are off to The Rural Life Museum next week, as well as writing all about their lost aliens—I am sure you have seen their posters around school. Kites are focusing on 'Our local area' and are also focusing on writing suspense stories having found some stolen jewels in the lane down to church. Harriers are finding out all about Anglo Saxons and had a fantastic visit to Glastonbury Abbey to inspire their learning.

Science Week 19th—23rd February

After half term we have our science week which is looking rather exciting. The children will be learning lots of new and exciting things and possibly trying to influence the rest of us—I shan't say any more but watch out!

On Tuesday 23rd February we would like to invite you all to join us for our annual family science evening. As usual there will be a number of fun science activities and a family competition. We would love to see you all join us for this session. Come along at 6pm for some fun.

Science Resources

Last year we put out a plea for some everyday items that we needed for science investigations. I would like to ask again for some more resources that will help the children's learning during science week and beyond. We will put a list up in the corridor so you can sign up for items and a box to put them in. The key things we need are: **Cornflour, bicarb, vinegar, mentos, dried beans, food colouring, pasta, balloons, masking tape, gaffer tape, plastic cups, foil containers, seeds (broad beans, cress, mustard, peas...), compost, iron filings, batteries D and AA.** There are also 2 books that we would real like to buy that will aid the teachers science teaching and help them get children thinking, so if anyone was able to donate some money towards these we would really appreciate it. I am so sorry to ask you as I do appreciate funds are tight for everyone.

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PTFA Update. Next event:



Sunday 11th February—Big Breakfast

Thanks to those who supported the clothes swap and to the staff and PTFA who ran it. I know there were some great bargains to be had!

Icy Days—Please be careful walking into school, we do try to put grit down, but can't cover all areas. Please can you ask your children not to slide on purpose and to stay off the long jump run up. Also be aware that the village hall car park is not gritted and can get very slippery.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

We aim to provide the best learning environment and opportunities for your children. We are an inclusive school, who work with you as parents and a wide variety of the local community and outside professionals. This enables us to provide the best possible outcomes and experiences for each child within our school. We aim to meet the needs of all our children and any additional educational, social, emotional or physical needs a child may have.

Who do I see if I am worried?

Firstly see your child's class teacher. You can arrange to speak to them at a convenient time for you both.

You can also arrange to speak with and meet our SENCO (Mrs McKenzie), who works on Wednesdays or the Headteacher (Mrs Reynolds). This can be arranged through the school office

This is part of the schools Local Offer . You can find more details of this on the schools website.

Respect

This term's Christian Value is respect. This week Harrier Class had 2 representatives from Yeovil Town in to work with them on respect to help them understand this both in the wider world and in relation to football. I was very impressed with the thoughts and ideas the children came out with.

- ‘Respect has to be earned and given, not demanded’
- ‘Respect is saying something and actually meaning it.’
- ‘It can be in your tone of voice, not just the words.’
- ‘Listening to other people.’
- ‘Being polite’
- ‘Treating people how you wish to be treated.’ I could go on.

I do believe it is essential that we all show and expect respect from the children and that if they are not treating you or others with respect then it must be dealt with. Please can you support us in this drive to help our children act in the right way.

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Toy Box Learning this term

Our topic is 'Journeys'. We have been enjoying a range of travel, journeys and transport from around the world. We have been learning and practising road safety and having fun cooking some delicious traffic light biscuits. We have been writing letters to our little friend from America. We've also been enjoying fun role play 'travelling' to all sorts of amazing places.. some by plane, train, boat etc. Our Talk for writing story is Rosie's walk.

Volunteer Needed

We are looking for parents or grandparents who would be willing to volunteer on a Thursday afternoon to help with Toy Box Pre-school, this will involve helping Mrs Park and working alongside the children. It would be from 1.30—3.30. You need to go through the DBS process if you do not already hold a current one.

Hygiene

Can you please make sure that your child's understanding of basic hygiene is good, i.e washing hands after going to the toilet, washing hands before eating. Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied up at all times . No nail polish and please keep finger nails short.

Music lessons

Champion Music Group is pleased to offer individual music tuition for pupils aged 6 upwards on the following instruments: **Guitar (acoustic or electric), Bass, Drums, Piano/Keyboard, Trumpet, Cornet, French Horn, Saxophone, Violin, Harp, Ukulele, Clarinet, Flute, Recorder and Singing.** These lessons take place during school hours in a suitable practise space within your child's school, at a regular time slot every week. Lesson timeslots are a choice of **20 minutes (£9.50 per lesson)** or **30 minutes (£13.50 per lesson)**. We invoice for lessons at the start of each term, which can be paid by bank transfer, cheque or monthly direct debit.

Pupils will need access to a musical instrument to take along to lessons (except drums, keyboard or piano) and practise on at home. We are happy to assist with advice on buying or hiring instruments.

If you wish for your child to receive lessons with us, please ask the school office for a registration form. We will then contact you to arrange for lessons.

Finally, Champion Music Group looks forward to teaching your child and we hope that they get as much fun out of their lessons as we have teaching them.

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Safeguarding

Safer Internet day—Tuesday 6th February

As usual we will be celebrating this day with the children and helping them to be more aware of the internet, how to enjoy it and how to keep safe on it. This years theme is “Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you”. Please do talk to your children about what they have done on this day and also think about how you keep them safe on the internet. Do remember children should be in shared spaces when on the internet, not in their bedrooms, expect them to ask to go on something and to show you what it is. Social Media is great but you must be aware of the pit falls and talk to your children about these. Most Social Media sites ask for children to be over 12, so think carefully about letting you children use them. Also think about their use of Youtube, there is some fantastic videos on there but you must make sure you have parental controls on and know what they are looking at. The NSPCC <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/> have some good advise and I shall be adding some help sheets to our website over the next few weeks.

If you have any concerns about your child or another please come and speak to myself. Safeguarding is everyone business and can not be ignored. You can always contact Somerset Direct or the NSPCC yourself to share or discuss any Safeguarding concerns you have.

Here are some useful websites recommended by our DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead – Lizzie Reynolds).

[GETSET](#) [NSPCC](#) [SOMERSETDIRECT](#)

Local Music Teacher

Last week I had a visit from Kylie Borg who has moved in to the village and is part of the Quaker group. While at the meeting house she saw the lovely card the children had made to say thank you for the recent kind donation from the Quakers and this prompted her to visit the school. She is a music teacher and would be happy to give lessons to local children. I am not able to recommend her as I have no knowledge of her either as a teacher or professionally but said I would share her information. I have not seen her DBS, if you take up her lessons you would want to check this out.

‘As a professional Piano, Keyboard and Vocalist , I've taught Piano, Keyboard and Voice for 30 years with an International career spanning 14 countries. I am passionate about a creative approach to teaching and love encouraging students to explore their own creative potential. Originally from Australia, I have taught privately and in UK schools in Kent , including The Red Rooster project for Sir Mick Jagger and schools in Northamptonshire.

I teach piano and singing for students of all ages including 'Creative Voicing Workshops for Adults' and 'Singing for Wellbeing' . I also specialise in jazz piano improvisation as well as Grades. I'm fully qualified and DBS checked with my studio up and running at the end of Shute lane.'

I welcome all new enquiries , with an offer of 10% off termly fees for all Long Sutton students. You are so welcome to come for a 'one off lesson' , to see how you like it. Feel free to see my website for www.kylieborgmusic.com for more info . or call me on 07970719596 or 01478241790 for a chat. www.musicteachers.co.uk

I look forward to being part of the community .

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