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

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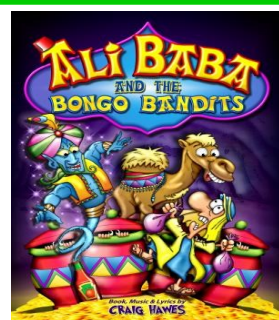
The End Of Year

I can't believe another year is nearly over and our wonderful Year 6 are preparing to leave us. It is always a time for thinking back to what the children have achieved this year and the changes each one has made since they arrived with us. This group are particularly special to me as they have been here the whole time I have, and it has been a pleasure to watch them grow and develop over the past 7 years. What huge changes those have been, many from quiet, shy little people have developed into those amazingly confident children we saw on stage last week. Well done to them and a huge thank you to every member of staff that has supported them on this journey. It is also a time of sadness as they leave but excitement to know they are moving on into a bigger world to grow and achieve even more. I know they will make the most of the opportunities offered to them and hope we will continue to hear all about their successes, but remembering that failures are important too, as we learn more from these! I wish them all the best and want to say a huge thank you to all their parents, especially those of you leaving us. Every one of you has supported the school over the past few years and helped us to keep improving.

I wish you all a restful summer holiday and look forward to seeing those staying with us in September, a little more grown up and ready for the exciting year ahead.

Leavers Service—Friday 21st July 9.30am at Holy Trinity Church, Long Sutton

All welcome—refreshments available in Church from 9.00am



Wow! What a production. The best ever I have heard people say, I am not sure I can compare them, as each one is special, but I know it was brilliant and there were many children who truly amazed me. A huge thank you must go to Mrs Astington, Mrs Janas, Mrs Wall and Mrs Brading for all their hard work on this and also to Kevin Robinson for his hard work behind the scenes.

Classes for next year

I just wanted to let you all know the class names and where they came from. We are very lucky to live on the edges of the Levels where birds feature in our daily lives. The staff decided on their names as a team, with Class 1 becoming Cygnet Class, Class 2 Kite class, as in Red Kites, this has a special memory as we saw one last summer flying over Long Sutton and finally Class 3 Harrier Class as Marsh Harriers are a common bird of prey on the Levels.

“Walking together and learning together through life's adventure.”

‘Look Smart

Think Smart’

Splash Sessions—responsibilities

I just want to reiterate that the members of the pool committee running the sessions are there to keep an overview of the session, be first aiders should this be necessary and look after the pool. Each parents is responsible for their own child's discipline and safety and parents need to watch their children and make their own decisions about their behaviour asking them to stop if they are being unsafe e.g. jumping in, splashing too much etc. The Pool committee members will only intervene if the behaviour is unsafe.

Safeguarding

I Know You - Instagram issue

Does your child use Instagram? A recent trend is the appearance of Instagram accounts such as I KNOW YOU KNOW (@ikyk2011), I Know You (@i_know_you) and I Know Exactly Who You Are (@i.know.exactly.who.you.are). These accounts encourage Instagram users to follow them, tag them in a post, send a direct message then wait for the account to contact them with information that seems impossible for anyone else to know – your secret crush, your school, your best friends.

In fact, these accounts are mining the Instagram user's previous posts, posts of friends and any linked accounts (Twitter, Facebook) for information that has been shared by the user. The way this is shared with the user may seem creepy, and the accounts usually share screenshots of the 'reveal' conversation with the user on their own Instagram pages. If your child is using Instagram, they may be tempted to contact one of these 'I Know You' accounts, as many young people appear to believe that they can trick them as their personal information is well-hidden.

This is a hard lesson in the reality of one's digital footprint and the information that can be found or deduced from social media posts, even if they appear to be private. Instagram's terms and conditions state that users should be over 13, since all data shared on the site by users becomes the property of Instagram and will be used to target advertising towards them.

Read more about Instagram, learn how to protect your account and read the opinions of parents and young people at <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/instagram/> If you have a concern about your child's Instagram account, you can report an issue here <https://help.instagram.com/372161259539444>

Our 'Parent and Family' support worker Nicky Buckler is available for any Parent to call on 07825 833556. Nicky will be available at some points over the holidays if you need support. Call and leave a message and she will get back to you when she can.

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

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

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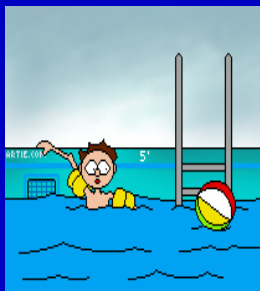
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Splash Sessions over the Summer

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday 2:00pm—4:00pm £2 per child



Maximum age 16 , Pre-school aged children are allowed in the pool but must be accompanied by an adult and depends on the numbers.

There are still some dates left to hire the pool, should you require any additional information , the pool committee can be contacted by email : lsswimmingpool@gmail.com

Summer Reading Challenge

As children read library books on the Summer Reading Challenge, they will receive a host of stickers, some with mysterious smells. By collecting the stickers on their collector folder, young readers will help the Animal Agents find out what's really been going on behind the scenes!



Animal Agents is a must for all eagle-eyed kids and will test their skills and ingenuity along the way. With the Agents on their side, solving these mysteries comes with a large helping of fun!

Mrs Reynolds Summer Holiday Challenge

Keep a diary for some or all of your holiday and bring it into school to share with your class and me.

Try to include your best writing, some photos, souvenirs and other things of interest. Not only will this be great to share with everyone in school, but something to keep for the future

First week of Autumn Term w/c 04th September 2017

Monday	:	INSET DAY
Tuesday	:	Reception Children 09:00—13:25
Wednesday	:	Reception children 09:00—13:25
Thursday	:	Reception children 09:00—13:25 PTFA film night
Friday	:	Reception children 09:00—13:25

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Summer Fun at Carymoor!

31st July– 4th August 2017: 9am-4pm each day

An action-packed week of outdoor fun for 7-11 year olds on our beautiful
nature reserve near Castle Cary!



Orienteering ★ Fire-lighting & Campfire cooking ★ Den-building ★ Team challenges
Trails & Games ★ Mini solar-powered boats ★ Eco-Pirate Antics ★ Treasure hunt
Be an Anglo-Saxon ★ Practical conservation tasks ★ Pond dipping
Minibeast hunting ★ Natural crafts ★ And lots lots more!

£200 per child for the week (£175 if booked before 30th June)

To find out more visit www.carymoor.org.uk/summerfun.html

Places on this very special week are limited to 20 children:


**Phone 01963 351350 or e-mail education@carymoor.org.uk to reserve a place for
your child.**



Carymoor Environmental Centre, Dimmer Lane, Castle Cary BA7 7NR

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Key:

-  School holiday
-  Bank holiday
-  Inset Days

Term dates summary:

- Term 1: 04 September – 20 October 2017 (35 days)
- Term 2: 30 October – 21 December 2017 (39 days)
- Term 3: 08 January – 09 February 2018 (25 days)
- Term 4: 19 February – 23 March 2018 (25 days)
- Term 5: 09 April – 25 May 2018 (34 days)
- Term 6: 04 June – 24 July 2018 (37 days)

TOTAL = 195

Bank and public holidays 2017/2018

Christmas Day Bank Holiday	25 December 2017	Easter Monday	02 April 2018
Boxing Day Bank Holiday	26 December 2017	May Day Bank Holiday	07 May 2018
New Year's Day Holiday	01 January 2018	Spring Bank Holiday	28 May 2018
Good Friday	30 March 2018	Summer Bank Holiday	27 August 2018

Anticipated start date for the 2018/2019 academic year: 03 September 2018

The local Authority will consult on prospective dates for the 2017-18 academic year and the finalised dates will be published in April 2017