



TOYBOX
Pre-school

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Books

Cygnets Class

Parent Forum

Screen time
boundaries

Fortnite—Battle
Royal advice

Safeguarding



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

NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM 2018 NO:1

This term has started well and isn't it nice to see the sunshine, long may it last. The children have settled to work well and have already been to church for our monthly services, played a Netball tournament and spent a week writing poems. Next week we have two children representing the Huish CLP at the area cross country, well done to Chloe and Martha and good luck next week.

Reading books

It has been brought to my notice that we are missing a large number of reading books from the library, especially from the lower ranges. I have also been brought one of our school books that was being sold at a Car Boot sale, sadly I don't know who by, but it clearly said the book belonged to our school, which is why it was kindly returned to us. Please can I ask you to respect our books, borrow them, but always return them to school. Could you all have a good look at home to see if you have any school books amongst your own? You will be aware how expensive books are and we are lucky enough to have a good range, many of which have been donated to us, bought by the PFTA, and from other kind donations. I do expect these books to be cared for, respected and returned to us once finished.

Cygnets Class are having a very exciting term so far, connected to their topic. They have been very lucky this week to be visited by 4 orphan ducklings.

The incubator is now up and running, so watch this space, we will be expecting our new Cygnets Class members to arrive w/c 7th May.

On Friday 27th April they will visit the Egg Theatre in Bath, to watch a performance titled 'Penguins'.

Parent Forum:

- The notes from Parent Forum will be attached to this newsletter. The headlines from these are:
- We are looking to start Parents Coffee sessions monthly
- The new times tables test has made us think about the learning of these, as all children need to know them very well by the end of Y4. School and homework will be focusing on this.
- How to reduce the amount of lost property and the number of children with no PE kits
- Residential visits—how many of these we should do—see questionnaire attached

Things parents brought up:

- Reducing Well done to once a month—most parents were against this
- Clubs
- Splash sessions—you have had a questionnaire to complete on this
- School lunches

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

‘Look Smart

Think Smart’

Screen Time Boundaries

Digital devices at home deliver media, entertainment and internet access for the whole family. They also provide new opportunities for creativity and learning. How can parents and carers help children get off to a good start using digital devices?



This booklet helps with the conversation <http://www.childnet.com/ufiles/Young-children-and-screen-time---a-guide-for-parents-and-carers.pdf> and has these top tips:

1. **Use digital devices together:** Get involved in your child's online activities. Have fun, play games and learn together online, just as you would in the physical world. It will then be natural for your child to turn to you if they experience anything upsetting online
2. **Set clear expectations:** Clear family rules can help your child have a positive start to their digital life and get the most out of being online. Ask your child to help create some family rules.
3. **Be informed:** Many digital devices, services and content providers offer a range of parental controls. You can choose the type of content and options that are suitable for your child.

Establish good habits early on: Both adults and children enjoy sharing moments with family and friends through online images and videos. Starting conversations and good habits early on is a great way to support children in staying safe online.

I just wanted to draw your attention to an information booklet about the game **Fortnite: Battle Royale**, which is incredibly popular with many of our children at the moment. I have been made aware that there have been a few issues with this game and feel that if your child is playing on it you should read the attached booklet also found through this link <http://bit.ly/fortniteleaflet> . The booklet helps you set up groups and settings so they are only playing with people they know.

Safeguarding 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](#)

Long Sutton C of E V A Primary School

Tel: 01458 241434 • email: longsuttonprimary@educ.somerset.gov.uk

website www.longsuttonprimarieschool.co.uk • [Facebook](#) • Twitter [@longsuttonsch](https://twitter.com/longsuttonsch)