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

NEWSLETTER SPRING TERM 2019 NO 1

The children have had a great start to term with an emersion week in their history learning.

Harrier Class have been learning about WWI, with a visit to the War memorial, helping them begin to learn about how local people were involved. Some have been finding out about how people in their families were part of the war or what life was like for them at this time. The children have been carrying out research and have decided to focus in a few key areas for the rest of term: Women's role, weapons, food in the trenches and transport.

Kite Class began the week with the Battle of Bosworth re-enactment! This has helped them understand how the Tudor period began. They have continued by finding out more about this battle and are now moving on to what life was like in Tudor times, especially locally.

Cygnets Class began their week with a fire which started in the bakery! They recreated in miniature the 'Great Fire of London'. This was followed by making bread, an area they are becoming rather skilled at! The children are becoming very knowledgeable about how the fire spread and why as well as what London was like at the time. They have also been finding out about Samuel Pepys and even writing with quill pens!

Although we are back to normal learning this week the excitement of last week seems to continue and the child are using much of this learning in their literacy, with some lovely writing being done.

Somerset's Football Champions—Last Friday our Y5/6 football team represented South Somerset at the smalls schools Somerset final. The team played fantastically and we won. We will now go on to the next stage against other local county winners. It was an really good day as the children worked so well as a team, were real ambassadors for the school and so supportive of each other. I want to say a huge thank you to all of the team and their great supporters, especially to Brad Lewis for his coaching skills.



Important—Please can everyone:

- Read with their children each day, this has such an impact on their learning, writing and reading skills.
- Bring their PE each day, including daps or trainers for the field.
- Bring a coat to school each day, what ever the weather is first thing.

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

Our topic is Winter and we have been enjoying all sorts of Wintery fun including the Story of Jack Frost, working his Wintery magic leaving the trees all glistening white and the ground all crisp. We have been enjoying some frosty number play, counting sparkly snowflakes.



‘Look Smart



Think Smart’

We are also continuing with our phonic fun and have met Curly the Caterpillar and have created some of our own



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Thank you to everyone for your support and help with the Christmas Float, especially the Tulk family for organising and running it and all those they drafted in from around the village. Again this has raised an enormous amount of money for the Air Ambulance and the school. A total of £3400. Also thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Fair at school. The children really enjoyed running their stalls and having this responsibility. The Fair raised £637 which will be used for school resources and enrichment activities



Dyslexia Awareness With Mark Long

5th February 2019 at 6:30pm At Huish Episcopi Academy, In the Main Hall

This session is free for all parents and is very useful. It was run a year ago and some parents attended and found it invaluable. It would be really nice to know that parents were attending the sessions the CLP are putting on for all our local school. If you need support in booking a place just ask the office. For the other CLP events see the next page.

Dyslexia is a learning difference that affects 1 in 10 people. Individuals with dyslexia often find it challenging to develop reading and spelling fluency and can also have difficulty with remembering verbal instructions and learning sequences such as the alphabet, days of the week and times table facts.

This session provides an introduction to dyslexia. It explains why children with dyslexia can find reading, spelling and writing so challenging and describes strategies that can be used to help children improve in these areas.

To book a place on this session please visit: <https://goo.gl/forms/roXwJNOv2vtNiUd32>

Step Counters—Thank you to the PTFA for the step counters, the children have really taken on the challenge and are really trying to do more exercise. There have been some who are getting up earlier to walk the dog, others doing more at playtime and there is lots of talk about how many steps, and what they have done. I feel this is really positive and hope we can sustain it.



Safeguarding

Digital Wellbeing - Childnet Guidance for Parents



Growing up in the Digital World can be both positive and negative for our children. Technology allows them to connect, share and learn in all sorts of ways. But, as recent research has shown, being online can put pressure on children or expose them to upsetting experiences.

As adults, it can be difficult to know how to support our children to become healthy, confident users of technology.

So Childnet has produced guidance to support parents in this. It is organised into different age groups from 3-18 year-olds and provides support for parents with children of all ages:

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hot-topics/digital-wellbeing>

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](#)

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Huish Community Learning Partnership



The federation of Huish Episcopi Academy and its 11 feeder primary schools

Information Sessions for Parents, Guardians & Carers

Growth Mindset

With Caroline Lafferty-Jenkins

27th March 2019 at 6:30pm In the Main Hall

The beliefs children have about intelligence, effort, and struggle impact the choices they make about learning. Children with a fixed mindset believe that intelligence is fixed at birth and doesn't change with practice. They see school as a place where abilities are evaluated and they interpret mistakes as a sign that they lack talent.

This session will help you help your child/ren to develop a **growth mindset** believing that intelligence can be developed. These students see school as a place to develop their abilities and think of challenges as opportunities to grow.

To book a place on this session please visit: <https://goo.gl/forms/QM5uWiZ9c5IG17AK2>

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)

With Jane Wetherill

20th May 2019 at 6:30pm In H1, Sixth Form

CSE is a type of sexual abuse does not always involve physical contact and can happen on-line via posted images, webcam or text/messages. Children in exploitive situations and relationships receive something such as gifts, or affection as a result of performing sexual activities. Young people may be tricked into believing they're in a loving, consensual relationship and often trust their abuser and don't understand that they're being abused.

This session will raise awareness of the signs of CSE and guide you in teaching children and young people about healthy relationships.

To book a place on this session please visit: <https://goo.gl/forms/TQPXA2yKSZtB2Skk2>



Dylan's Invisible Friend with Wild Words and Michael Loader

Saturday 23rd February
10.30am - 12.45pm

A family show aimed for children 12 years and under, with a fun playshop at 10.30am, followed by storytelling at 11.30am. Spontaneous mayhem, crazy characters and melodies for all to enjoy!

Tickets: £10 £5 for 12s and under

Book your tickets
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