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Dear Parent/Carer

The children are truly settled into the school routines now and back to fully learning capacity which is great to see. They are working hard and I have seen some great work recently. This week I have spent time in each class observing the learning and talking to the children and it has been a joy to see them grow in confidence recently. I have seen some amazing division with children clearly talking to each other and explain why they think what they do, both in Kite class and Kingfishers. I was amazed to hear the children in Harriers talking so enthusiastically and confidently about fractions (mixed numbers and improper fractions and how the integers were multiplied etc – this may be unfamiliar language to many of you but not to them!). At the other end it was lovely to have Reception children explain clearly about their repeating pattern and all about doubling using their symmetrical butterflies. It really has been a privilege to watch them working this week.

Uniform:

Please can you all remember that children need to wear the correct school uniform all the time:

- Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan
- Charcoal grey trousers or shorts suitable for school – not jeans or tracksuit trousers
- White skirt
- Navy blue PE top and shorts – plain or with school logo (NOT white) in school all week
- Daps or trainers for PE in school all week

School shoes should be suitable for school, not trainers and not sandals. They should be black.

All children with shoulder length hair or hair in their eyes need to have it tied back at all times with plain dark hair ties. This is important so they can see, and also to try to prevent the spread of nits.

Sports Project:

Next week we are beginning a 10 week sports project across the school. This project has three key aims: to increase the fitness of all the children; to improve their wellbeing and to develop key skills such as self-awareness, motivation, resilience which they will take

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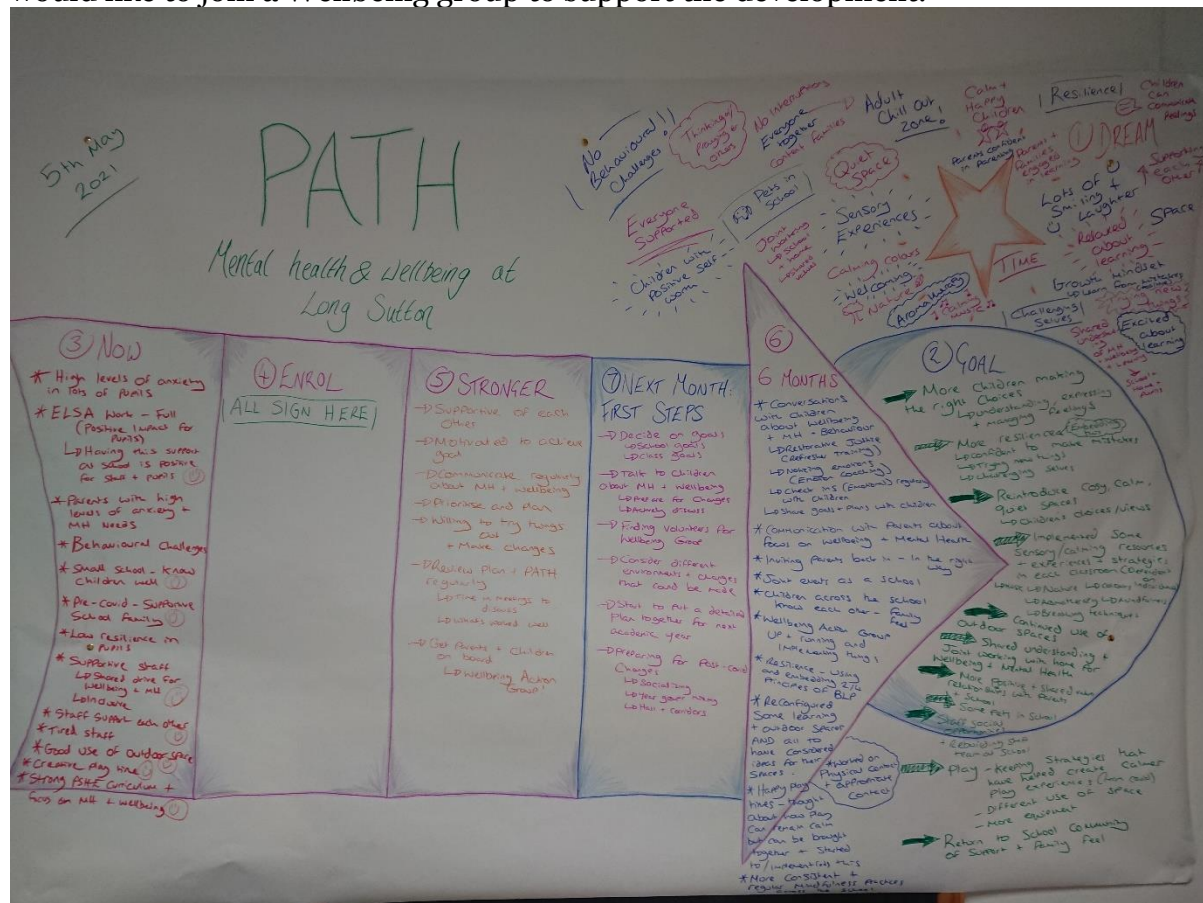
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back to the classroom. The children did a trial session a few weeks ago and were very positive about it, as were the teachers. This will take place on Mondays.

Wellbeing:

This is an area that you will be hearing lots about in the future as it is going to be a key focus for us over the next few years. We feel it is essential that the children find ways to feel positive about themselves and get the most out of life. As a staff we are beginning to develop a whole school plan and in the future we will be asking for some parents who would like to join a Wellbeing group to support the development.



Christian Values:

This term we are focusing on compassion in worship and across our learning. We are beginning to have worship as a whole school outside, weather permitting, which is lovely. It seems so long since we all join together so these small times of togetherness are making quite a difference. We are also having a singing worship outside weekly which gives a real buzz to the school. I am attaching a sheet of activities about compassion for you to look at with your child to help develop joined up thinking and enable them to see this across their life, not just in school.

Mill on the Brue Residential Trip, 18th-22nd October 21:

A reminder to parents with children in current years 4 and 5 that the £73.00 deposit and place confirmation is needed via Parentpay by **Friday 21st May**.

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Pencil Cases – Kite Class:

Please can children in Kite Class not bring in pencil cases. The children have everything they need in school and no additional stationery is required.

Dates to remember :

Somerset Day/Mulfi Day : Tuesday 11th May
Half term holiday : Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June
Bikeability Year 5 and 6 : 30th June, 1st, 2nd, 5th, 6th July (groups to be confirmed)
End of Summer Term : Friday 23rd July

Safeguarding

If you have any concerns about your child or another please come and speak to myself. Safeguarding is everyone's business and cannot be ignored. You can always contact Somerset Direct (0300 123 2224) 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 or Cheryl Park).

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Best wishes

Mrs Lizzie Reynolds

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