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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to school. I hope you had a good Easter holiday and have enjoyed the lovely weather we have been having.

**We need your help and support:**

With all the school, so many children have missed over the past year we are really noticing that their reading is not where it should be. We are really focusing on this in school and doing all we can but we need your help as well. Please can you listen to your child read every day whatever age they are. For the older ones it maybe a question of sharing the book or discussing it. For the younger ones it is about hearing them read their reading book to build up their fluency and practise using their phonics.

We really do need your support in this and would ask that every one of you try to do this. Please can you also write this into their planner to help us know how you are getting on. If you would like some help as to the best way to work with you child on reading, please contact school and we can support you in this. If your child forgets their book, then use one you have at home. If they forget to change it, it is OK to use the one you have read previously as this helps fluency.

Thank you for your support.

**The weather:**

With all the lovely weather we are having please can you ensure that your children have sun cream on, if they are able to put it on and you wish this, they are welcome to bring it in to school but it must be named. Also please send them in with a named hat. Whilst the weather is very sunny, inside school it can be quite cold, so can they also have a jumper or cardigan each day.

**RSHE consultation:**

Thank you so much to all of you who got involved in the RSHE consultation, this has been very positive with more than half of our children being represented in this. Some of the things we have added or adapted due to your thought and ideas are:

The key things brought up were:

- Discussing the use of 999 when talking about first aid – this has been added
- Parents know what will be covered in sex ed and viewing the resources – parents will be sent a letter with details of what is being taught and invited to view

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materials. On the termly curriculum letters RHSE will be made clear for each year group so that you know what is being taught when.

- It was also brought up under the teaching about drugs the use of energy drinks. I have spoken to staff about this and it will be discussed
- Under 'Being Safe' it was brought up that it is all about each pupil taking responsibility to keep themselves safe which is really important. It was felt it is important that all parties are aware it is their responsibility to be safe. Whilst we cannot change this as it is part of the government curriculum we will ensure these points are made clear to the children.
- Peer on peer issues were also mentioned and these are addressed within our curriculum as are media, peer and social media pressure.

There will be some further consultation with staff, governors and the children, before the final policy comes out. Thank you again for your help and support in this.

### **Donations:**

Thank you so much for all of the things that have already been donated. Kingfisher Class are developing their outdoor area to support the children creative play. This area and resources will also be available for 3.30 to use. There are a few items which you may be able to help us with. We would like some toys to use in the sand pit, small cars, wooden pallets, cable reels and some more compost.

### **Staff car park:**

Please can people dropping off for Breakfast Club use the Village Hall car park as some staff are arriving and finding that they cannot get into a space. Many thanks.

### **Nut Allergy:**

We have a child in school with a nut allergy. Please can I remind you all not to add nuts and products containing nuts to your child's lunch box. The school is a nut-free zone.

### **Dates to remember :**

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| May Day                             | : | Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May   |
| Half term holiday                   | : | Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May to Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June   |
| Bikeability Year 5 and 6 confirmed) | : | 30 <sup>th</sup> June, 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> July (groups to be confirmed) |
| End of Summer Term                  | : | Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> 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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