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Dear Parent/Carer

We were lucky enough to manage to dodge the weather last week and have all 4 Sports Days. The children really seemed to enjoy doing this in their classes as they got to participate in more events and there was less waiting around and less pressure. Lots of fun was had with sack races, egg and spoons, fun relays as well as the more traditional sprinting, throwing and jumping. Each class was split into teams and then they collected points for their team to add a little competition to the day.

**Pool Update:** Unfortunately, we have been having technical issues with the pool which is very frustrating. A few weeks ago, just as it was nearly ready to use the pump broke. This has taken a while to get replaced with getting the parts and having them installed. Once the work is completed it will take a week or two to get it ready for swimming. We are still hoping to get it ready for the children to use this term and it will be available for hire in the summer.

**Poetry Competition:** Back in March we held a poetry week where the children spent a week focusing on poetry and art – Focus on Faces. At the end of this they all chose a poem for the Somerset Literacy Network Poetry competition. We have now received the results of this competition and are really proud of all our children but particularly those below. These have been chosen from over 2000 entries.

Commended: Sian and Katrine - The Mask, Ibbie - Self Portrait, Isabella – Self Portrait  
Highly Commended: Eddie – The Scream, Oliver F – Old Man’s Face

**Transition Day, 7<sup>th</sup> July:** We have made the decision due to current guidelines and the rising number of COVID cases that we will not hold our usual transition day. Instead of this the children who are moving class will have a session outdoors with their new teacher, these will be timetabled over the last couple of weeks of term. This will mean that we do not mix our bubbles, that we have worked so hard to keep over the past year, hopefully ensuring we keep everyone as safe as possible. We are also going to change our normal ‘meet the new teacher’ parent session to a brief informal session at the end of the day. This will be a chance for you to meet the new teacher and ask any questions you would like. Once we have managed to timetable these in we will let you know of the dates. We are aware some of you will not be able to make these due to work commitments, if this is the case, please call the office to book a phone call with the

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teacher. We will be informing you of the new classes and where your child will be in a couple of weeks.

**Music Lessons, Years 2 -6:** Since June we have had private music teachers back in school offering drum, guitar, violin and piano lessons. We hope to continue these in September. Lessons take place during the school day and cost around £10 for a 20-minute session and £15 for 30 minutes. Please contact the school office if you are interested in your child starting lessons in September.

**Dates to remember :**

Bikeability Year 5 and 6 : 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)  
Harrier Performance : 13 & 14<sup>th</sup> July  
Y6 Leavers' Party : 22 July  
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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