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Dear Parent/Carer

**Year 1 Phonics Workshop:** Thank you so much to the parents that attended, we have had some very positive feedback from them about how it will help them support their children's reading better at home. We believe that education is a joint venture between home and school and we need your help and support to ensure your children achieve the best they can. We feel these workshops are very important for all parents to attend. The PowerPoint for this workshop will be on the website by next week.

**Parking:** Please can all parents use the Village Hall car park at all times for drop off and pick up not the staff car park. This is particularly important in the mornings when staff are arriving. Some staff have been unable to park recently due to parents parking here.

**Needed for next week:** Year 5/6 (Harrier Class) are in need of shoe boxes for a science experiment. If you have any of these at home, please bring them in. Thanks.

**Football and Netball Teams:** We are incredibly proud of our football and netball teams who have been playing matches over the past few weeks at Huish Academy against other local schools. Our children have shown amazing resilience and have really supported each other. They have really shown our school values in action. A huge thank you to them and their parents.



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**Long Sutton Cross Country:** The first cross country of the year was last night and few children who represented school did amazingly. Well done to them. Next week it is Long Sutton Cross Country, this is for KS2 children, and is in the Recreation ground at 4pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October. It would be really good to have lots of children taking part in this event. Just let the office know if your child is participating.



**Lateness:** Children need to be sat in class working by 9.00 which means arriving by 8.55 in order to get to their classrooms on time for the register. The number of children arriving late each day is increasing, please can you try to get up a little earlier and get to school for 8.45. The children start learning from as soon as they get into class. If your child is 15 minutes late each day, they miss an hour and fifteen minutes learning each week, this soon adds up over a term and year. Many also find it hard to settle if they arrive once the lessons have begun.

**Village Exhibition and Lockdown photos and work:** Attached to this newsletter is information about an exhibition about the village in the village hall on 13<sup>th</sup> November. As a school we have been asked to make a display about life over the past couple of years. I have some lovely photos that you sent school in the first lockdown and would like to use some of these. If you do not want your photos in the exhibition please email school, there will be no names attached. I am also looking for some examples of work children did in lockdown. Some of you did amazing things and your children brought lovely books into school to share with us. If you have these, would it be possible to borrow them for the exhibition. Many thanks.

**Dates to remember :**

Long Sutton Cross Country	:	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November, 4pm
Bag2School collection	:	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November
October Half term holiday	:	25 – 29 October
Inset Day	:	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November
Book Fair (TBC)	:	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> November
Additional School Closure Day	:	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022

**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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