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Dear Parent/Carer

**Allergies:**

Please can you contact the school office if your child has an allergy so that we can ensure that we have the correct information and are able to keep them safe. Recently we have had children telling us they are allergic to various foods which we have not been told by parents. For obvious reasons we then do not give them these foods but are not clear if they do actually have an allergy.

**School letters/Social media:**

It has come to my attention this week that a letter sent to specific people has been circulated on Social Media along with much speculation. The letter was sent to the parents who needed the information. In the future if you think you may have missed a letter, please can you speak to the office rather than discussing and circulating it on Social Media. Remember to be sensitive to others and not to cause unnecessary worry or stress and above all think about data protection.

**Harvest Festival:**

Our Harvest Festival is on Thursday 30th September this year and we are hoping to gather as a school in church. Unfortunately, we feel it is too soon to have you join us but hope that in time we will be able to invite you to share time with us all. Once again, we shall be making a collection food items for the Trussell trust. The Trussell trust supports a nationwide network of foodbanks and provides emergency food and support for people locked in poverty. There will be boxes by the main gate for you to leave items if you are able to. Items required: Cereal, soup, pasta, rice, tinned tomato and pasta sauces, tinned meat/fish and veg. Tea/coffee, UHT milk and fruit juice. They also collect non-food items such as hygiene and cleaning products. Thank you for your support.

**Extra Day's Holiday:**

As you will be aware the government has made an extra Bank Holiday this year for the Queen's Jubilee. This falls during the school May half term and so we have been told to book this date ourselves. As a school we have decided to book Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June, so please put this date in your diary as the school will be closed for children and staff this day.

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### Mill on the Brue Meeting, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 3:30pm:

Mrs Janas and myself will be holding an informal meeting about Mill on the Brue on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept at 3.30. If the weather is OK we will do this on the playground, if not in the hall. It will mainly be an opportunity for you to ask questions and for us to clarify arrangements. Below is a link to there website if you want to see more about what we will be doing.

<https://www.millonthebrue.co.uk/schools-and-groups/school-trips/>

### Technology and online safety:

After a conversation with one of our new parents I thought I would send out some online safety links and a family agreement. This is a good way to help your child stay **healthy, happy, safe** when they use technology. We hope this will help families to:

- enjoy sharing what they do with technology
- support and monitor children as they develop interests and discover what they can do with technology
- balance time on technology with other activities

You may have your own agreement already or you can use the one attached to this newsletter letter as a starting point to talk about what is best for your family

UK Safer Internet Centre: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

Advice on screentime <http://bit.ly/RCPCH-ScreenTimeForParents>

Ask About Games [www.askaboutgames.com](http://www.askaboutgames.com)

### Dates to remember:

Phonics Session – Reception Parents	:	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September, 6pm
Mill on the Brue Meeting Y5/6 Parents	:	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September, 3.30pm
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).**

[NSPCC](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)   [SOMERSETDIRECT](http://www.somersetdirect.org)

Best wishes

Mrs Lizzie Reynolds

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