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Dear Parent/Carer

Another week has rushed by, and the children are well and truly settled into school. They are really enjoying are Playpod at lunchtimes. This is a shed full of scrap! It has old material, clothes, nets, tyres crates, old computers and phones, toys etc; the children use this in their play to build and make whatever takes their imagination. It is a joy to watch what they can do with these things. This was something started just before the Pandemic with the help of PTFA funding and it is only now we are really seeing the true worth of it.

Nut Allergy: Please can you ensure that your child does not bring in the following nuts to school, or products containing them, as we have a child with a severe allergy: - Hazelnuts, Walnuts, Cashews and Pecans. It is okay for your child to bring in almonds or peanuts.

Harvest: We have our Harvest service in church on Thursday and our looking forward to the first visit to church visit of the year. Unfortunately, as yet, we are not able to invite parents, but it will be lovely to visit as a whole school. Please do bring your donations for the Trussel Trust on Thursday morning. We can collect them at the gate, you can take them to the office, or your child can take them in to class. 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.

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Worship:



For the past 4 months or so we have held our whole school worship and singing outside. Yesterday was the final outdoor singing worship as we have decided that we can now all join together in the hall. We will ventilate the hall well and separate the classes, but it means we can have music and the use of a computer to engage the children as well as not battling the elements!

Year 1 and 2 Fun Run: Mrs Manzi and Mrs Casalis will be at this to help support the children and I will be organising the event. It is on the Recreation ground at 4pm. We have some Year 6 Play Leaders helping with the event. The children will run around the course (a small lap of the field marked by cones) in year groups with the children from other schools. There is no pressure on the children, no prizes, it is just for fun! The teachers and older children will help and support the runners so hopefully they all enjoy it!

The children will change into their PE kit in school if we know they are attending (it is not too late to let us know), but we do need parents to be responsible for their child/ren at the event.

Competitive Sport Season starts: It is really exciting that next week for the first time for 2 years we are taking a football and netball team to tournaments at Huish Academy to play against other local schools. There are then Cross country events coming up and more things in the future. It is lovely to be able to return to normality on this front and I hope the children will really enjoy these events. For all these events we have to ask parents to transport their own children or ask a friend to take them and take responsibility for them at the event. We thank all of you who are taking your children to these events, as we are aware it does become time consuming.

Film Night: The PTFA are organising a Film Night for the children on Tuesday 5th October. The children attending will remain in school and watch a film in their classrooms, with their teacher. The PTFA will make them food; a hot dog, popcorn, and choc ice to eat during the film. The cost for this event is £5 and will raise money to buy resources for the school e.g. books. We will be asking you to sign up for this next week. The teachers will talk to the children about what film they would like. Once we know this we will be able to tell you the collecting time but it will be between 5.30 and 6pm.

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Contact Details and Photo Consent: Please let the School Office know by email if any of your contact details have changed since the last school year. You will find a Consent Form attached to this newsletter should you wish to update the Photo consent permissions for your child. If we do not receive a new form from you, we will continue to use the previous form sent to us.

Medical Plans: We have sent out Medical Plans for pupils with medical conditions this week. If you have not received one for your child and think one is required, please contact the School Office.

Academy photos: Individual and sibling group photo order forms have been sent home with your child this week. If you order before the 4th October you will qualify for free delivery to the School.

PTFA AGM: The PTFA welcome new members, and old, to attend the meeting being held on Monday 27th September at 7pm at the School.

Mill on the Brue Y5/Y6: The deadline for final payments is approaching, please can full payment be made via Parentpay by Friday 8th October. Please also ensure that Medical forms are returned as soon as possible as we still have a number outstanding.

Dates to remember :

PTFA AGM	:	Monday 27 th September at 7pm
PTFA Film Night	:	Tuesday 5 th October
Inset Day	:	Monday 1 st November
Book Fair (TBC)	:	Thursday 4 th November
Additional School Closure Day	:	Monday 6 th 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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