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Dear Parent/Carer

Another busy and wet week in school. The children have done very well coping with two wet lunchtimes and plenty of rain and wind! We had a visitor, Rev Andy Gray, to take Worship on Tuesday, he was an amazing storyteller, so animated and had the children in fits of laughter which was great to see. Hopefully he will return monthly which I am sure they will look forward to.

Coming up we have the **Village Coffee Morning tomorrow at 10am**, please do pop in to support the school; it is always a lovely event with many of the older members of the community there, but they always enjoy seeing the children join them, there's also plenty of cake! Next week is World Book Day, we have someone coming in for the morning to share stories with the children and talk about their world of work, the Potato Character competition, the PTFA book cover competition as well as our Poetry Performance at 3pm. Another date for the diary, is the Summer Fair; this will be on Saturday 8th June at 2.15pm. Please keep the date free.

Online safety

Book in for the CLP information evening on online safety. This is always very useful and informative. I would recommend it to all parents. Online Safety and Social Media –



Date: Monday, 18th March 2024

Time: Starting at 6pm with an estimated end time of 7:30pm

Venue: Room H1, Huish Sixth building, Huish Episcopi Academy, Langport, TA10 9SS

New technologies inspire children to be creative, communicate and learn. But with the digital world changing all the time, how can you make sure your child's staying safe? This session will provide parents/guardians/carers with information to support their children to enjoy technology safely and responsibly. You will have the opportunity to think about what you want to do to protect your family and to equip them for their future. To book a place to attend this session please visit:

<https://forms.gle/rRKLwzbh2ay226DM6>

The booking link will be on the school website in weekly news too.

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Checking your filtering on devices at home.

It has been recommended to me to share this site with you so that you can check the filtering on home devices. Just use the link below and choose personal to see what you children have access to on their devices. I hope you find this useful. [Test Your Internet Filter | SWGfL Test Filtering](#)

Talking to your child about their online experiences is the best way to stay informed and address any problems that may arise. To help with this, parental controls are settings that let you decide what your child can see online. Along with privacy settings, they help keep children safe from things like inappropriate content, cyberbullying, and online dangers.

Internet Matters provide this very useful set of step by steps guides, which help parents understand controls for the devices you have at home:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls>

World Book Day - Thursday 7th March

Please can the children bring in their Potato Book Characters on Thursday morning. They need to be named clearly.

Poetry Performance – Thursday 7th March at 3pm

You are invited to join the school at 3pm to listen to the class Poetry Performance, to hear the choir sing and see the Potato Characters.

OUR SWIMMING POOL NEEDS YOU!

Information Evening Thursday 14th March 6pm

Swimming pool season is just weeks away and we are looking for volunteers to help with the running of our school swimming pool, without these we are unable to open it. We are holding a swimming pool information event on Thursday 14th March at 6pm. Letter to follow next week with more information on this. Please talk to myself or Clare Cole for more information.

Parents Evenings – Tuesday 26th March and Wednesday 27th March

Sign up sheets for parents evenings will be available on the playground from late next week.

PTFA Updates

We want your second-hand uniform

If you have any good condition school uniform that you would like to donate, please bring this to the school gate on the mornings of Thursday 7th and Friday 8th March.

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Pre-order bingo books online now!

There's just 2 weeks to go until our Family Easter Bingo, on Saturday 16th March 2024 from 2.00pm at Long Sutton Village Hall. Everyone is welcome! Please see poster attached to this email. Bingo books are now available to pre-order on the PTFA website: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/longsuttonprimary>

Sponsored Reading Bingo

Thank you to everyone who has supported The PTFA sponsored reading bingo activity over half term. We are pleased to announce that this challenge raised £580.50 for the PTFA!

Design a book cover competition

Thank you to everyone who has entered the 'Design a book cover' competition. We hope to have the designs on display in Tesco Langport in the coming days and the winning designs will be announced next week.

Parent Information Sessions

Child Exploitation by County Lines with Escapeline :Monday 20th May at 6pm

Attendance – Unauthorised Term-Time Leave

Please be aware that when a parent or carer chooses to take their child out of school for a period of leave, which has not been authorised by the Head Teacher it may result in a Penalty Notice being issued. Term-time leave of absence is not an automatic right and will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. You can find the school's attendance policy and letter of intention to take term-time leave request form on the school website.

Is my child too ill for school?

It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above. Further guidance can be found here - [NHS 'Is my child too ill for school?' guidance](#)

Nut free school (inc. Toy Box)

We have multiple children in school at present with a nut allergy. Please do not give your child food/snacks to bring into school containing any type of nut or nut product, e.g. Nutella and Peanut Butter. Thank you for your support.

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Dates for the diary

Church Coffee Morning in aid of School Governors	Saturday 2 nd March, 10.30am
Choir and Poetry Performance	Thursday 7 th March at 3pm
YR & Y6 National Height & Weight Measurement	Tuesday 12 th March
Parents Evening	Tuesday 26 th March
Parents Evening	Wednesday 27 th March
Easter Service at Holy Trinity Church	Wednesday 27 th March at 2.30pm
Easter Fair and Mufti Day	Thursday 28 th March
Good Friday	Friday 29 th March
Start of Summer Term	Monday 15 th April
School Governors/Church Summer Fete	Saturday 8 th June

Safeguarding (Protecting children from harm/keeping them safe)

In school we have a duty to ensure that all children are safe and protect from harm or abuse. If we have concerns about a child's wellbeing it is our duty to look into this, talk to the family, and if need be, report it to Somerset Direct.

If you have any concerns about your child, or another, please come and speak to me. Safeguarding is everyone's business and cannot be ignored. Somerset Direct (0300 123 2224) or the NSPCC are useful points of contact, should you wish to share or discuss any Safeguarding concerns you have.

Here are some useful websites recommended by our DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead – Lizzie Reynolds).

[NSPCC](#) [SOMERSETDIRECT](#)

Best wishes
Mrs Lizzie Reynolds

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