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Dear Parent/Carer

Please can anyone dropping off or collecting children NOT use the staff car park at any time of day (breakfast and after school clubs included). It is a question of safety with children arriving and leaving clubs. Please let everyone who collects or drops off for you know. Thank you.

Also, do not let your child enter the back gate before school starts unless an adult is there. We will be there by 8.45am each day and then the doors will be open for them to go into class. This is the same if they are late. We leave the gate at 8.55am, after that children must enter through the office or they could be shut outside. Toy Box start is 8.45am as well, unless something has been prearranged, please wait until this time.

We have had a lovely World Book Day with visitors from an accountancy firm coming in to share stories with the children and to talk about their line of work. The children really enjoyed this. I hope that those of you who attended the choir and poetry performance enjoyed it. I certainly did. It was lovely to hear Harrier perform Shakespeare so confidently. The potatoes were absolutely amazing, well done to all the children who made one. They made a great display, and I could see how much time, effort and probably stress had gone into them. The children were rightly proud of them. Today they have chosen a book to bring home. These are books that have been donated to school by various people in the village.

Thank you to those of you who supported the Village Coffee Morning last Saturday either by sending produce or attending. It raised an amazing £811.15 of which £683.36 will go to the governors' trust which will go toward capital projects we need to do – lighting, windows etc. A massive thank you must go to our very supportive community for this. We also had many people sponsor a book, both at the coffee morning and at the poetry performance. Thank you for this and if possible, please drop your donations into school next week and then we can get buying the books which is very exciting.

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Harriers Extended Homework – to make an Anglo Saxon Shield

Well done Harrier Class! A fantastic array of Anglo Saxon shields were produced for their extended History homework.



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

Sign-up sheets for parents evenings will be available on the playground from today!

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.

Behaviour Management Techniques with Family Solutions Somerset

Date: Monday, 25th March 2024

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

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

To book <https://forms.gle/9wJpahjvNjvuC3fJ6>

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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.

PTFA Updates

BOTTLES WANTED (please!)

If you have any new, unopened bottles, that are within the use by date, we would love them for our next fundraiser. For example: shampoo, wine, ketchup, fizzy drinks, olive oil, cider, squash, bubble bath, vinegar, juice.

Please bring your bottle donations to the school gate on Thursday 14th and Friday 15th March. (And if you have any bottle gift bags, we'd love them too!)

FAMILY EASTER BINGO - Pre-order bingo books online now!

There's just 1 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>



Design a book cover competition

Thank you to everyone who has entered the 'Design a book cover' competition. The children's designs are now on display in Tesco Langport, so please do pop down and take a look!

Second-hand uniform sales

Thank you for all of your uniform donations. We will be holding a sale at parents evening on both 26th and 27th March.

Parent Information Sessions

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

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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.

Dates for the diary

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

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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