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Dear Parent/Carer

The children had a brilliant day with their Shakespeare workshops. It is always lovely to see who takes the lead in these activities, not those you would expect. This year, I feel the children are benefiting far more from the workshop, as it is part of a whole week focusing on Shakespeare and his plays. It was amazing to see the whole of Romeo and Juliet put together with each class playing their part. I hope we will continue to be able to do this annually as it is such a great experience for the children.



We would like to wish you a happy Easter and hope you have a lovely holiday and break from school. Let's hope the weather improves. Thank you for all you support this term.

Easter Fair - please remember non uniform on Thursday

Reception, Years 1 & 2 – Cakes/biscuits (Homemade where possible)

Year 3,4,5 & 6 - Chocolate for the tombola.

The Fair starts at 2.15pm. Please come to the front door and then go to your child's class or over to Toy Box to collect them. If you arrive much after 2.15pm your child will be in Cygnet class unless they are running a stall.

PTFA Updates

Easter Photo Scavenger Hunt

The PTFA Easter Photo Scavenger Hunt is back for 2024! This activity really is something for the whole community, so please tell your family, friends and neighbours. Those who took part last year really enjoyed it!

















It will be available to buy online from our website from this Friday 29th March 2024 and it's just £5 per team! Please take a look at the poster attached to this email and head to Facebook for regular updates.

Parent Information Sessions

Child Exploitation by County Lines with Escapeline

Date: Monday, 20th May 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 **Child Exploitation by County Lines** - In the South West of the UK, including all areas of Somerset, there is a significant rise in county lines drug crime, whereby a large amount of young people as young as **6 years old**, are being criminally and sexually exploited by gangs. County lines are illegal business models, in which drug gangs expand their operations from their big city bases, such as London, Birmingham and Liverpool, to smaller cities, towns, coastal and rural areas across Britain. These gangs use their power and position to groom, recruit and exploit children and young people for the purpose of criminal gain.

These gangs proactively recruit young people to drug run in and around the South West, as well as outside the area. The gangs and criminal networks use extreme violence and intimidation towards these young people, which result in these young people feeling trapped and scared. Some of these gangs are forcing vulnerable children from their homes to be trafficked to other parts of the country. As well as criminal exploitation, young people, both girls and boys, are also being sexually exploited by these gangs.

This session will raise awareness of the signs of Child Exploitation by County Lines and guide you in teaching children and young people about healthy relationships.

To book a place to attend this session please visit: https://forms.gle/YVj1EpvbRqJKQzoF8

Tuning in to Kids – back by popular demand!

A FREE six-session programme for parents of toddlers to teens.

This programme shows you how to help your child develop emotional intelligence.

Would you like to learn how to:

- be better at talking with your child?
- be better at understanding your child?
- help your child learn to manage their emotions?
- help to prevent behaviour problems in your child?
- teach your child to deal with conflict?

Where: Long Sutton C of E Primary School

When: Monday 29th April, Monday 13th May, Monday 20th May, Monday 3rd June,

Monday 10th June and Monday17th June

Time: 1.30 - 3.30

Contact: Mrs Reynolds or the Office

















The school PFSA (Parent Family Support Advisor) is also running this programme at Somerton Library

On Tuesday 30th April, Tuesday 7th May, Tuesday 14th May, Tuesday 21st May, Tuesday 4th June, Tuesday 11th June.

Time 10 – 12

Click this link to book a space:

https://form.iotform.com/240703159731049

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

Summer Fair (New Date)

Easter Service at Holy Trinity Church Easter Fair and Mufti Day Good Friday Start of Summer Term Parents to share work - Kite Class Parents to share work – Cygnet and Harrier Class Parents to share work – Kingfisher Class Wednesday 3rd July Information Evening for new parents and those moving classes

Wednesday 27th March at 2.30pm Thursday 28th March Friday 29th March Monday 15th April Monday 29th April Tuesday 30th April Wednesday 1st May

Saturday 13th July

















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).

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Best wishes Mrs Lizzie Reynolds















