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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

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Welcome back to the very busy Summer Term. We have had a great start to the term with the children focusing on Rainforest in Y1, Volcanoes in Y2, the Water Cycle & Kites in Y4, and Oceans, Mountains and Tourism topics in Y5. Reception class enjoyed their weekly Welly Walk and the sports teams took part in the County Finals for Hockey and Netball and Primary Spring Games at Millfield. Congratulations also to Mr Pavey who got married over the Easter break!

Paige Sweet got the handwriting pen for Year 4.
On Tuesday 11th of April, we started a new DT topic with Mrs Hart and Mrs Webb about kites. Mrs Hart took us onto the field and gave some kites; each group had different kites in different shapes and sizes. Paige Sweet and George Winter.



Class

Letters

Class letters are being sent home today in paper form and will also show on the website today. Across the school we are having a focus on presentation of work and would welcome your support with this at home with homework as well. Class letters will inform you of any changes to routine and give you information about things coming up this term. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Company number: 7700773

Pupil Premium & Free School Meals

After the forms were checked by County I am delighted to tell you that we have increased our Pupil Premium numbers by seven which will allow us to support these and all children further. This week we have received additional information regarding entitlement to Pupil Premium and Free School Meals.

Previously not known was that families in receipt of Universal Credit can also qualify for Free school Meals, but this is being changed by Government at the end of this month there I urge parents to please make contact if they are in receipt of any amount of Universal Credit, even if you only receive a very small amount you will qualify for Pupil Premium and therefore FSM. The application needs to be submitted by the end of April and just needs evidence of UC to be supplied, no financial information is needed. Please pop into the office with this evidence and your national insurance number.

- **Universal Credit (regardless of income amount, as a temporary measure during the early stages of rollout).**
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Income Support
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Striving to do the best for all our children, I would also like to invite all Pupil Premium families in to talk to me about strategies and ways of supporting their children achieve their potential. Please let me know if you are keen to join this informal chat.

Uniform and Kit

I write to remind parents about the schools expectations for children's uniform: Children are expected to maintain a smart standard of dress and **MUST** arrive at school wearing their sweatshirts or cardigans. School uniform is as follows:

What is allowed:

Black/grey trousers/shorts, white shirt/blouse, bottle green jumper/cardigan/sweatshirt, grey pinafore/skirt, green and white gingham summer dress, white, grey or black socks (girls may wear white socks), black school shoes. Shoes should be flat, robust and safe and shoes should not have any decorative material on them.

Parents are asked to maintain standards by providing children with school clothing in the spirit of these guidelines. Please ensure all items are named.

What is not allowed:

Jeans, cords, ski-pants, tracksuit trousers, trousers with large fashion zips, sports trainers, sports shorts & trainer socks.

Sports Kit

Black shorts, a plain white 'T' shirt, PE shoes daps/trainers will be required for PE lessons. We are seeing external team kits and bright clothing increasingly being worn during the school day. These are only acceptable for clubs after school not during PE lessons, sports activity afternoons or fixtures. From September we will expect dark coloured jogging bottoms. Team kit will be provided if your child represents the school at fixtures.

Jewellery/Hair

It is school policy that jewellery including friendship bands etc. should not be worn. (Medical alert chains are permitted). Necklaces and earrings are particularly dangerous in games and playground activities. Children with pierced ears may wear studs, but not earrings. Watches are permitted, at the owners risk, but chimes and alarms should be turned off! Hair should be natural colours during term time and long hair should be tied up whilst at school, as it can be dangerous during PE. A reminder that girls may wear green summer dresses (and boys shorts) if the weather is warm enough.

Lost Property

We have accumulated a very large amount of lost property including some very good coats, snack pots, jumpers etc. We will be putting these out in one of the shelters after school next Thursday – please come and claim anything lost. Any items not collected on Thursday will be put back out again on Friday for anyone else to take if wished. Everything will be disposed of after Friday.

Behaviour for Learning Celebration

There has been no assembly this week due to focus days.

Attendance

This week's Class Attendance winners Y2 with 98.75% - **Well Done!**

| Class | Percentage Attendance % | No of Lates |
|-----------|-------------------------|-------------|
| Reception | 97.30 | 6 |
| Year 1 | 92.59 | 4 |
| Year 2 | 98.75 | 3 |
| Year 3 | 92.97 | 2 |
| Year 4 | 98.00 | 0 |
| Year 5 | 96.50 | 3 |
| Year 6 | 93.87 | 0 |



Photo of Y6 winners before Easter who had 100% Attendance.

Y3 Visit

On Wednesday 18th April Y3 will be visiting Seaton Jurassic and Beer Quarry Caves. This will take place within the school day, so your child needs to arrive and be collected at school at the usual times. The focus of the trip is Geography, consisting of explorations of the caves and Seaton Jurassic with a workshop at the centre. Therefore, appropriate warm layers of clothing will be needed for the quarry caves which are cool all year round and footwear such as trainers or walking boots will be required. Please bring a small rucksack with waterproof coat, water bottle and a packed lunch. If your child has an inhaler, please ensure that they take it with them, and if they suffer from any allergies or travel sickness please do let us know. Parents have been requested to make payment and give consent via parentpay or at a shop displaying the paypoint sign by Tuesday 10th April. We still have a few permissions outstanding.

Y1 Visit

On Wednesday 18th April Class 1 are visiting Axe Valley Animal Park, in Axminster, Devon. As we will leave school at 9.15 am, please could your child arrive in school promptly, to give us time to organise the children and leave on time. We will be back in school by 3.30 pm. This visit will build on the learning the children have been experiencing at school and give your child first hand opportunity to explore, enhance and reinforce learning about animals in their different habitats. Your child will need to take a packed lunch in a shoulder bag or rucksack and a soft drink in a plastic drinks bottle and will need to wear school uniform with trainers/old shoes and depending on the weather, take a waterproof coat,

sun hat and sun cream. If your child has an inhaler, please ensure that they take it with them, and if they suffer from any allergies or travel sickness please do let us know. The trip will be appropriately supervised by class teachers, teaching assistants. Parents are requested to make payment and give consent as usual via parentpay.

Thanks

Thanks to Mr Franklin for his help in school with cleaning over the holiday and his kind donation of a carpet cleaner from the Henry range!

Clubs

Reminder that all clubs start next week, please sign up via parentpay if you wish your child to attend a club. **Pupil Premium children** are entitled to a free club, please let the office know if you would like your child to take part in a club this term and they will make the adjustment on parentpay so you can book your child a place. (However a payment of £2.00 per club is needed which we will refund back to your parentpay account - this is so your child appears on the club registers).

Y456 Primary Spring Games @ Millfield

Mrs Churchill's Report: On Wednesday 12th we had the best day ever! The two triathlon teams came 3rd against seven schools from Somerset. They had to run 1200m and shoot with a laser gun. Another group of children had the opportunity to do throwing, running and jumping activities. We also took a team to learn basketball where they were shown skills and the rules to the game. The day was finished with a tournament of 6 games. A fabulous day which reinforces that a lot of fun can be had through sport and great friendships and memories made! The following children took part: Kendra, Kayla, Katie D, Harrison L, Finlay, Louis, Willow, Evie, Archie, Thomas, Richard, Calum, Saffron, Sharli and Cameron. Thank you to Mrs Martin, Mrs Anderson and Miss Kelly for helping during the day. Information is also available on the facebook page Somerset School Games for this event and the County finals.





Y56 Netball & Hockey County Finals @



Millfield

Today we have taken two teams to Millfield to take part in the County Finals for Hockey and Netball. The following children took part: Hockey: Sam D, Oliver, Harrison L, Sam G, Finlay, Holly, Kendra, Marcie and Amber. Netball: Summer, Riley, Monty, Nancy, William, Kirra, Ruby and Phoebe. Mrs Churchill's report: Today we took 8 very excited high 5s players to the final at Millfield . We were put into pools where there were 4 teams and played 3 games in our pool. Unfortunately we didn't qualify for the next round but discovered that one of the teams in our pool (Trull) went through to win. Well done to all the players they were very quick with their rotations and worked extremely hard. It was a great effort to get to the finals.

Mr Bulbeck's Report: Today we travelled to Millfield to take part in the County Hockey finals, having qualified through two stages to reach this point we were determined to repeat last year's success. Nine teams in a round robin format were in front of us and we started extremely well winning our first four games before the lunch break without conceding a goal. After the break we started slowly and let in our first goal but this caused a great reaction and we went on to win that game 5-1. The 6th game was our closest against Charlton Mackerel but again we were victorious 2-1, an easier game followed with a 3-0 win against Preston left us needing one more win, in a fantastic final game against St. George's we went into a 2-0 lead and then defended brilliantly despite conceding one we went on to win 2-1 and with it be crowned **COUNTY CHAMPIONS** for the second year running. Well done to all involved I'm incredibly proud of you.



Y5/6 Mixed Rounders V North Curry

On Wednesday 18th we have a home Rounders fixture V North Curry starting at 3.45pm until 5.15pm. The following children have been selected: Holly G, Phoebe, Ruby, Sammy, Katie, Kendra, Lily, Megan, Matilda, Eve, Sam D, Josh F, Monty, Louis, Aiden, Calum, William & Harry D. Permission slips have been sent home. Parents have been asked to provide cakes for the match tea.

Y5/Y1 Inter House Athletics

During the day on Thursday 19th April Y1 and Y5 will be taking part in Inter house Athletics. Please ensure everyone has kit and trainers in school.

Y5/6 Football V Coombe St Nicholas

On Friday 20th April we take a team to Coombe Football Club to play Football against Coombe St Nicholas School. Parents have been asked to help transport the children and we still need drivers. Mr Pavey will be supervising the children. Please return the permission slip by Monday 16th. The following children have been selected: Calum, Sidney, Harrison D, Aiden, George, Toby, Joseph B, Harry D, Monty D & Oscar.

Yours sincerely



Tracey Hart
Headteacher

April

Wednesday 18th Y1 Visit to Axe Valley Animal Park
Y3 Visit to Beer Caves & Seaton Jurassic
3.45: Y5/6 Mixed Rounders V North Curry (H)
Y5/6 Sports Practise/Forest School

Thursday 19th 10.30:Y5/Y1 Inter house Athletics
Y3/4 Sports Practise/Forest School

Friday 20th 3.00: Y5/6 Football V Coombe (A) PT

Friday 27th Reception Visit to Escot

Cake Days

April 27th, May 25th, June 29th & July 20th.

We have nearly collected all the 50p's for cakes until the end of this school year
Please also don't forget to make and bring cakes for children to sell!