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Summer Term 1

Newsletter 25

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome Back to the Summer term!

Only a 5-week half-term and so many events, tasks and challenges lie ahead. Everyone has returned and have settled back into routines for great learning and collaborative working! We are all playing our part - Lyngford Park is thriving! If you were able to have some time off over Easter, we hope you had a peaceful and happy time. Please see some dates of events at the end of the Newsletter – as always, we hope to stick to these dates, but things happen beyond our control which enforces a change, but we will always try to give as much notice.

Lyngford Pod

A New Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND) Provision - **CONSULTATION**

I am pleased to share some exciting developments to be taking place at our school. In partnership with Somerset County Council (SCC), **The Richard Huish Trust would like to open a newly refurbished Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) provision on Lyngford Park Primary School site from January 2027.**

With the increasing number of children with additional needs across educational settings, we are taking a proactive step to expand specialist provision within our community. This new facility will consist of **three dedicated classes** and will provide places for up to 24 pupils with SEND from across the local area, not solely those currently attending Lyngford Park Primary School. **Places will only be offered to children with an EHCP at minimally SEND Band 5.**

Each class within the provision will have a **maximum of eight pupils** and will be led by a Class Teacher, with a team of specially trained Learning Support Assistants to ensure high-quality support for all children. The provision will also include a sensory room, dedicated intervention spaces, and fully refurbished toilet facilities. In addition, each classroom will have access to its own secure outdoor learning area, incorporating both all-weather surfaces and grassed spaces.

As part of the community, you are asked to submit your comments / thoughts about this new initiative.

Please go to the front page of our website and look at the plans in more detail and then please click on the link to complete your comments. Every comment is valued and we for the sake of all children regardless of need, hope you agree this will be such an excellent addition to our thriving school.

FULL in September!

We are full in Reception for September, and we have a waiting list! In a repeat of last year, only a small number of schools in Taunton will be full in September...we are one of them! **Lyngford Park is thriving.**

Greet your child with a smile, not a phone

You will have seen the new sign at the main entrance.
Parents, please avoid using phones when on site.





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Citizens Somerset – Refounding Event. So proud of our children.

We are Citizens of Somerset!

On Thursday evening, Mr Bradley, Kim and I took 13 of our Citizens (Year 5/6) to a large event at Richard Huish College. Despite the large audience (270+ people), our children spoke and performed brilliantly! **Their oracy skills were outstanding!**

Thank you to Dylan, Scarlet, Pranav, Joshua & Progress (Year 6) and Lexie, Toby, Dominic, Phoebe, Maddie, Aneeta, Charlotte & Feli (Year 5) – Outstanding Citizens of Lyngford Park!

Thanks to their recent work with the Town Council, **all 14 CCTV cameras around Priorswood Park are now working** (at the end of last year, only 2 were working!). Good work Citizens – the power of listening and proactiveness to make a positive difference to our community. **We now need to consider our next challenge to present to the Town Council....**



Jumpers...and Lost Property

Please ensure your child's name is in their jumper / cardigan. We are trying the lost property challenge – as we are aiming to keep this to a bare minimal – and by everyone having their items named will help enormously! Thank you!

Stop the Waste!



Some children who have ordered meals are also bringing in a packed lunch, then wasting the meal. Please stop this. **No packed lunches please when meals are ordered.** Any child who is in Reception, or KS1 has a free meal everyday if ordered. Children in Key Stage 2, if entitled to Free School Meals, can have one free as well. Please take advantage of this, but do not allow a packed lunch as well as **our food waste must reduce.**



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Diary Dates for Summer

As always, we do our best to avoid changing arrangements, but sometimes things happen we cannot predict.

Date	Event
TERM 5: Summer Term 1	
20 th April	8.40 School restarts
23 rd April	Citizens Somerset Refounding Assembly @RHC 6-7.30pm
27 th April	LKS2 (Whitebeam & Beech) Trip to Caerleon
4 th May	BANK HOLIDAY – School & Nursery closed.
11-14 th May	Year 6 SATs Week. Ice Cream treat for Year 6 on 14 th once SATs are finished!
13 th June	6pm Incoming Reception Parents Information Evening
21 st May	Vocabulary Day – RHT event
22 nd May	9.15 Golden Mile. 3.15pm End of Term 5
	INSET Day. Nursery open
TERM 6: Summer Term 2	
1 st June	8.40 Children return for Term 6
1 st June	Start of multiplication check (2-week period)
8 th June	Phonics screening check (all week)
10 th June	EYFS Beach Trip
15 – 19 th June	LPPS Sports Week, including picnic lunch on 19th June
17 th & 18 th June	2-3pm Incoming Reception Parents School Readiness Information Sessions.
24 th June	KS1 Donkey Sanctuary Trip (Huish Pledge – No cost to parents)
26 th June	INSET Day. School & Nursery Closed.
30 th June	Year 6 Transition Day 1 – to their new Secondary Schools. LPPS Transition pm – children will go to new classes after lunch.
1 st July	Year 6 Transition Day 2 – to their new Secondary Schools. LPPS Transition am – children will go straight to new class, then return before lunch.
Wk beg 6 th July	SATs results released during that week.
9 th July	Annual Report to Parents.
3 rd July (TBC)	3.30 – 5.30pm PTFA Summer Fayre
TBC	PSHE/RSE workshops
9 th July	5pm-7pm LGB. Academic Performance. Reflection of '25 – '26. Overview of '26-'27.
TBC	PSHE/RSE workshops
Wk beg 13 th July	Year 6 End of Year treat...more to follow.
17 th July	9.15 Golden Mile
22 nd July	2pm Year 6 Leavers Assembly 3.15pm End of year. No Starlyngs.



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Easter School Improvement Works

Thank you to Mr Barry and all the contractors for all their hard work over the Easter holidays. So many jobs undertaken and completed:

- Boys WC (next to hall) is now fully restored and reopened.
- 2 large trees (Red Cedar and Willow) removed – both were diseased.
- 2 large trees in the far corner of the field removed – both were overhanging perimeter.
- Hall floor – looks brand new! It was significantly stripped and resealed....great job!
- Courtyard – spruced up and looking amazing. The whole site is **litter-free** – let's keep it this way!
- PE shed – reset and re-roofed.
 - o *And many, many more minor jobs all sorted. Great job!*

There is a further full programme of site improvements being planned over the summer term and holidays thanks to the **Site Grant Funding we receive from the Richard Huish Trust**, (ring-fenced for specific tasks) including further security improvements and more CCTVs, replacing the coloured wooden picket fencing, replacing some Fire Doors, opening up Willow Class to make it a larger classroom, partitioning Apple Class to make an office for Nursery and have an Intervention room for what will be Holly Class next year...and many more projects.

Take care and best wishes

Nick Arnold