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Dear Parents

Welcome to the summer term. This term is always extremely busy: dates that we have arranged so far are attached, but there may be updates. Our theme this term is 'Near and Far', which includes looking at the local environment, so they will be out and about around the village and beyond. Curriculum plans are attached.

'POND' AREA – HELP PLEASE!

It would be lovely to move forward on developing this area and it is likely that we will receive a small grant from Somerset Gardens Trust to help with this. The first move is to clear it so we can see what is really there. Is there anyone (adult) who could join me on Saturday 10th May, from about 9.30 (or Sunday 11th if Saturday is wet) to make a start? I'd be grateful if you could return the attached slip.

NATIONAL CURRICULUM TESTS

These take place for all children from Y1 to Y4 during the week commencing 11th May.

PE COACH ON TUESDAYS

Somerset Activity and Sports Partnership have re-organised their coaches – again! We now have Mr Ben Fellowes.

SKIPPING FUN!

Mrs Johnson has been on a skipping course and is keen to pass on what she has learnt to the children. She is running sessions in three blocks. The first four-week course starting next Monday, 28th April (3.15 – 4.00), will be for beginners from Reception and Year 1 – a separate letter has gone out about this. Then there will be a four-week block starting on Monday 9th June (3.15 – 4.15) for any children from Y1, Y2, Y3 or Y4 who can skip. An application form for this course is attached. Finally there will be an Advanced Skippers course for three Mondays starting on Monday 7th July (3.25 – 4.15). Forms for this will be sent out nearer the time. Each course will be for a maximum of 12 children (first come, first served) and will cost £2.00 for the course (£1.50 for Advanced).

TENNIS

As in previous years Cheddar Tennis Club generously provide a coach to run sessions for children during school time. This will start on Friday 2nd May.

FOOTBALL/CRICKET – now for Reception and Y1 too!

Robin will continue to run after-school sessions for Y2 – Y4 on Fridays and has asked that the charge for each session increases to £2.00. He is also willing to start sessions for Reception and Year 1 children. These will be on Thursdays from 3.15 to 4.30, again at a cost of £2.00 per session, payable each week in a named envelope. Please complete and return the form attached. This will start next week on Thursday 1st May.

A reminder: the expectation is that children attend sessions every week. If they cannot come for any reason please let Mrs Macleod know so that she can mark this on the register and we can account for all children.

CHRISTIAN AID SERVICE Wednesday 14th May. We are holding a special service about the work of Christian Aid. This is just for children. We will be giving children small boxes of raisins (not jelly beans!) to fill with a donation and bring back on that day.

RECEPTION PARENTS' CONSULTATION AFTERNOON Wednesday 14th May 1.30 – 3.00

This is being held rather earlier in the term than usual so that Mrs Hopkins can be there. It is an opportunity to talk over children's progress and receive their Foundation Stage Profile report. A form for booking a time slot will be outside Class 1 nearer the date.

CLASS THREE VISITS and Y4 ACTIVITIES – separate information will be sent about the day at Charterhouse, the visit to Bristol Synagogue and Y4 Activity Days.

REMINDERS:

NAMES ON CLOTHING: It is the time of year when the names on sweatshirts and PE stuff has washed off. Please check and re-name if necessary.

SCHOOL GROUNDS: We are delighted that so many of you enjoy the school grounds after 3.15 pm, but please try to make sure that children treat the grounds considerately and play safely. We are also concerned that unaccompanied children come into the school building after school hours. Staff are always very busy at that time and cannot supervise children. To ensure children's safety, therefore, the school building will be closed from 3.30 pm, unless there are after-school activities or parents have arranged to speak to a member of staff.

VILLAGE SCHOOL ART COMPETITION

We have been sent information about an Art Competition organised by the Royal Bath and West Show which is attached.

LANGFORD VET SCHOOL AND TRUST

The Langford Trust is one of the charities the children have chosen to support this year. They are also running an art competition and are offering talks to schools on pet ownership. More details soon.

Yours,
A. Gwynn

SKIPPERS COURSE – FOR CHILDREN FROM Y1–Y4 WHO HAVE
BASIC SKIPPING SKILLS

My child _____ would like to

attend the four-week course starting on Monday 9th June. I will pay
£2.00 at the first session.

Signed _____

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FOOTBALL/CRICKET FOR RECEPTION AND YEAR ONE

My child _____ like to attend

Football/Cricket Sessions on Thursdays starting on Thursday 1st
May. I will pay £2.00 at each session and inform the school if my
child will not be attending.

Signed _____

Please return to school by Wednesday 30th April

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CLEARING THE POND AREA

I am able to help with this on Saturday 10th May.

MORNING/AFTERNOON/BOTH

SIGNED _____