



# Long Sutton C of E V A Primary School & Toybox Preschool

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### Happy New Year

I do hope you all had a good Christmas and New Year and managed to have a rest amongst all the festivities. The children have settled back to school well and have got straight down to work which is great to see. This term is very short, two five week terms and there seems to be so much to pack in to it, so be ready for a busy time.

Last term seems so long ago but I would like to say a huge thank you for everyone for making it a particularly memorable one—the Senior Citizen's party was not only the largest we have held for a very long time but the best served. The Year 6 children who helped out were amazing, taking orders, serving everyone and chatting to the visitors. I had so many comments about them. I feel the nativity was also one of the best for a while, with the children speaking out fantastically. Lastly, there was some great singing by all the children at the Carol Service and especially by our soloists. All that, as well as the Christmas meal, Father Christmas's visit and the Fair added together really made it lovely.

### The Christmas Float

I want to say a huge thank you to everyone involved in the Christmas float, especially the Tulk family and friends, some of who have no connection to the school, but spent many hours making the float



and 6 evenings collecting around the villages and to all the PTFA members past and present who helped out too. It was great fun collecting and I can't believe how much they raised. £2500 in total, with £1000 being donated to the Air Ambulance and the rest to the school.

### Swimming, PE and Playtime

Harrier Class will be swimming every Wednesday this term, starting 17th January. Please can you make sure that they have their full kit each week including a swimming hat.

All children need a full PE kit in school each day including daps or trainers. It is a good idea for them to have warm, long trousers and gloves as well, as we do go outside in all weathers.

**IT IS ALSO ESSENTIAL THAT ALL CHILDREN HAVE A COAT EVERYDAY.**

“Walking together and learning together through life's adventure.”

‘Look Smart

Think Smart’

**PTFA Update. Lots of up and coming events over the next few weeks:**

**Wednesday 24th January—Clothes Swap**

**Thursday 25th January—Bags2school**

**Sunday 11th February—Big Breakfast**



### Safety Reminders

**Car Park**—please drive carefully at all times and remember to back in to spaces. If your child walks out on their own please can you remind them to come back into school if you are not there.

**Icy Days**—Please be careful walking into school, we do try to put grit down, but can't cover all areas. Please can you encourage your children not to slide on purpose and to stay off the long jump run up.

**Play Run**—just a reminder that children should not be on this before or after school as there is no school supervision at these times.

### Volunteer Needed

We are looking for parents or grandparents who would be willing to volunteer on a Tuesday afternoon to help with Toy Box Pre-school, this would either be coming out on Welly Walk or doing activities in school helping Mrs Park. We may also have opportunities for volunteers on other afternoons, so if you have some spare time and wish to help out please let us know. You would need to go through the DBS process if you do not already hold a current one.

**Thank you for supporting the school fair. This raise £450. The money will be used for resources to support the children's learning.**

### Safeguarding

Did Father Christmas bring gadgets for your household this year? Do you need help and practical advice in setting them up safely? The NSPCC and O2 are working together with the aim of helping parents keep their children safe online. The partnership now offers advice to parents through Net Aware [www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk) and the Online Safety Helpline.

For help on a specific issue, call the O2 & NSPCC Online Safety Helpline - 0808 800 5002, Parents can also book an appointment with an O2 Guru in their local O2 store to get advice on keeping children safe online or setting up parental controls on devices.

**If you have any concerns about your child or another please come and speak to myself. Safeguarding is everyone business and can not be ignored. You can always contact Somerset Direct or the NSPCC yourself to share or discuss any Safeguarding concerns you have.**

Here are some useful websites recommended by our DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead – Lizzie Reynolds ).

[GETSET](#) [NSPCC](#) [SOMERSETDIRECT](#)

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