

**Head Teacher:**  
Mrs E Reynolds



Martock Road  
Long Sutton  
Langport  
Somerset  
TA10 9NT

Email: [enquiries@longsuttonprimary.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@longsuttonprimary.co.uk)  
Website: <http://www.longsuttonprimaryschool.co.uk>  
Facebook: @LongSuttonPrimarySchool  
Twitter: @longsuttonsch

Tel: (01458) 241434

28 May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Despite the miserable, cold weather we have had this half of term, we have had a very positive term in school. The children have been really engaged in their learning and are completely back into the routine of daily school. We have even managed to have a few whole school worship and singing meetings outside, although this have been less frequent due to the rain! This week we are having our annual Arts Week's this week and the children are enjoying being creative. Cygnet Class are focusing on Early Art (cave paintings etc), Kingfisher on Kenya, Kite Class on Picasso and Harrier on Native American Art. The subject areas are to fit in with the classes learning this term or their focus artist. We hope to be able to upload photos onto Seesaw on Friday so that you can all see what the children have been doing.

### **Sport:**

The children have also enjoyed the first few weeks of our 'Sports Project' even though the weather has not aided this. They have been very active in their sessions on a Monday as well as focusing on key aspects of Social and emotional learning with some Maths thrown in as well! Staff have enjoyed watching the children achieve more than they thought they could, keep preserving and having fun. This will continue after half term. It has also been lovely to have some KS2 clubs running again. The year 3/4 Rounders Club has been very well attended; this will change to Cricket after half term. The Y5/6 Cricket club has been less well attended but they have been having fun, this will move to Rounders after half term, if anyone else would like to join just let the office know.

### **Reading:**

We really do implore you to keep reading with your child daily. We understand that you have had a really hard year and have had to do lots of teaching at home which is why we have reduced the amount of homework. The one thing we really need you to do is to hear your child read daily and to read to them as well. Hearing stories that are harder than they can read themselves but engage them really helps develop vocabulary and has a big impact on their writing, listening to them read their book helps fluency and comprehension. Reading is the most essential skill needed and children need to be fluent readers by the time they are 7 and strong readers by the time they leave Primary school to enable them to access the rest of their education. Practise is a key part of this, we are really focusing on teaching reading in school, but do not have time to do all the practise needed. We need your help with that.

*'Learn to love and love to learn'*



UNIVERSITY OF  
**EXETER**  
ITE Partner



### **Year 4 Multiplication Test:**

Although this is not statutory this year, it will be next year, we have made the decision to do this with our children. Over the past few weeks, they have been able to practise regularly on similar tests and are doing really well. The actual test will be carried out in the week of 14<sup>th</sup> June. For more information on this see the attached information sheet. Information about how your child does will be fed back in their end of year report.

This term's Learning

I would like to apologise to you all that we failed to send out our usual termly class learning information at the start of this term. I know a couple of you have asked for your teacher to let you know what they are learning so you can support your child and talk to them about this. Thank you to those people. After half term I will send you an overview for each class during the first week to help you understand what they are focusing for the rest of term. There is an overview of the [whole school curriculum](#) on the website and we are in Year B if you wish to take a more detailed look at each class on their pages. <https://www.longsuttonprimaryschool.co.uk/curriculum/>

### **New Laptops:**

We have just received 30 new laptops for the children to start to use after half term. I would like to say a huge thank you to the PTFA who have funded half of these and to the Governors who have funded the 10%, that is part of their remit, on any capital spending. These laptops will make a big difference in the classroom as they are much quicker and will work as they should. Sadly, our old ones have been struggling for the past 6 months and are not up to the job. I know the children and teachers are excited to get going with using these.

### **Mars Balloon Experiment:**

This is something that Mrs Pengelly's class have participated in for the last few years. This year they are submitting two capsules. One to do with food: Can you bake on Mars? and Can you grow salad on Mars?; the other Can you send family photos and other data to Mars? The class are preparing these now and will have the controls in the classroom. These will be launched in June and then return to class. The children will then test the theory and monitor the results.

The Mission: Each MARS Balloon launch will carry over 100 capsules into the Mars surface-like conditions of 30km altitude. Check out the link for more information.

<https://www.thalesgroup.com/en/futuremartians>

**Contact tracing:** If you or your child test positive for COVID 19 before 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 you **MUST** notify school via email [enquiries@longsuttonprimary.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@longsuttonprimary.co.uk) so that we can inform other parents and staff. Where pupils or parents test positive for COVID-19 during half-term, having developed symptoms more than 2 days since being in school please follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

### **Swimming Pool Update:**

Unfortunately, the swimming pool pump has broken but we hope to open up the pool soon after the half-term holiday.

*'Learn to love and love to learn'*



UNIVERSITY OF  
**EXETER**  
ITE Partner



### **Harrier Performance:**

Harrier Class hope to do their performance in the Village Hall at 6pm on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July. This will be subject to the latest government guidance and will be a socially distanced with very restricted numbers, i.e. parents/carers of Harrier children only.

### **Y6 Leavers' Party:**

The Leavers' Party is planned for Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July from 3.30 – 5pm and will include swimming, water fight and food. We hope to include parents if the current covid restrictions allow.

### **A Parent's guide to watching videos online:**



Watching videos is one of the most popular ways for children to use technology. As with all online activity, this comes with potential risks as well as the benefits. ThinkUKnow have put together a useful parents' guide to how to talk to your child about inappropriate content and keeping safe when watching videos.

Their four tips are:

1. **Talk to your child about what videos they like to watch online (and watch some together)**
2. **Look up the age ratings and the minimum age of use for the apps, sites and games your child uses**
3. **Set up parental controls and filters**
4. **Use Thinkuknow resources to help you help your child stay safe online**

For more detail about these tips, read the full guide at:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/parents-guide-to-watching-videos-online/>

### **Parent/Carer resources:**

[7 ways to support children who are worried](#) (Anna Freud)

[10 tips to help children cope with change](#) (Young Minds)

[Transition to Secondary School Parent guide](#) (Oxford County Council)

[Supporting Transitions Top Tips for Parents/Carers/Teachers](#) (Beacon House)

[Emotionally based school avoidance](#) (SCC) Information, guidance and resources.

*'Learn to love and love to learn'*



UNIVERSITY OF  
**EXETER**  
ITE Partner



### **Dates to remember :**

Half term holiday	:	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May to Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June
Height & Weight Checks	:	Tuesday 22 June 2021
Reception/Year6		
Bikeability Year 5 and 6	:	30 <sup>th</sup> June, 1 <sup>st</sup> ,2 <sup>nd</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> July (groups to be confirmed)
Harrier Performance	:	13 & 14 <sup>th</sup> July
Leavers' Party	:	22 July
End of Summer Term	:	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July

### **Safeguarding**

**If you have any concerns about your child or another please come and speak to myself. Safeguarding is everyone's business and cannot be ignored. You can always contact Somerset Direct (0300 123 2224) 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 or Cheryl Park).**

[NSPCC](#)   [SOMERSETDIRECT](#)

Best wishes

Mrs Lizzie Reynolds

*'Learn to love and love to learn'*



UNIVERSITY OF  
**EXETER**  
ITE Partner

