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Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly, I want to say a huge thank you to all the children, parents, governors and staff who supported Long Sutton Cross Country yesterday. I think the children enjoyed themselves and certainly did really well to keep going over the long run. I love seeing the determination they have to finish. A specially thank you to Mrs Astington for her active support with those who were finding it harder.

Half term is nearly upon us, I am not sure where this time has gone. I just want to make you aware that I will not be in school next week as I will be at Mill on the Brue Residential with Y5/6. Mrs Manzi will be holding the reins while I am out, but is also teaching all week, so please bear that in mind. The office will also be in daily contact with me.

Book Wagon visit – Thursday 4th November - We are really excited that Mrs Manzi has organised us a visit from 'The Book Wagon'. This is a good quality children's book shop that also travels to visit schools. They will only sell books that they have read and enjoyed and are able to talk to the children about the books they have. They will be spending time in each class talking about the wonderful books they have, enthusing our children to read new books and authors.

At 3.30 it will be open for you to visit once you have collected your child. As a school we are lucky enough to have been given £250 by the PTFA to buy books for the class bookshelves. Any books you buy will also contribute to use getting a percentage and being able to buy more books for school for your children to read.

Please do support this visit. They will only be selling books unlike previous book fairs we have had, and we believe that the books that have are good quality. Do go on their website to have a look.
<https://bookwagon.co.uk/>

Buy your Christmas presents here!

One Run Global Relay - As a school we are all taking part in 'One Run Global Relay'. This extraordinary worldwide event unites children of all ages, from all corners of the globe, connecting them in a wave of positivity and encouraging them to get active.

Today, Friday 15th October 2021, teachers and pupils all over the world are going to be running, walking and moving for 15+ minutes in a mission to unite the globe.
<https://onerun.global/schools>

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Can we get involved as a family?

Yes! Alongside the One Run Global Schools Day, there is also a day for adults and families to run together on **Saturday 16th October** as part of the [One Run Global Relay](#). For more information on this, please visit their website onerun.global.

Year 6 Parents -Remember to apply for your children Secondary School place. This must be completed online by 31st October.

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/starting-at-a-secondary-or-upper-school-in-september/>

- The Parents Evening at Huish Academy on 19th October is cancelled.

Amazon Smile – please help your school governors out while you shop! - The Long Sutton Governors Trust is a registered charity (Reg No 1166781) separate to school finances. The main purpose of the fund is to provide the 10% that the Governing Body must contribute to any capital works project undertaken within the school, so every pound is effectively worth ten pounds to the school. Recent examples of such projects include lighting, security, fire safety and repairs to the school roof. The fund also pays for school advertising in the local area, leaving gifts for our Year 6 children, subscriptions to educational resources and occasional welfare items for our incredibly hard- working teaching and support staff.

Any contribution towards the fund is most welcome. One small way you can help at no expense to yourself is to enrol in AmazonSmile, whereby Amazon donates 0.5% of each eligible purchase to the buyer's selected charity; as of last month almost £6 million had been donated to UK charities. The website is at <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/> and works with your existing Amazon account - it's simply a case of selecting a charity. The exact same products and prices are available through AmazonSmile as they are through Amazon, just enter 'Long Sutton School Governors Trust' as your charity of choice, making sure that you update your internet Favourites with the new website address. AmazonSmile also works with the latest version of the 'Amazon Shopping' app. Please contact the School Office with any queries.

Open Morning – Saturday 20th November - Our Open morning for prospective parents is on Saturday 20th November from 10 – 12. Attached to this letter is a poster, please can you let friends and family who have children who will be starting at school next September about this event.

Piano Lessons – If your child would be interested in having piano lessons from an external tutor during the school day please contact the School Office. We hope to have a tutor starting in November. Lessons are charged at £10 for 20 minutes or £14 for 30 minutes and paid direct to the tutor. Guitar lessons are also available.

Dates to remember :

Mill on the Brue – Y5/Y6	:	18 - 22 October
October Half term holiday	:	25 – 29 October
Inset Day	:	Monday 1 st November
Book Fair	:	Thursday 4 th November
Bag2School collection	:	Friday 12 th November

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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

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