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Dear Parent/Carer

What a week! So many adults and children have been suffering with illness, but many have been very resilient and kept going where possible. Thank you. Harrier Class have had a very busy week with their excellent trip to Glastonbury and starting their terms swimming at Huish. The children visited Glastonbury Abbey for a workshop and the rural life museum and learnt all about the Anglo Saxons, staff from both the Museum and the Abbey commented on what a fantastic group of children they were. We also had a visit from Richard Coles from St Cleers church to do Worship which the children really enjoyed.

PINS Coffee Morning

Our next PINS (Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools) drop in/coffee morning is booked for 9.30am on Monday 9th February. I really recommend anyone that feels their child has signs of neurodiversity or a diagnosis comes along as the Parent Carer Forum are incredibly informative. If you have a particular area, you want support with e.g. sleep, anxiety, school attendance, meltdowns etc, please let me or the office know and we will ensure they bring along resources to support you in this area.

Year 1 Forest School

Forest School with Miss Farmer is now taking place on Monday afternoons for our year 1 children.

Can you please ensure your child has the following in school on a Monday afternoon: -

- Waterproofs
- Wellies
- Change of clothes
- Carrier bag for wet items

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For regular updates about the school & the PTFA, please follow us on Facebook & Instagram @longsuttonprimaryptfa.

Your School Lottery

Please consider joining our school lottery & tell everyone you know! To start supporting us visit www.yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for 'Long Sutton Primary'.

SEN Workshops

These include workshops around Dyslexia, Autism, Sensory issues, Social Stories, Emotional Based School Avoidance, sleep etc. They are very good sessions; I recommend booking in on them. Click below to book on to them.

[WISE Up Workshops](#)

Nut free school (inc. Toy Box)

We have multiple children in school at present with a nut allergy. Please do not give your child food/snacks to bring into school containing any type of nut or nut product, e.g. Nutella and Peanut Butter. Thank you for your support.

Is my child too ill for school?

It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above. Further guidance can be found here - [NHS 'Is my child too ill for school?' guidance](#)

Article 28 The right to education

Children and young people said:

- School is a place where we access support and other services. It's a place which supports our physical, emotional and mental health.
- Health services and schools should work together to help us with school attendance.

We are looking at improving the ways healthcare, education and other services for children and young people work together to better meet their needs:

- We would like to hear your views on healthcare related school absence and how our services could be improved
- If you would like to help, please scan the QR codes opposite for links to anonymously complete our surveys!

Please share your views on health-related school absence...

Scan for parent or carer questionnaire:

Scan for young person's questionnaire:

RCPCH & Us Find out more... For useful links and tips on participation on children's rights go to www.rcpch.co.uk/rightsmatter

Attendance – Unauthorised Term-Time Leave

All children have a legal right to suitable, full-time education. There is no entitlement for children to have time off from school during term-time for the purposes of a holiday, recreational or protest activity.

The School Attendance (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2024 set out the statutory requirements for schools:

- all references to family holidays and extended leave have been removed, including the removal of the H code for approved leave,

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- headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are "exceptional circumstances",
- headteachers do not have any discretion to authorise up to ten days of absence each academic year.

We expect all pupils to attend regularly. As such, any requests for term-time leave will be considered but only approved if the reasons and circumstances for that leave are exceptional and unavoidable.

[See policy for more details.](#)

Dates for the diary

14th January to 25th March - Harrier Class swimming lessons every Wednesday

27th January - PFSA / ELSA drop-in session at 14:45

2nd February - Kite class, parents to share work

3rd February - Cygnet and Harrier, class parents to share work

4th February - Kingfisher class, parents to share work

9th February - PINs Parent coffee morning 09:30

13th February - INSET day

16th – 20th February- Half term

5th March - World Book Day

27th March - Easter Fair

30th & 31st March - Year 5 Bikeability

31st March – Parents evening

1st April – Parents evening

2nd April – Easter service at Holy Trinity Church at 14:30

3rd to 17th April – Easter holiday

If you have concerns about your children’s wellbeing or mental health please contact me (Lizzie Reynolds) as the schools Senior Mental Health Lead.
Safeguarding (Protecting children from harm/keeping them safe)

In school we have a duty to ensure that all children are safe and protect from harm or abuse. If we have concerns about a child’s wellbeing it is our duty to look into this, talk to the family, and if need be, report it to Somerset Direct.

If you have any concerns about your child, or another, please come and speak to me. Safeguarding is everyone’s business and cannot be ignored. Somerset Direct (0300 123 2224) or the NSPCC are useful points of contact, should you wish to share or discuss any Safeguarding concerns you have. Here are some useful websites recommended by our DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead – Lizzie Reynolds).

[SOMERSETDIRECT](http://www.somersetdirect.co.uk)

Best wishes

Mrs Lizzie Reynolds

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