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Dear Parent/Carer

Child Exploitation by County Lines with Escapeline information session for all parents on Monday 26th January at 3.30pm in school.

This session will raise awareness of the signs of Child Exploitation by County Line gangs, how they operate in rural areas and how to keep children and young people safe. I believe it is one of the most essential things for parents to attend, especially if your child is in Y3 and above. See attached letter for more information about Escapeline. Harrier Class will be having a workshop in the afternoon and then parents are invited to come to a session at 3.30pm. I will be running a creche. Please let the office or myself know if you are attending. Below is some feedback from a parent who attended last year.

'I attended the session last year, and it made me far more aware and far less naïve as a parent. It opened my eyes to risks I hadn't fully understood and helped me recognise how easily any family could be affected. I strongly believe that every parent should attend this session, even if they feel it won't impact them or their child. The reality is that none of us are immune. As parents, we want to support our children in becoming independent, but we also have a responsibility to understand the dangers they may face and how to protect them. It is an invaluable session and one that every parent should make time to attend.'

ELSA/PFSA drop in session – Tuesday 27th January at 2.45pm

Victoria Gould, PFSA and Caroline Astinton, ELSA are running a drop in session next week for any parent who wants to drop in. They can share their expertise on many subjects from Emotion coaching to housing and finance, parenting advice or just an ear to listen. Please do come along and meet them.

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

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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.

Next year's INSET days have now been set they are:

Thursday and Friday 03rd and 04th September 2026

Monday 02nd November 2026

Monday 04th January 2027

Monday 12th April 2027

Other dates coming up for the diary

The village coffee morning on Saturday 2nd March is in aid of the governors and will help raise funds towards renovating the children's toilets which are in desperate need of work. Please come along to support this event and nearer the time we will be asking for produce to sell including cakes, jams, chutneys etc.

Class Poetry – each class will be learning a poem to perform to parents on Friday 6th March. This will be at 3pm in the hall.

Happy Healthy Holidays

The Happy Healthy Holidays programme will not be offering clubs over February Half Term but will be continuing in the Easter Holidays.

PTFA UPDATES

Join us for a BINGO Bonanza on March 14th!

We're putting together some amazing raffle baskets and hampers, and we need YOUR help! If you know any local businesses that would love to contribute, tag them below or let us know! Every little bit helps make our event even more special.

PS. Save the date

PTFA FOLLOW US ON SOCIALS

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

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.

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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](#)

The infographic is divided into two main sections. The left section is titled 'Article 28 The right to education' and contains text about children's views on school services and a survey invitation. The right section is titled 'Please share your views on health-related school absence...' and features two QR codes for parent/carer and young person questionnaires, along with the RCPCH & Us logo and a small illustration of diverse people.

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,
- 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.](#)

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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 6 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).

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Best wishes

Mrs Lizzie Reynolds

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