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Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly I would like to thank you for all your kind words, emails and messages about my up and coming retirement. It is not a decision I have taken lightly but I am ready and looking forward to having some time for myself, with family, animals and in the garden as well as planning some exciting travelling. I also feel that the school is in a good place and ready to move on with a new leader and exceptional, experienced and brilliant current staff. We also have lots of time to plan, prepare and ensure there is a smooth transition.



What a week we have had with the weather this week. We were lucky enough to be able to stay open, despite the weather and people having some tricky and long journeys to school. Cygnet class had a great welly walk going down to the Vaux's farm in Long Sutton to see the floods. They were amazed how it had changed in a week. They are also off to Haynes Motor Museum today to learn all about the History of transport.

I would like to welcome Mrs Julia Cunningham to school. She will be mainly working as a Teaching Assistant in Cygnet class.

School Council Request

Our Play Pod playtime shed has been a great success, but some much-loved items are now worn or broken. School Council recently asked the children what they would like. We would be very grateful for any donations to help refresh and develop this space for the children. If you have any of the items listed below at home and no longer need them, we would love to give them a new life at school.

We are looking for:

- Crates (as some of ours have broken)

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- Soft toys (any size)
- Large pieces of netting for den or shelter building
- Cushions, or other soft items to sit on
- Rope or similar materials for tying and building
- Larger-sized dressing-up clothes, including suit jackets, ladies' party dresses, and children's dressing-up items

Thank you so much for your continued support.

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.



PARTNERSHIPS FOR INCLUSION OF NEURODIVERSITY IN SCHOOLS

We are delighted to share our parent group which is part of the Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) project.

This group is a friendly place to come and meet other parents in your school who also have children with additional needs (your child doesn't need a diagnosis to attend).

We will be joined by reps from Somerset Parent Carer Forum. We hope that these groups will be a place to meet other parents and share experiences.

Long Sutton CofE Primary School
Monday 9th February
9:30 to 11:00

Parent Coffee Session



Child Exploitation by County Lines with Escapeline information session

Sadly, this session was poorly attended but as usual those who attended found it very useful and enlightening. Information form the session is attached to this letter. If you were unable to attend or now realise this session would be useful there is a second chance to attend at Huish Academy on Tuesday 3rd March at 6pm. Details to follow.

Other dates coming up for the diary

The village coffee morning on Saturday 7th March is in aid of the governors trust fund and will help raise funds towards paying the 10% contribution the governors will need to pay towards the renovation of the children's toilets which are in 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.

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PTFA UPDATES

POPCORN & PYJAMA MOVIE NIGHT is BACK by popular demand!

Get ready for a cosy afternoon of movies, popcorn and fun!

Date: Friday 6th February

Time: 3:30 – 5:30pm

Pyjamas welcome! Children can bring their PJs to school and get changed at the end of the day.

Showing:

Inside Out 2

Toy Story

Grab your popcorn, snuggle up with friends and enjoy a big-screen treat at school!

Tickets:

Please purchase via the link below

<http://www.pta-events.co.uk/longsuttonprimary>

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 @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)

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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: [QR Code]

Scan for young person's questionnaire: [QR Code]

RCPCH & Us

Find out more... For useful links and tips on participation on children's rights go to www.rcpch.ac.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,
- 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

2nd February - Kite class, parents to share work

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

3rd February – Prayer for school lead by Rev Judith at 3.45

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

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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).

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

Best wishes

Mrs Lizzie Reynolds

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