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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you all had a lovely Easter and enjoyed the sunny weather. We have had a good first week back in school. The children have settled down well and got back into their learning. It has been nice to see the children outside starting summer sports with athletics and cricket going on. Please can children have their PE kit in school every day as PE days do change sometimes. This term in Kingfisher the children are focusing on seeds and plants in science and Monarchs in History. Cygnets are about to start learning all about Castles and will also be growing seeds and learning about animals. Kite class are excited about their Crime and Punishment learning – beware! Harriers are learning about the Viking's and the circulatory system in science which should keep them busy.

A reminder that clubs start next week, if you haven't signed up yet we still have space in the Choir for Y3 upwards. We are starting Splash sessions properly Friday after school (3.30 – 4.30). For these sessions it is the first 20 children **who sign up at the gate on a Friday morning**. Parents must come with their child to the pool at the end of the day and each parent is responsible for their child's safety and behaviour. Parents pay at the pool £2 (Cash) per child. There will be 2 kind volunteers with over all responsibility, one of whom is a First Aider.

Our amazing Smartie Challenge raised a fantastic £286.81

A HUGE thank you to all of our wonderful children, parents and families who took part and helped make this such a brilliant success. Every coin really did make a difference! And a very special MASSIVE thank you to the Co-op for their incredible donation of Smarties. You helped make all the fun possible!

The Pool is open and ready for hire

A huge thank you to those who have worked so hard to get it ready and are now checking chemicals daily. If you wish to book a session, please go to:

<https://longsuttonswimmingpool.setmore.com/>

If you have any questions, please email the pool booking team at

lsps.swimmingpool@gmail.com

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Summer Fair – Saturday 20th June

Please keep this date free. For those of you who don't know, we do a joint fair with the church on the school field from 2 – 4pm. There are various stalls, a bouncy castle, some activities for children, a BBQ and tea and cake. If you have any great ideas for something you would like to run, please get in touch with me.

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)

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:

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- 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

KS 1 Trip Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra	Thursday 30 th April
Bank Holiday School Closed	Monday 04 th May
Year 6 SATS	Wk Com Monday 11 th May
Parents to share work – Kite	Monday 11 th May 3.15pm
Parents to share work – Kingfisher	Tuesday 12 th May 3.15pm
Parents to share work – Cygnet & Harrier	Wednesday 13 th May 3.15pm
Finish for Half Term	Friday 25 th May
Return to School	Monday 01 st June
Sports Day	Wednesday 17 th June
Summer Fete	Saturday 20 th June
Whole School Trip to Magdalen Farm	Friday 10 th July

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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