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Dear Parent/Carer

It has been lovely to have a full week in school and begin to settle down into a normal routine. The Reception children have done very well doing full days, although they are tired! We had a really lovely welly walk yesterday around the Rec and village, finding conkers, blackberries, autumn leaves and much more, even if, as usual for a Thursday, it did rain on us!

We had our first parent Workshop for Reception Parents to let them know all about the Foundation stage and what their children will be learning this year, it was lovely to see new (and old!) parents keen to find out all about this next stage in their child's life. Next Wednesday there is also a phonics workshop for them to support all so essential start to reading.

Talking about reading, please can everyone prioritise listening to their children read daily and read to them. You are never too old to enjoy a story being read to you!. This has so much impact on them for the rest of their lives. Research shows 'Reading for pleasure has been revealed as the most important indicator of the future success of a child. Reading independently is a more important indicator of success than socio-economic/educational status of parents (OECD/PISA 2009)'. So, supporting your child to be the best they can be in reading is one of the most essential things you can do. Daily practise and having fun with books really helps this.

### **Second Hand Books please**

Last year Daisy and Mary wrapped and sold books in aid of 'Children In Need' – it was a book 'lucky dip'! Daisy is wanting to do this again, and I am sure will be helped by her friends. She has asked if she can have some book donations. Drop these into the office by the end of the Month. She will be selling them on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October to raise money for Children in Need.

### **PTFA UPDATES**

Follow us on Facebook & Instagram @longsuttonprimaryptfa for regular updates.

### **PTFA Meeting & Upcoming AGM**

The PTFA AGM will be held on Thursday 19th September at 7.00pm at school. This is

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an opportunity to report on the previous year, elect a committee and make plans for the year ahead. Everyone is welcome! If you would like to volunteer on the PTFA, in any capacity, please email [lsprimaryptfa@gmail.com](mailto:lsprimaryptfa@gmail.com).

### **Punkie Party - Tickets on sale soon**

Save the date - The Punkie Party is back on Saturday 26th October from 4-7pm at Long Sutton Village Hall. This event is for the whole family, and everyone is welcome (not just school families), so tell your friends, family and neighbours, and help us to make this a fantastic seasonal party!

### **Wreath Making Workshop - Tickets on sale now**

Early bird tickets are now available from our website, for this year's Wreath Making Workshop on Friday 6th December. Early bird tickets are £35 until 31st October (£40 after this date).

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

### **Asda Rewards - Cashpot for Schools**

Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024 – every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts-in to support our Primary school, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

It's as easy as 1,2,3...

1. Download the Asda Rewards app, register and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools.
2. Choose 'Long Sutton C of E Primary School' – either searching by name or postcode. (TA10 9NT)
3. Shop instore across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com and start filling your Cashpot as you shop!

Remember, anyone can sign up – so start spreading the news and raising funds for our school. This initiative is on top of the existing Asda Rewards benefits you get as a shopper – so you won't lose out on any of your own earnings or Cashpot, so everyone is a winner! For more details, visit [asda.com/cashpotforschools](http://asda.com/cashpotforschools)

### **Attendance – Unauthorised Term-Time Leave**

Please be aware that when a parent or carer chooses to take their child out of school for a period of leave, which has not been authorised by the Head Teacher it may result in a Penalty Notice being issued. Term-time leave of absence is not an automatic right and will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. You can find the school's attendance policy and letter of intention to take term-time leave request form on the school website.

### **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](#)

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**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.ac.uk/rightsmatter](http://www.rcpch.ac.uk/rightsmatter)



**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.

**Dates for the diary**

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| Reception Phonics Evening   | Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September at 6pm |
| PTFA AGM (all welcome)      | Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September at 7pm  |
| Year 1 Phonics Evening      | Wednesday 02 <sup>nd</sup> October at 6pm   |
| Individual School Photo Day | Wednesday 09 <sup>th</sup> October          |

**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://SOMERSETDIRECT)

Best wishes  
Mrs Lizzie Reynolds

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