

Head Teacher:
Mrs E Reynolds



Martock Road
Long Sutton
Langport
Somerset
TA10 9NT

Email: enquiries@longsuttonprimary.co.uk
Website: <http://www.longsuttonprimaryschool.co.uk>
Facebook: @LongSuttonPrimarySchool

Tel: (01458) 241434
School Mobile: 07514 475017

6 December 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

What a great week we have had! On Monday Cygnet and Kingfisher class had a visit from players in the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra which they really enjoyed, later in the school year they will also have the



opportunity to attend a concert by them at Westlands in Yeovil. That evening 6 children represented the school at a Badminton tournament, they played well, had fun and even won! On Tuesday Cygnet class had a visit from the Museum service all about a Victorian Christmas. The children had great fun and asked so many questions. The Lady running it said that they were the best group she had had with their amazing questions, curiosity and behaviour. On Wednesday it was Harrier and Kite class's turn to have fun. They visited Numatics International in Chard to find out all about Henry vacuums. We were treated brilliantly with an amazing tour of the factory, spent time making a Henry and lots of other fun. The children found out about all the different jobs and careers as well as how the Henry's are made. Again, the staff praised our children's interest, brilliant and prolific questions as well as their knowledge and behaviour. Yesterday the Choir represented the school at the annual CLP Christmas Concert, as usual, they were amazing. 25 children (a quarter of the school) stood on stage and sung beautifully and made me very proud. Then today is the school disco – time for the children to enjoy themselves!

I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has helped at all these events, volunteers, school staff and of course the brilliant children. You should be very proud of them all as they are praised wherever they go.

Next week is slightly quieter! There is of course Parents' Evening, if you haven't signed up, call the office to book a slot and on Friday it is Christmas Jumper day and we will be

'Learn to love and love to learn'



UNIVERSITY OF
EXETER
ITE Partner



having a 'Santa Dash'! Christmas jumper day isn't a mufti day, Christmas Jumpers are to be worn in lieu of school jumpers.

Christmas Fair

This will take place at 2.25pm on Friday 20th December. There will be all the usual things, a cake stall, raffle, chocolate tombola, children's stalls, tea/coffee and hot chocolate etc. On top of this, this year we have the PTFA Santa's Grotto.

Please can you start looking out things to donate, good quality books and toys are really appreciated. On 20th Dec we ask the children to wear non-uniform and to donate either chocolate or cakes. Children in Cygnet please provide a homemade cake donation for the cake stall and Kingfisher, Kites and Harrier class please provide a donation of chocolate for the chocolate tombola.

We are a 'Mental Health Support Team' School and work closely with the team I have been sent this video to share with you to explain who they are and their role. It is also on the school website.

https://youtu.be/oOmKroBTT_0?si=dPgEduQeE8bJcv7X

Worried about Bullying

Firstly, please come into school and talk to me as soon as you have any concerns. On top of this, having been on training this week, I have found out about an excellent advise line for parents:

<https://www.kidscape.org.uk/advice/advice-for-parents-and-carers>

And sessions for children:

<https://www.kidscape.org.uk/training-and-workshops/zap-workshops-for-young-people-impacted-by-bullying/>

PTFA UPDATES

PTFA FESTIVE EVENTS - TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Christmas Disco ~ Friday 6th December

Wreath Workshop ~ Friday 6th December

Santa's Grotto ~ Friday 20th December

Tickets for all of these events are ON SALE NOW! Just click the link below for full details & buy your tickets online!

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

'Learn to love and love to learn'



UNIVERSITY OF
EXETER
ITE Partner



Santa & the PTFA need your help!

Unfortunately customs won't allow Santa to bring some of his treasured items with him from the North Pole, so we've put together a little list of everything he needs for his grotto, & we'd be really grateful if you could help us find them.

- Fairy lights
- Good condition Christmas decorations
- Tinsel
- Christmas stockings

If you are able to donate or lend any of these items, or have something else that you think might be useful, please send us a message on Facebook, email lsprimaryptfa@gmail.com or speak to Chloe Austin in the playground. Thank you!

Guitar Lessons

We still have spaces if any children in KS2 would like to have weekly guitar lessons. Contact the office for more information.

Admissions Policy 2026/27 Counsultation

This year we are consulting on our 2026/27 admission arrangements. We would like to add in a criteria about attending Toy Box. To view and comment on the arrangements please click here <https://sومersetcouncil.citizenspace.com/childrens-services/2026-arrangements> or visit the school website.

The consultation will end on 20 January 2025 and the final determined arrangements will be published on the school website by 15 March 2025.

The MHST (Mental Health Support Team) are offering a series of free helpful webinars this Autumn.

- Supporting your child's mental health & wellbeing
- Supporting your child's big feelings
- Understanding & supporting anxiety & low mood

Find out more & register here: <https://bit.ly/mhstwebinars2024>

Apply now for your child's 2025 school place

Somerset parents and carers of children due to start school or move on to their next school in September 2025 are being urged to apply for their place online and on time.

Parents and carers of children due to start school for the first time or transfer to Junior or Middle School can apply for places for their children from 30 September 2024 until 15 January 2025. Please visit:

'Learn to love and love to learn'



UNIVERSITY OF
EXETER
ITE Partner



[Apply to start school for the first time \(somerset.gov.uk\)](http://somerset.gov.uk)

There is also information on these pages from [Somerset's SEND Local Offer](#) on Starting school or changing schools if your child has an Education Health and Care Plan: [Education, Health and Care plans and school placements \(somerset.gov.uk\)](#)

The webpage www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions holds a wealth of related information including a directory of schools, catchment areas and admissions policies.

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.](#)

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](#)

'Learn to love and love to learn'



UNIVERSITY OF
EXETER
ITE Partner



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



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

Parents Evening	Tuesday 10 th December 3.45pm - 6pm
Parents Evening	Wednesday 11 th December 3.45pm - 6pm
Christmas Jumper Day*	Friday 13 th December
Nativity for Senior Citizens	Monday 16 th December
Cygnets Nativity – Matinee	Tuesday 17 th December at 2.30pm
Kingfisher Nativity – Evening	Tuesday 17 th December at 6.00pm
Kite Class Trip – We The Curious	Wednesday 18 th December
Kingfisher Nativity – Matinee	Wednesday 18 th December at 2.30pm
Cygnets Nativity – Evening	Wednesday 18 th December at 6.00pm
School Christmas Lunch	Thursday 19 th December
Carol Service	Thursday 19 th December at 2.30pm
Mufti Day	Friday 20 th December
Children’s Christmas Fair	Friday 20 th December at 2.15pm
Christmas Holiday	Monday 23 rd Dec – Mon 6 th Jan
Inset Day	Monday 6 th January
Start of Spring Term	Tuesday 7 th January

*Christmas Jumpers to be worn in lieu of school jumpers (not mufti day).

If you have concerns about your children’s well being 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

‘Learn to love and love to learn’



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](#)

Best wishes
Mrs Lizzie Reynolds

'Learn to love and love to learn'



UNIVERSITY OF
EXETER
ITE Partner

