



Long Sutton County Primary School

Monday 9th September 2024

I want to say a huge welcome back to everyone and give a warm welcome to all our new starters and their families. It has been fantastic to see everyone start the new academic year and settle into their new classes. We have lots of exciting learning and events planned for this year again and can't wait to see everyone progress and enjoy their learning.



Mr Goult has been very busy over the summer holidays, managing two different building projects for us. The projects both ran very smoothly and were completed on time. We now have a great new library roof, new walls between all the Reception, Key Stage 1 and lower Key Stage 2 classrooms and lots of new fire doors around the school including in our hall. The Reception classrooms have also been freshly painted. It all looks amazing and is a great step towards keeping our school as a welcoming and inviting place to learn. Many thanks to Mr Goult for making sure this has all been completed and ready for the children to return this week.

Many thanks to you all for making sure that the children are in correct uniform for their return to school. Everyone looks incredibly smart and ready to learn. We are all very proud of our children and community. We are always grateful for all the support we have from our families, and we are appreciative of the relationships we have with our community as we all work in the best interests of our very important young people.

I look forward to working with everyone for another fantastic academic year. Please do let us know if you have any questions or concerns as the year progresses.

Miss Gray

New Staff

We are excited to welcome Mrs Thurgood to our Year 2 teaching team; she will be a great addition to our friendly team of staff! I am sure that everyone will be making her feel very welcome in the days to come.

Statutory Testing

Each year there are national tests that the government expects all children to take once they reach certain stages of their education. It is very important that all children access these tests as they are a measure of their progress through school. Included below are the dates of the tests this academic year so you can ensure that your children are in school for them.



Year 1 – Phonics Screening Check – one week commencing 9th June (Also Year 2 children who did not achieve the expected standard in Year 1)



Year 4 – Multiplication Times Table Check – 2 weeks commencing Monday 2nd June

Year 6 – SATS – Monday 12th = English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling, Tuesday 13th = English Reading, Wednesday 14th = Mathematics (Paper 1 and 2), Thursday 15th May = Mathematics (Paper 3)

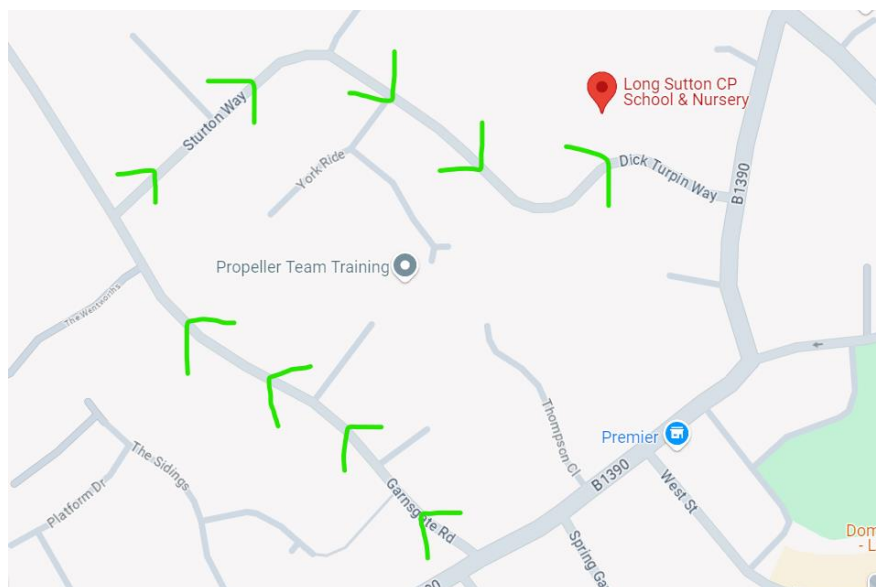
Artwork



As part of our ongoing library project Mr Whiting is completing our next mural in school – we can't wait to see the final version! Key Stage 2 are thoroughly enjoying watching the mural in progress and the artwork being created in front of them.

Parking

Parking is always an issue outside schools as there is a large volume of cars and people. We are suggesting that this year we use a one-way system around the roads near school to help ease congestion. This was used successfully in the past but will only work if everyone chooses to follow it. When approaching the school please use Garnsgate Road, then turn right down Sturton Way, you will then be able to turn right into Dick Turpin Way and the school will be on your left-hand side. Whilst we cannot enforce this, we would encourage everyone to try it to see if it helps! The suggested route is shown below.





Earrings

Please remember that earrings cannot be worn on PE days as injuries from earrings can be serious. Earrings should be removed before children come to school on these days. If children are older and can remove their earrings, they may bring a small, named pot to put them in during the lesson. Please note however, that staff are not able to be responsible for any earrings removed in school. If your child has recently had their ears pierced and cannot remove them for 6 weeks, please discuss this with your child's class teacher.



Hair Clips



Children should have long hair tied back please as this helps to keep their hair out of their face when they are completing class work and helps to stop the spread of headlice. Bows, scrunchies and hair clips are all acceptable if they are navy, black or white.

Dairy Dates

Friday 27th September

Reception Parent
Phonics Event 2.45 pm
Year 5 Ilam Hall

Friday 27th September – Sunday 29th September
residential

Monday 30th September

Rufus Day
Year 4 Online Safety
Workshop

Thursday 3rd October

Year 5 Bikeability
SEND Parent coffee
meeting 2.00 pm

Monday 7th October – Thursday 10th October

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Eco Art Project – whole
school

Wednesday 16th October

Thursday 17th October

End of Term 1

Start of Term 2

Tuesday 29th October

Monday 28th October
Open Morning for new
Reception parents 9.30-
11.30 am



Tuesday 29 th October	Open Evening for new Reception parents 5.00-6.30 pm
Wednesday 30 th October	Open Morning for new Reception parents 9.30-11.30 am
Tuesday 12 th November	Y5/6 Girls Football Tournament
Tuesday 26 th November	Y5/6 Boys Football Tournament
Friday 29 th November – Sunday 1 st December	Year 6 London Residential
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
End of Term 2	Friday 20 th December
Start of Term 3	Tuesday 7 th January
End of Term 3	Friday 14 th February
Start of Term 4	Monday 24 th February
End of Term 4	Friday 4 th April
Start of Term 5	Wednesday 23 rd April
Monday 12 th May	Year 6 SPAG SATS test
Tuesday 13 th May	Year 6 Reading SATS test
Wednesday 14 th May	Year 6 Maths SATS test – 1 & 2
Thursday 15 th May	Year 6 Maths SATS test -3
End of Term 5	Friday 23 rd May
Start of Term 6	Monday 2 nd June
Wk commencing Monday 2 nd June	Y4 Multiplication Check
Wk commencing 9 th June	Phonics Screening Check – Year 1 and some Y2
End of Term 6	Tuesday 22 nd July