

Long Sutton County Primary School

Friday 13th December 2024

As we approach the end of another term, I wish to thank all our families and staff for your continued support for the school. As a school, we are certainly blessed with an amazing community and wonderful children and I never take this for granted. I hope that everyone has a well-deserved peaceful and happy Christmas with the chance to take a break and enjoy time with family and friends.

We look forward to the start of term 3 with lots more exciting learning taking place!

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Miss Gray and Rufus



Year 6 Residential Visit to London

We couldn't have been prouder of the Year 6 children who attended the residential trip to London this year. They were a wonderful group to take away on what was once again an incredible experience. We packed in a huge number of activities during the visit including: The Tower of London, The British Museum, The Imperial War Museum, The Natural History



Museum and the Science Museum. We also went on a sight seeing tour of London and loved the opportunity to see the West End Show – Wicked! Everyone enjoyed dinner at Bella Italia and Pizza Express and came home with some memories with their friends for life.



Staffing



I am delighted to let you know that we have appointed Miss Bateman to our wonderful teaching team as Miss O'Dwyer becomes our new Assistant Head in January. Miss Bateman has been with us for most of this academic year covering for a poorly member of staff. We are thrilled that she is now a permanent member of our team as she is a great teacher and has already built great relationships with children, families and staff.

We also have 2 wonderful new members in our fabulous kitchen team. We are incredibly fortunate at Long Sutton to have our own kitchen so the food here in school is always fresh and never has to travel in a hot box. Our kitchen team work tirelessly to make sure the children have

the very best school lunches. A huge welcome to Mrs Marshall and Mrs Fox who have already made a wonderful start.

Miss Eaton has also joined our brilliant cleaning team; she has made a fabulous start already! Welcome to the team everyone!

We also wish Mrs Hales good luck as she starts her new Headship post in January – thank you for all your hard work for Long Sutton!

Christmas Carol Service



We are always incredibly grateful for the support from families for events in school. The Christmas Carol Service will be split into two services this year just like the Harvest festivals so we can make sure that everyone can fit into the service and see their children. The service for Reception and Key Stage 1 will be in the morning at 10.45am and Key Stage 2 will be in the afternoon at 1.45pm. All children may be collected

once the second service is over and all children are back at school. Thank you so much for all your support with these events.

Reception Nativity



It appears that in many schools the traditional Nativity performance is disappearing but here at Long Sutton we continue to love and celebrate our annual Nativity performance by our Reception children. This year was once again a real joy to watch and a chance to make special memories for the children and their families. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend and support the children and thank you to the EYFS team who work incredibly hard to put this event on. Well done Reception – you were amazing and we couldn't be prouder of you.



Open Mornings

Many thanks to everyone who has shared the dates of our Open Mornings so far this year. We have one final Open Morning early next term on January 9th 9.30-11.30 am but are always happy to make individual appointments as well.

A concern previously shared with us was that a family would not get a place at Long Sutton as we are a popular school. I would always encourage a family to apply as whilst we have been oversubscribed previously, we know that the birth rate nationally has dropped significantly. Therefore, anyone who applies should be able to get a place. If you have any questions, please do speak to us.



Light Up Long Sutton



We always love the opportunity for our children to be involved in community events and are delighted to have been asked to take part in the town's Light Up Long Sutton event once again. This year the children have produced Christmas Trees which will be displayed as part of the light show. The event is Friday 20th and Saturday 21st December.

Friends

Many thanks to the Friends of the school and everyone who was able to help at the Christmas Fayre last week. Thanks to their efforts the children have been able to enjoy a pantomime in school this week and we are even closer to our beautiful new library. The Fayre was lots of fun and definitely made us all feel very festive. Thanks to the Friends we are also able to enjoy the Great Elf Escape next week and hopefully a visit from Santa if everyone is good?! The Friends are all volunteers, and we certainly owe them a huge thank you!



Ofsted



As you will know, at the end of November we had a long overdue Ofsted Inspection over the course of 2 days with three Inspectors. Thank you to everyone who either spoke to an Inspector or completed the parent questionnaire. As soon as I am able to share the report with you, I will do so immediately.



Diary Dates

Monday 16th December

Wednesday 18th December

Thursday 19th December

End of Term 2 Start of Term 3 End of Term 3 Start of Term 4 Wednesday 26th February

Thursday 27th February

End of Term 4 Start of Term 5 Monday 12th May test Tuesday 13th May

Wednesday 14th May

Thursday 15th May

End of Term 5 Start of Term 6 Wk commencing Monday 2nd June Check Wk commencing 9th June

End of Term 6

The Great Elf Escape whole school Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day Whole School Christmas Carol Service St Mary's Church Friday 20th December Tuesday 7th January Friday 14th February Monday 24th February Swift's class trip to Grimm & Co Storytelling Starling's class trip to Grimm & Co Storytelling Friday 4th April Wednesday 23rd April Year 6 SPAG SATS Year 6 Reading SATS test Year 6 Maths SATS test – 1 & 2 Year 6 Maths SATS test -3 Friday 23rd May Monday 2nd June **Multiplication** Y4 Phonics Screening

Check – Year 1 and some Y2 Tuesday 22nd July