



Long Sutton County Primary School

Friday 8th September 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of our new academic year! We are very excited to welcome our new children and families to the school, both in reception and across all the year groups. We also extend a warm welcome to all our new staff as well our returning children and families. We have lots of exciting things planned for this academic year and are looking forward to sharing and enjoying these with you as the year progresses.

There have been lots of fantastic improvements to our school taking place over the summer holidays.

- Every classroom, including our art studio now have brand new, 75" TV screens installed along with Apple TVs. Each teacher has an iPad which will connect to the TV and allow them to teach from anywhere in the room, allow children to contribute more easily to lessons as well as ensuring the children have a clearly visible and engaging screen to use in their classrooms.
- The KS1 corridor was refurbished in May last year and this summer the corridor around the library in the Year 3 and Year 4 area has been refurbished with new lighting, new white paintwork, and new carpets. The effect is amazing as it is clean, bright and fresh to welcome the children back to school.
- The new outdoor gym has been installed and looks incredible. The Friends have been tireless in their efforts to help with this, and we are very grateful for all their hard work and for your support of the Friends events. We can't wait to see the children using this!

As this year progresses, please do continue to talk to us and let us know your thoughts, whether that be about something you think is going great and works well for you as a family or whether we can help by resolving an issue for you.

We look forward to sharing this year with you.

Kind regards,

Miss Gray

Class newsletters

Everyone should have now received their class newsletter on Parent Pay. This is an introduction to the new classes and teachers. If you have any further questions, please do speak to your child's class teacher at pick up time.



SEPTEMBERfest

Many thanks to the Friends for putting on our first event of the year – SEPTEMBERfest! It has been fantastic to welcome everyone back and we can't wait to start using the new outdoor gym. Their fundraising efforts and your support have been incredible! Thank you to everyone involved.

Updates for Parents and Carers

This year we are planning on holding an update event each short term to ensure that parents and carers are further informed about the progress their child is making. Term 1 will take the form of a face-to-face parents evening where you will be able to make an appointment to talk to your child's class teacher. Term 2 will take the form of an open drop-in session for everyone in the classroom, where parents and carers will be able to look through their child's books alongside their child.

This will take place on Wednesday 13th December straight after school and will last for an hour so that if you have more than one child in the school you will have the opportunity to visit all your children's classrooms. Term 3 will see another face-to-face, appointment-based parents evening. Term 4 we will have an open drop-in session with your child to view books, Term 5 will repeat this and in Term 6 you will receive a digital written school report. We will trial this for this the new academic year and then seek your feedback at the end of the year to see if it has been valuable for you.



Staffing

We are delighted to welcome our new members of staff to our school. We know you will make them feel very welcome as they settle in and get to know everyone.

There are also some further changes to staffing, Ms Morris has sadly decided over the summer holidays that it is time for her to leave her position at Long Sutton Primary School. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and wish her all the very best in the future. While we recruit for Ms Morris' position myself, Mrs Hales and Miss Pycock will be taking over Ms Morris' responsibilities. Mrs Smith has also taken up a new post. Mrs Hales is overseeing the nursery during the recruitment period for this post. Mrs Hales' background is in Early Years so the Nursery is in very safe hands. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Hales, Miss Manning or Mrs Botting with any questions about Nursery. We wish Mrs Smith all the best in her new post and thank her for her hard work at the Nursery.



Reading

Staff have been very busy over the summer holidays making sure that each classroom has an inviting book area for the children to enjoy. Children have already made very good use of these lovely book areas! Congratulations to everyone who completed the summer reading challenge with the library over the summer. For anyone who loves Blue Peter there is exciting news about a brand-new book badge which has been

designed by Quentin Blake. If you receive one of these reading badges please bring it into school for a photo and we will add you to our Blue Peter Reading Badge wall of honour!

Collection and Drop Off

The school gates will be open each morning at 8.40 am and each afternoon at 3.20 pm. We ask please that children in Reception and Key Stage One enter school through the Infant school gate which is next to the car park entrance. The exit for Reception and Key Stage One is across the front of the school. We ask please that you do not enter across the front of the school as this should be a one-way route to avoid congestion.

Children in Key Stage Two should enter through the main gate as well as exiting through the main gate.

If your child is in Year 6 and you would like them to walk home unaccompanied, please let us know in writing. We ask however please, that you do not wait for them right near the main gate as this can become congested and block the path for other children and parents.

Parking

We also ask respectfully please that parents and carers do not park in the school car park as parking is very limited. We understand that there can be exceptional circumstances. Please do come and speak to us or email the school enquiries email if you would like to discuss this with us.

We also ask please that you do not park in front of the school gates as this blocks access to the car park, or in the layby at the front of the school as this is for the taxis. Thank you for your support with this.

PE

PE days for your child's class are in your class newsletter and on the classroom doors. Please note that children should not come to school wearing earrings on PE days unless they are able to remove their earrings themselves. Children may bring a small container to keep their earrings in while they are doing PE. This is for health and safety reasons. Please note that we are not able to tape over earrings. For exceptional circumstances please speak to your child's class teacher.

Forthcoming dates

Monday 11th September to Thursday 14th September
Friday 29th September to Sunday 1st October

Year 5 Bikeability course
Year 5 Residential trip to Ilam Hall

Tuesday 10th October
Thursday 12th October
Thursday 19th October
Monday 30th October
Tuesday 31st October

Parents Evening 3.30-6.30 pm
Parents Evening 3.30-5.50
Last day of Term 1
First day of Term 2
Open Morning for New Reception
2024 9.30-11.30

Friday 24th November to Sunday 26th November
Tuesday 12th December
Wednesday 13th December
Wednesday 13th December

Year 6 Residential trip to London
Reception Nativity 9.15 am
Reception Nativity 2.15 pm
Parent Update Event 3.20-4.20pm in
classrooms
Last day of Term 2

Wednesday 20th December

