



## LONGSANDS LINK – 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

### Mrs McKeown's Message

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. There are lots of lovely activities planned for your children again, starting this week with the Halloween dash to raise class funds for resources. Thank you to everyone who supported. Have a lovely weekend and keep in touch.

*Mrs McKeown*

### POPPIES

We have had a fresh supply of the very popular snap bands and the reflective poppy keyrings which are ideal for attaching to school bags and coat zips as the days get darker. Year 6 will be selling these items each day to raise money for the Royal British Legion.

### FLU IMMUNISATIONS

For those parents who recently completed a consent form for their child to receive the flu immunisation, the Intrahealth team will be in school on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November** to administer them.

### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

As we have mentioned previously, John Hunt Photography will be in school on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November** to take portrait photographs of the children. All children with siblings in school should have received a text earlier this week requesting confirmation of how they wish the children to be photographed. For those who have yet to reply do so by Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November.

### PRIMARY ADMISSIONS 2024

If you have a child who has their 4<sup>th</sup> birthday between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024, you must now apply for their place in Primary School. You still need to make an application even if they have a sibling at your chosen school.

#### **CLICK HERE TO APPLY**

It is quick and easy to do, and you will receive an email confirmation of your application. The deadline for all September 2024 applications is 11.59pm on **15<sup>th</sup> January 2024**.

### PTFA CHRISTMAS WREATHMAKING

There are only a few places remaining for the PTFA's wreath making event. If you'd like to book, please go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/wreathtickets>

### PTFA AND SILVER TURTLE PHOTOGRAPHY

The PTFA have an amazing offer of a £95 one hour photo shoot complete with framed picture for only £20. Please email [longsandsptfa@gmail.com](mailto:longsandsptfa@gmail.com) by Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November if you are interested. Names will be entered into a draw and the winner can pay £20 to the PTFA, fill in a form, then the photographer will arrange the photo shoot in January, February or March 2024. See the flyer for more details.

### PTFA CHRISTMAS JUMPERS

If anyone can donate any good quality Christmas jumpers, please put them in a carrier bag marked for the attention of the PTFA in the drop box at school on either Friday 17<sup>th</sup> or Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023. The PTFA will have their second-hand uniform rail and Christmas jumpers available to buy from Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November to Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November, on school days at drop off. Come and find a bargain!

### BEING ON TIME FOR SCHOOL

We still have a few children arriving at school after the doors have closed and need to enter school through the main entrance. Please remember that school **starts at 8.55am**, and **finishes at 3.20pm** each day. If you are struggling to get to school on time in the mornings or at home time, please try to make alternative arrangements or set off a little earlier that you are currently doing to prevent this becoming a regular event. If you are finding it a little tricky, it may be an idea to contact a breakfast or after school club provider such as Discovery Vine (01772 798022) to see if they have availability for you.

### SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

WC 06/11/23 – **WEEK 2**

### Happy Birthday

IVY, RHYS, KIAAN, FREDDIE, ALICE and HOLLY.

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November

- Coach Gunn's Club
- Netball Y5 & Y6

### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

- Rocksteady

### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November

- Intrahealth Flu Vaccines
- Football with Mr Griffiths

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November

- No Rewards Assembly
- Year 1 Road Safety
- Year 3 Samba
- Girls Football with Mrs Buck 3.20pm – 4.15pm

### FREE SCHOOL MEALS

#### **Click Here To Apply**

If you think that you may be entitled to receive the benefit for Free School Meals, please apply online by clicking the above link or by telephoning **01772 532109** (Monday to Friday, 9.00am – 5.00pm).

This is different to the 'Universal Free School Meals' that children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive. It is always worth applying just in case you do make the criteria, and as well as being entitled to free school meals all the way through school, you will also be entitled to free school milk (you will just need to mention this when ordering from Cool Milk). Even if your child would still like to bring a packed lunch each day this is fine, but by having the free school meal eligibility, school will receive extra Pupil Premium Funding which will make a big difference to us.

### ATTENDANCE

Our target attendance is **96%**.

**RECEPTION:** 96.91%

**YEAR 1:** 94.89%

**YEAR 2:** 96.46%

**YEAR 3:** 96.35%

**YEAR 4:** 97.30%

**YEAR 5:** 93.70%

**YEAR 6:** 94.98%

**Current Overall = 95.80%**

## Dinner Time Stars

**RECEPTION:** FAYE

**YEAR 1:** JACK

**YEAR 2:** ATTICUS

**YEAR 3:** BEA

**YEAR 4:** GRACIE

**YEAR 5:** AMELIA

**YEAR 6:** ADAM

## Pupils of the Week

**RECEPTION:** GABRIEL

**YEAR 1:** SHANMUKHA

**YEAR 2:** BRADLEY

**YEAR 3:** MAX

**YEAR 4:** ZAHRA

**YEAR 5:** JAMES

**YEAR 6:** MIA

## Longsands Values

**RECEPTION:** MALAYA

**YEAR 1:** REMI

**YEAR 2:** LILY

**YEAR 3:** HABIBA

**YEAR 4:** MILO

**YEAR 5:** MIA

**YEAR 6:** EVIE



# Make Your Own

# Christmas Wreath



ORGANISED  
BY  
LONGSANDS  
PTFA

**30TH NOVEMBER 6.30-8.30PM**

SUPPORT LONGSANDS COMMUNITY  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

— £30 —

INCLUDED:

ALL MATERIALS

1 X WINE/NON ALCOHOLIC OPTION

MINCE PIE

SNACKS

**FOR TICKETS**

<https://tinyurl.com/Wreathtickets>



Silver Turtle Photography 

## Raising funds for Longsands PTFA

### Family Portrait Offer

A superb opportunity to be photographed by Angela Robertson from Silver Turtle Photography, Penwortham

**Donate £20 to your school funds...**  
for a studio shoot and framed image worth £95!

#### The Portrait Experience

- \* Receive a fun one-hour shoot
- \* Can be just the children or the whole family. Pets welcome too!
- \* Choose your favourite image in my comfortable viewing area
- \* This image will be presented in a beautiful desktop frame

To take advantage of this very special offer, please hand your kind donation of £20 into the school office in exchange for one voucher bag then complete and return this voucher to the school office. Angela will be in touch to arrange a shoot date for either Jan, Feb or Mar 2024. Remember ALL of your £20 donation goes directly to the PTFA's fund raising! One voucher per family.

**Don't forget that your £20 donation  
will go directly to Longsands PTFA fund**

Name .....

Address .....

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Phone no .....

Email .....

**[www.silverturtle.co.uk](http://www.silverturtle.co.uk)**



**To be returned by 30th November 2023  
47b Manor Lane, Penwortham PR1 0SY**