



## LONGSANDS LINK – 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019

### WELCOME BACK

We hope that you all had a fantastic holiday and that you are ready for the new term ahead of us. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome **Mrs Fenton** to Longsands who is our new Reception Class Teacher.

Whilst **Mrs McKeown** has been Acting Headteacher for quite some time following the retirement of Mr Seagraves, we would like to congratulate her also as she begins her official Headship of Longsands C P School.

### ADMISSIONS TO PRIMARY SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2020

If you have a child who has their 4<sup>th</sup> birthday between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020, you must now apply for their place in Primary School. You still need to make an application even if they have a brother or sister at your chosen school. Applications should be made online to Lancashire County Council at [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools). It is quick and easy to do and you will receive an email confirmation of your application. The deadline for all September 2020 applications is 23.59 on **15<sup>th</sup> January 2020**.

### ARE YOU ENTITLED

If you think that you may be entitled to Free School Meals, don't forget to apply in order to receive this and other associated benefits. School will also receive funding for this via the Pupil Premium scheme even if you choose to have a packed lunch or currently receive a Universal Free School Meal as your child may be in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2. For more information contact the Area Education Department on **01772 532109**.

### PUPIL OF THE WEEK & LONGSANDS VALUES AWARDS

If your child is Pupil of the Week or if they receive a Longsands Values award, they may come into school in their own clothes the following Monday.

### BMA MUSIC

The tutors who provide keyboard and guitar lessons in school will be returning week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> September.

### NETBALL CLUB

Mrs Monks will be starting netball club after school on Tuesdays with effect from 17<sup>th</sup> September, for Year 5 and Year 6 girls. The club runs from 3.20pm to approximately 4.20pm weather permitting. Pupils will need their trainers and warm PE kit to take part.

### PE KITS

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school with them **EVERY DAY**. These should be sent into school at the start of every term, and be left at school until they are taken home to be washed at the end of term. To assist in returning any missing items to pupils please ensure that all kit is clearly labelled with your child's name.

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A CLASSROOM HELPER?

Classroom helpers usually commit to spending **regular slots** of time in school each week. This time can vary from half an hour to half a day at most. Many schools including Longsands prefer not to put you in **your child's class** because we consider it to be disruptive for your child, and possibly unfair to classmates whose parents are unable to volunteer. Classroom helpers make a big difference in **improving standards**. Even if you're not helping in your child's class, research shows that having a parent who volunteers improves a child's experience of school. This may be because you're 'plugged in' to school and know what goes on during their day. It's a great way to get behind the scenes. Classroom helpers **volunteer** to assist teachers on a **regular** basis, usually in primary schools. They help with tasks like **listening to pupils read**. Reading practice is very labour intensive, and helpers can make a big difference to teachers and children. **Classroom helpers** are often, but not always, **parents** of children at the school and are **not** the same as classroom assistants, who are paid staff. If you would be interested in volunteering please email **Mrs McKeown** by **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September** to [head@longsands.lancsngfl.ac.uk](mailto:head@longsands.lancsngfl.ac.uk)

### RECEPTION BOOK BAGS

Book bags for Reception are £5 each. These have been added to the Parent Pay system to make it easier to purchase them. If you haven't yet registered for Parent Pay please sign up, if you need a registration letter or reminder please let us know.

## Don't Forget

### MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> SEPT

ParentPay Help Session from 8.30am to 9.30am with Mr Coyne.

### TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> SEPT

Netball Club with Mrs Monks 3.20pm – 4.20pm

### WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> SEPT

8.00am **KS2** Dance Club

### FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> SEPT

Church Club 3.20pm to 4.00pm with Fr. Keith.

### HOTHERSALL LODGE

The remaining balances are now payable for the children who are attending the Year 6 residential trip to Hothersall Lodge from 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> September. The balance amount is **£186.00**; this can be paid by our preferred method of ParentPay. If you have not yet returned your forms please would you return them as soon as possible to the school office. If you require more forms please let Mrs Wilds know. Thank you

### PARENTPAY SYSTEM

On Monday Mr Coyne will be available from 8.30am to 9.30am to assist with any parents experiencing any issues regarding the new ParentPay system. If you have already activated your account, but still have questions you would like to ask please feel free to pop along during this morning information session. We are sure once you are set up you will find it a lot more convenient, especially for sending payments into school and replying to letters requiring parental permission.

### BUMP TO THE HEAD TEXTS

For our new parents, if you receive a text from school to say that your child has had a bump to the head; this is just to make you aware that it has happened. If it is anything serious we would contact parents/carers by telephone.

### PLANNED ROAD WORKS

We have been advised that there are planned road works starting **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September** which will stretch from the motorway roundabout, through to Bluebell Way and Grimsargh. These works are expected to last about five months. If your journey to and from school involves this route, you may need to factor extra time into during this period. Thank you

### SCHOOL GAMES GOLD MARK

Mrs Barton and Mrs Taylor are delighted to announce that we have once again achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2018/19 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

We have had a huge amount of children participating in leagues and competing in local inter-school competitions this year and we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year. A special thanks to Mrs Monks and all the staff, pupils and parents who have given up their time, transported pupils and cheered the children on during events.

We could not have done it without you!

## Pupils of the Week

**RECEPTION: N/A**

**YEAR 1: OLIVER**

**YEAR 2: EVIE**

**YEAR 3: LILY**

**YEAR 4: PRINCE**

**YEAR 5: ARCHIE**

**YEAR 6: LOIS**

### SPANISH CLUB

Spanish club with Senora Campbell will resume week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> September.

### LUNCH MENU'S

Our lunch menus change twice each year, once around April for the Summer meals and again around October/November for the Winter meals. If your child had school meals or favourite Friday's before the holidays this menu will still be in force until a little later in the year. If your child wishes to change a meal on their menu please let us know and this information can be passed through to the kitchen staff.

### DOLLS

If you have any unwanted dolls in good condition which either you or someone you know no longer require Reception class would really appreciate them. Thank you

### RECEPTION CLASS

Have you returned your completed lunch menu, and forms which were in your starter pack? If not, please would you return them to the school office as soon as possible.

Thank you

### GIRLS FOOTBALL

Girls football with Mrs Buck will begin again on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September from 3.20pm to approximately 4.15pm (weather permitting).

This will be open to all girls in Years 4, 5 and 6.

## Attendance

As we advised before the Summer, we will be monitoring the attendance for KS1 and KS2 on a weekly basis, and these details will be added to our weekly newsletter. We appreciate that sometimes this won't be possible but please try to make all appointments outside of school hours or within the school holidays.

Let's see which class can be our attendance champions!

**YEAR 1: 95%**

**YEAR 2: 99.67%**

**YEAR 3: 100%**

**YEAR 4: 99.35%**

**YEAR 5: 95.71%**

**YEAR 6: 99%**

## Have a lovely weekend.

### KS1 TEACHER CONTACT

As you will be aware, morning drop offs and home time collections can be very busy in the playground. With safeguarding in mind, and to ensure that the teachers can see all children during these periods, please could we respectfully ask for any messages that need to be given to the class teachers to either be handwritten on a letter/note or emailed directly to the specific teacher. Thank you for your understanding.

### STAFF CAR PARK

Please remember not to park on, or cut through the staff car park as a short cut into or out of school. Thank you

### DATA COLLECTION SHEETS

Next week we will be sending home data collection sheets containing information we hold for your child such as emergency contact details, address, date of birth etc. These just need to be checked for accuracy and any incorrect details amended. Even if no details need to be changed please sign the form and return this back to school.

## Longsands Values

**RECEPTION: N/A**

**YEAR 1: GEORGE**

**YEAR 2: STANLEY**

**YEAR 3: WHOLE CLASS**

**YEAR 4: WHOLE SCHOOL**

**YEAR 5: VINAYAK**

**YEAR 6: OSCAR**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Iman, Sam,  
Hannah and Shyah.

**SCHOOL LUNCH MENU**

**WC 09/09/19**  
**WEEK 1**

# **STAFF EMAIL ADDRESSES**

## **September 2019 – July 2020**

### **HEADTEACHER & SENCO**

**Mrs McKeown**

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### **RECEPTION CLASS**

**Mrs Fenton**

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### **CLASS 1 TEACHER**

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### **CLASS 3 TEACHER**

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### **CLASS 4 TEACHERS**

**Mrs Barton (Mon-Wed) / Mrs Buck (Thurs-Fri)**

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### **CLASS 5 TEACHERS**

**Mrs Eaves (Mon-Wed) / Mrs Taylor (Wed – Fri)**

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### **CLASS 6 TEACHER & KS2 LEADER**

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**Mr Coyne – School Business Manager**

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**Mrs Wilds – School Office**

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

After a successful trial last year, Longsands is going to be using an online tool called Seesaw throughout the school. It's a secure online learning journal where children can create and upload their work to document their learning. Your child will add things like photos, videos, worksheets, drawings and voice recordings to their Seesaw journal. Seesaw journals are private and only accessible by the teacher, pupils, and their parents. On most occasions, children will post photos of their own independent work, complete tasks online or upload work which they have word processed. Sometimes however, children may upload work which they have completed in pairs or small groups – this may be a photo or video including other children. In these situations, the work or image will be visible to the parents of all children involved. Please indicate below if you do not wish your child to upload pictures or videos of themselves working in a group with others.

You can also sign up for a free Seesaw parent account, download the parent app to your phone (giving you access to your child's learning journal) and choose to be notified when your child adds new content.

In order for your child to use Seesaw to document their learning, we need your permission to set up their individual pupil account. Seesaw has a thoroughly robust privacy policy (<https://app.seesaw.me/about/privacy>) and has committed never to share your child's personal information or journal content.

I hope that your child will enjoy using Seesaw to document and share their learning this year. You can learn more about Seesaw by visiting <http://web.seesaw.me/>

Please can you complete the consent form on ParentPay by **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September**. [ParentPay](#)

Mrs J Eaves

## **RE: Collecting pupils from school**

This is a reminder with regards to pupils who are being collected late from school, who are being collected by other people than those specified and who are often uncollected altogether.

At our school the safety of your children is of the utmost importance to us, which is why we have the following procedures in place.

### **Running late**

If, when coming to pick your child up from school, you are running late, I ask that on each separate occasion you ring school on **01772 795676** and inform the school that you are running late and when you can be expected at the school. We also ask that you be mindful of the time at which you notify the school; wherever possible, we ask parents to notify the school no later than **30 minutes** before the specified collect time.

If applicable, please also name the person who will be collecting your child on your behalf. The school may ask you for a description of the individual that you have stated if they are unknown to the school. Pupils of the school will not be released from the school unless staff are completely satisfied that they are safe. When parents are not at the school on time to collect their children, pupils will be kept in the **school office** and will be supervised by their **classroom teachers**.

### **Recurring late pickups**

Please note if we note recurring late pickups without a good reason you may be asked into school to discuss this with the Head to plan the next steps.

### **Non-collection**

It is unfeasible to expect school staff to watch pupils after the end of the school day

A member of staff will supervise the pupil and the school will try to contact parents, and other listed emergency contacts, in the event that a child is uncollected from the school. Under no circumstances will school staff go looking for parents. If no contact can be made and no specified adult (someone that has been approved to collect the pupil) has come to collect the pupil within an **hour** of the original collect time, the school will have no alternative but to follow their child protection procedures and contact children's services or the police.

### **Collecting a pupil on someone's behalf**

The school will never, under any circumstances, allow a pupil to leave the premises with an adult who has not been specified as someone with responsibility for collecting the pupil. If

there is a change in who will be coming to collect a pupil, this **must be communicated to the school**, where a description of the person to ensure your child's safety will be asked for .

It should also be noted that the school will ask the individual who is collecting the pupil for proof of identification, and they should be ready to provide this.

Finally, please have the same consideration for the above when your child is attending an after-school club. In addition, parents are responsible for arranging and ensuring that their child is taken from the school to another club that is held at a different site – teachers will not fulfil this responsibility.

I understand that sometimes emergencies happen which may make the above procedures seem cumbersome; however, I would like to reassure you that the school has these procedures in place for the sole purpose of protecting the pupils of the school. The whole school appreciates your cooperation with following these procedures and we will be understanding of valid explanations and emergencies.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I would like to say thankyou to the vast majority of parents who already follow the school's procedures.

Mrs Mckeown



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**has achieved the Gold School Games  
Mark award for their commitment,  
engagement and delivery of competitive  
school sport in 2018/19.**







# SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY

**SOUTH**

**Do you have a child starting primary school  
in September 2020 and living in Lancashire?**

# **APPLY NOW!**

**[WWW.LANCASHIRE.GOV.UK/SCHOOLS](http://WWW.LANCASHIRE.GOV.UK/SCHOOLS)**

or give us a call on 01772 532109

**CLOSING DATE: 15 JANUARY 2020**

You **must** apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school,  
or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

## **HAVE YOUR SAY**

Between 1 October and 31 January schools are consulting with you to  
make sure admission arrangements meet future needs. To find out more please  
visit [www.lancashire.gov.uk](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk) and search 'School Admission Policies'.

[www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)





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