

LONGSANDS LINK – 18th October 2019

HALF TERM

Today we finish for the half term holiday, we return back to school on **Monday 28**th **October**.

PHOTOGRAPHS

The children had their photographs taken earlier this week. Your child will by now have brought home their proof card, which will detail how to log onto the John Hunt Photography website to view the picture taken. All orders are placed directly with John Hunt, and orders are posted directly to your home. If you are wishing to place an order please check the details on the card as they often offer free delivery within a specific time period.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

After half term the amounts payable for school lunches are detailed below. Please whenever possible, send payments into school via our ParentPay system, rather than cash or cheque.

Regular Lunches:

Weekly £11.50 (£2.30 per day) or if paying in full to the end of term it will be £92.00.

Favourite Friday's

The amount for Favourite Friday lunches up to the end of term will be £18.40.



If you would like your child to have milk in school after half term, please contact Cool Milk directly to order this before **5.00pm** on **Tuesday 22nd October.** If you place an order with them after this time, your child's milk will begin the following week.

Cool Milk Website

PE KITS

Your child will have brought home their PE kit today to be washed over half term. During the holidays please would you check to make sure that each item of kit is labelled (labels sometimes become loose and drop off), and that your child brings this back into school with them on Monday 28th October. Thank you

PARENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE

Today we sent home a Lancashire County
Council parental questionnaire form specific to
Longsands C P School. Please complete the
form and return this back to school by **Friday**1st November. If you have more than one
child in school, please complete a separate
form for each child.

COMPUTER CLUB

Mrs Calvert's Computer Club will begin on **Thursday 31**st **October** from **3.20pm** to **4.30pm**. This club is for children in Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 who have already signed up – there are currently no spaces available.

Mrs McKeown's Message

It's been a very busy half term with lots of enjoyable experiences already for our children, including Viking Day and Greek Day, plus Hothersall Lodge. Have a lovely break and be ready for the next half term. I am looking forward to seeing the poppies when you bring them in after the holidays.

ARRIVING ON TIME

We appreciate that every now and again circumstances beyond our control will mean that you may arrive slightly late for school. However, we would expect this to be a rare event rather than happening on a regular basis. The children should arrive in time to enter school with the rest of the children from their respective playgrounds, and be sat in class ready for registration at **8.55am**, and **not** entering school through the main entrance. Getting bags, sports kits, homework and packed lunches prepared the night before, and setting off earlier for school whether this be on foot, in a car or on the bus will help to ensure your child's day starts on a less hectic note, and will not disrupt the rest of the children in class by arriving late.

SCHOOL MENU

The new school lunch menu will start after half term on **Monday 28th October**. If your child has not yet returned their completed menu, although they will receive a meal, it may not be one that they would have specifically chosen, as meals are prepared on a pre-order basis. The lunches rotate on a three weekly cycle and will begin on Week 2. We add this information each week to the newsletter, but the full weekly menu cycle can be found on the Lancashire Catering Service leaflet which was sent home earlier this week.

Lancashire Catering Service

PARENT 'DROP IN' SESSIONS

On **Wednesday 30th October**, there will be 'Drop In' sessions for parents to come into your child's classroom on an informal basis from **6.00pm** to **7.00pm**. You will have the opportunity to have a look around the classroom, and meet with your child's class teacher. Reception, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 will have general sessions from 6pm to 7pm. **Year 1:** Mrs Calvert will be splitting her hour into two Phonics workshop sessions for Year 1 parents. If your child is in Mrs Calvert's class, please would you email her to register your interest in attending, and she will then reply to advise which workshop would be most appropriate for your child.

Year 2: There <u>will not</u> be a Drop In session for Year 2 parents, as there has already been an Information Evening this term. However, Mrs Ramalli is holding appointment only sessions during the week, for selected parents only. Invited parents will receive an email regarding booking a time with her by the end of the week.

Year 3: The drop in with Mr Hudson for Year 3 parents will in general be regarding times tables.

Don't Forget

Monday 28th October

- Diwali Wonder Day
- Charity Bag Collection Day
- Spanish Club (3.20pm 4.20pm)
- Ballet

Tuesday 29th October

- Ballet
- KS2 Lunchtime Singing Club with Mrs Eaves
- Boys Football Training 3.20pm to 4.15pm
- BMA Keyboard Lessons

Wednesday 30th October

- Mad Science Club 3.20pm -4.20pm (to be held in Y3)
- Whole School 'Drop In' Evening 6pm – 7pm

Thursday 31st October

- BMA Guitar Lessons
- Computer Club 3.20pm –
 4.30pm (Fully Booked)

Friday 1st November

- Rewards Assembly 9.15
- No Girls Football Practice With Mrs Buck
- Girls Football Match v Goosnargh Oliversons (A)
- Church Club 3.20pm to 4.00pm

DEADLINE FOR ADMISSION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

If your child is in Year 6, the deadline for making your application to High School for September 2020 is fast approaching. Applications should be made online to Lancashire County Council.

APPLY HERE

The deadline for all applications is **11.59pm** on **Thursday 31**st **October 2019.**

THANK YOU

Mr Mason has recently reinforced our yellow LCC 'Parking Aware' boards and given them a spruce up to make them more durable on the areas around school.

AUTUMN DISCO

Thank you to the PTFA for organising tonight's Autumn Disco. **KS1** will have their disco 4.30pm to 5.15pm (Reception must be accompanied by an adult throughout), and **KS2** will strut their stuff from 5.30pm to 6.30pm.

INVENTRY SYSTEM

Thank you to those who have been into school recently and used the new Inventry system.

It ensures all of the safeguarding, fire evacuation and attendance procedures are being followed and logged easily and efficiently in one central location.

MOBILE PHONE

Have you lost a mobile phone on the way to school, or know of anyone that has lost one in the Longsands area? If so, please contact school and we will pass your details to the person who has found it.

Pupils of the Week

RECEPTION: ANUSHKA YEAR 1: ALEXANDER

YEAR 2: EVIE
YEAR 3: SAM
YEAR 4: HARRY
YEAR 5: JAYLA
YEAR 6: HARRIET

PARKING

Could we again remind everyone to use the specific parking spaces on the car park when dropping off and collecting children. Blocking free spaces by randomly parking your vehicle is very frustrating for other parents and carers, whilst also causing a visibility obstruction for someone trying to reverse out. Let's try to keep the parking areas safe for pedestrians and other car users. Thank you

CHARITY BAG COLLECTION

Don't forget that we will have a charity bag collection on the morning of **Monday 28th October**. Please leave any donation bags under the notice board in the main entrance foyer by 9.15am.

HOT DRINKS

Please do not send children into school with hot drinks as there is a risk they could spill and cause a burn. Thank you

DINNER TABLE STARS

Kane, Evelyn and Adam

Attendance

RECEPTION: 96.26%
YEAR 1: 96.48%
YEAR 2: 97.62%
YEAR 3: 98.15%
YEAR 4: 98.76%
YEAR 5: 97.57%
YEAR 6: 97.71%

DOGS

Please do not bring dogs into school, or onto school grounds. If you must bring a dog with you, it must be carried with you at all times or securely tied up by the school gates. Thank you

MISSING PENCIL CASE

Please would you check that your child has brought the correct pencil case home, as we have one missing in Year 5. The pencil case we are looking for is blue with red zips and has three compartments.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

WC 28/10/19 - **WEEK 2**

Happy Birthday

Kane, Rocco, Noah, Olivia, James, Shriya, Jayla, Saima and Grace.

Longsands Values

RECEPTION: OLIVIA
YEAR 1: GEORGIA
YEAR 2: PHOEBE
YEAR 3: HANNAH
YEAR 4: LEO
YEAR 5: YUSHA
YEAR 6: JACK



We have now implemented the new ParentPay cashless system into the school. I would like to thank all parents who have activated their accounts. At the time of writing we currently have 97% of the school with active accounts.

Hopefully it is providing a more convenient and flexible way for you to pay for school meals, trips and complete consent forms.

If you have any issues with or have yet to activate ParentPay then please drop me an email or call in to School and I will try my best to resolve it.

As we approach half term break could I ask those parent/carers who pay for school meals to login to your account and check your balances. If required, could you please credit your account ready for the return to school on Monday 28th October.

School Meals for the remainder of the Term (Monday 28th October - Friday 20th December) would be £92.

For those children who enjoy Favourite Fridays, costs are £2.30 per meal / £18.40 for the rest of this term.

School meals should always be paid in advance as meals are charged through ParentPay on a daily basis, when the morning registers are taken. Therefore, it is essential that you keep your account in credit and not allow it to go into a negative balance.

As part of the process for bringing the ParentPay system into the school we have carried out an audit of the school meal income over the past two years. This has highlighted a large shortfall between the amount of income received from parents and the charges we have incurred from our catering providers Lancashire County Council.

Our records indicate a number of parents/carers with school meal debt dating back over the 2-year period, I will be contacting the parent/carers concerned regarding this matter after the half term break.

Dinner money debt has a huge impact on our schools already restricted budget. The school has to cover the cost of this debt by using vital funds that should be used for essential resources for the children's education.

If any parent/carer have any issues or concerns with paying for school meals, please feel free to contact myself or Mrs McKeown.

Mr Coyne School Business Manager



Longsands C P School Longsands Lane Fulwood Preston PR2 9PS

Tel: 01772 795676

Headteacher: Mrs. S. McKeown

18th October 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Parental Questionnaire

We are always trying to develop ways of finding out what parents/carers think about their child's education, so that we can use this information to make continued improvements. One approach we are using is a Parental Questionnaire, developed by the local authority (LA). This questionnaire is being used in many schools across Lancashire, and includes:

- > Eighteen questions (1-18) which all schools are using
- > Five questions (19-23) which we have chosen from a 'bank' of questions which we feel look at things which are of particular interest to our school
- > A comments section

When we receive the completed questionnaires back from parents, we return the page with questions 1-23 to the LA. They collate and analyse the responses and compare our results with all of the other schools that are taking part in this important survey. We will then be able to use the results to celebrate areas that parents believe we are doing well in, and consider any areas for development.

The page with boxes for your optional comments is retained in school and does not go to the LA; this extra feedback helps us to understand some of the reasons behind the questionnaire results.

We really do value your responses and comments and hope that you can find the time to complete the questionnaire for us as your views are very important.

We would be grateful if you could complete and return this questionnaire to school by **Friday 1**st **November**. Please complete a separate form for each child that you have in school.

Yours sincerely

MRS S MCKEOWN HEADTEACHER





START DATE: 30/10/19 A END DATE: 18/12/19

CHILDS NAME:

SCHOOL YEAR:

PARENT / GUARDIAN:

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

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MEDICAL CONDITIONS YES/NO IF YES PLEASE ADVISE BELOW:

If your child wishes to attend please complete the above and hand into the office along with payment in full.

Book early to avoid disappointment. Limited spaces.

£3:50 per session (1 x session per week) to be paid for the full half term period.

See office for more details. Payment to be made prior to start date.





Starting Music Tuition in School - "BMA Music- School Assembly"

Following on from today's exciting school assembly we would like to offer the following musical lessons to your child. We currently offer Piano/Singing and Guitar tuition.

Our aim is to provide fun and enjoyable music lessons that help to develop your child's musical skills, confidence and overall appreciation of music. Lessons take place during school time and are either taught in pairs (20 mins) or on a 1 to 1 basis (15 mins) with the children following a structured syllabus to ensure steady progress.

For new starters there will be a total of 6 lessons this term starting week commencing (w/c) 14/10/19 and ending w/c 02/12/19 (inclusive). This excludes lessons w/c 21/10/19 and w/c 28/10/19. Lessons then continue on a colling termly basis until you choose to stop (4 weeks' notice required please).

To register your child to start lessons with us simply:

- a) Complete the form at the bottom of this page (please fill in all boxes)
- b) Complete the attached Direct Debit payment form
- c) Make the initial manual payment (see below to cover lessons prior to the Direct Debit becoming active)
 - (cheque or Bank Transfer (preferred) Account 65001826, Sort Code 016714)
- d) Return both completed forms (+ cheque if required) to the school office no later than Monday 4/10/19.

Our Direct Debit payment system is a proven simple way to pay for lessons. Existing parents love how easy it is and how costs are spread across the term rather than in one big termly payment. The first Direct Payment will be start of November 2019 then continue on a monthly basis until you choose to stop. Lessons can either be in pairs (20 minutes) or 1 to 1 (15 minutes) as follows:

- 20 minutes in pairs £5.00 per lesson (initial payment of £20 then Direct Debit payments of £13.75 per month November '19 to June '20 (inclusive) or until you give notice to stop)
- 15 minutes 1 to 1 £7.50 per lesson (initial payment of £30 then Direct Debit payments of £20.65 per month November '19 to June '20 (inclusive) or until you give notice to stop)

To finish lessons we simply ask for 4 weeks' notice where a final balancing payment will then be arranged. If for some reason you are unable to set up a Direct Debit please contact the office directly where an alternative arrangement may be possible.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards

Jim Askam Schools Manager, BMA Music Note: Lessons continue on a rolling termly basis until you give 4 weeks' notice to stop. Payment is by monthly Direct Debit from November '19 to June '20 inc. (or until you give notice to stop). If your child misses a lesson a refund cannot be given. BMA Music GDPR Policy: Please note that all data provided will be used for BMA direct contact only and will not be shared with 3rd parties.

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| BMA Music Ltd | Call | E-mail | Visit | Company Registered |
| 506-508 Garstang Road, Broughton, Preston PR3 5HE | 01772 864300 | info@bmamusic.co.uk | www.bmamusic.co.uk | in England No. 4503200 |





Instruction to your Bank or Building society to pay by Direct Debit

| Please fill in the whole form using a ball p | oint pen and send it to: |
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Instruction to your bank or building society

Please pay BMA Music Ltd Direct Debits from the account detailed in this Instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that this Instruction may remain with BMA Music Ltd and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my bank/building society.

| Signature(s) | |
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Banks and building societies may not accept Direct Debit Instructions for some types of account

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This guarantee should be detached and retained by the payer.

The Direct Debit Guarantee



- This Guarantee is offered by all banks and building societies that accept instructions to pay Direct Debits
- If there are any changes to the amount, date or frequency of your Direct Debit BMA Music Ltd will notify you 10 working days
 in advance of your account being debited or as otherwise agreed. If you request BMA Music Ltd to collect a payment,
 confirmation of the amount and date will be given to you at the time of the request.
- If an error is made in the payment of your Direct Debit, by BMA Music Ltd or your bank or building society, you are entitled to a
 full and immediate refund of the amount paid from your bank or building society
 - If you receive a refund you are not entitled to, you must pay it back when BMA Music Ltd asks you to
- You can cancel a Direct Debit at any time by simply contacting your bank or building society. Written confirmation may be required. Please also notify us.



• THE FA GIRLS' FOOTBALL CENTRES •

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HAVE FUN, MAKE FRIENDS, PLAY FOOTBALL

SIGN UP NOW

The Sir Tom Finney Preston Soccer Centre

- When? Every Saturday starting 17th March
- What Time? Arrive 09:45 AM the session runs 10-11am
- Where? UCLAN Sports Arena, Tom Benson Way, Cottam, Preston
- Cost: £3 per session Contact: Kath 07730570688
- What do I need? Shinpads, drink & a fleece/jacket











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Players only train with their own age group

WHAT YOU NEED

TRAINERS OR ASTROTURFS SHIN PADS WATER



SATURDAY MORNINGS

Please arrive at least 15 minutes before training time to register

11:30am-12:30pm £4.00

How can you help us? - please contact if you are looking to volunteer or become a coach

www.sirtomfinneysc.co.uk | Email: kath@masonhouse.co.uk | Telephone: 07730570688

ACTIVITY ACTIVITY

Pumpkin Decorating

(please bring your own pumpkin)

Face Painting
Halloween Crafts
Messy Play
Fancy Dress Welcome

Tuesday 22nd October 2019
10:00am-11:30am

Brookfield Primary School Hall,
Preston East Children and Family
Wellbeing Service,
Watling Street Road, PR2 6TU

For more information please call Preston East CFW on 01772 539420









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