



## LONGSANDS LINK – 17th January 2020

### VISION SCREENING

The children in Reception class will be having their eyes tested in school on **Tuesday 25th February**. Letters were sent to class earlier this week with information about the test. The slip at the bottom of the letter only needs to be returned to school if you **DO NOT** wish your child's eyes to be tested. Copy letters are available from the office if required. If you have any questions the vision team can be contacted by email at [bfwh.lancashirevisionscreeningservice@nhs.net](mailto:bfwh.lancashirevisionscreeningservice@nhs.net)

### PTFA MEETING

The next PTFA meeting will be held in school on Monday 20th January at 7.00pm.

### PTFA SILVER CHANGE TUBE CHALLENGE

Congratulations to Reception class who won the PTFA silver change tube challenge. The results of Friday 13th December 2019 were:

- RECEPTION:** £142.30
- CLASS 1:** £116.85
- CLASS 2:** £128.22
- CLASS 3:** £125.86
- CLASS 4:** £139.65
- CLASS 5:** £40.15
- CLASS 6:** £60.49

We trialed doing this earlier in the academic year to allow more time for children to benefit from the purchases. Some pictures from each class will be available soon in our next PTFA newsletters. We are aware that this event has run alongside other things in December, so our collective amount as a whole wasn't as much as last time. Let us know your fundraising thoughts at [longsandsptfa@gmail.com](mailto:longsandsptfa@gmail.com)



- RECEPTION:** 94.19%
- YEAR 1:** 96.79%
- YEAR 2:** 96.07%
- YEAR 3:** 97.62%
- YEAR 4:** 97.62%
- YEAR 5:** 95.73%
- YEAR 6:** 97.46%

### MUSIC CONCERT

Mrs Eaves is looking to hold an evening music concert before Easter to showcase the musical talent of our children. If your child has music lessons either in school or outside of school, and they would be interested in performing by themselves or in a group, please email Mrs Eaves directly to let her know.  
[j.eaves@longsands.lancsngfl.ac.uk](mailto:j.eaves@longsands.lancsngfl.ac.uk)

## Mrs McKeown's Message

This week the children have enjoyed a visit from The Dogs Trust. By using dogs as a focus, the workshops and assemblies aimed to develop compassion and consideration for all living beings. With links to the national curriculum, the workshops were delivered with a great deal of passion in creative and imaginative ways creating a memorable and positive learning experience. The children enjoyed the experience and as I went into the classrooms the children were all engaged with the learning.

On a different note, I hope you are finding the knowledge organisers useful so you can be part of your child's learning.

Parents Evening is planned for the 10th and 12th of February and you will have received the forms for these nights. If you could return them sooner rather than later, staff will try to ensure you are given the slot you have requested. On the 13th February at 6.30pm there will be this terms Parents Information Evening with myself and Mr Coyne. More details are on ParentPay.

### FLU IMMUNISATION - CATCH UP CLINICS

The flu immunisation team have contacted us to advise that there will be catch up sessions at the venues detailed below, if you would like to book a slot for your child to be immunised if they missed it at school please contact them by telephoning 0333 358 3397 (Option 6).

**Thursday 23rd January** (3.00pm to 5.00pm)  
Highfield Children & Family Wellbeing Services,  
Highfield Nursery School, Wright Street,  
Chorley PR6 0SL.

**Friday 24th January** (3.00pm to 5.00pm)  
Kingsfold Children & Family Wellbeing Services,  
Martinfield Road, Penwortham PR1 9HJ.

**Tuesday 28th January** (3.00pm to 5.00pm)  
Grove Youth & Community Centre, Station  
Approach, Burscough, Ormskirk L40 0RZ.

### RECORDERS

Next week will be the last opportunity for anyone to join recorder club on Tuesday's after school from 3.20pm to 4.00pm. If you would like your child to join please email Mrs Eaves at [j.eaves@longsands.lancsngfl.ac.uk](mailto:j.eaves@longsands.lancsngfl.ac.uk)

### BOYS FOOTBALL

Boys football sessions will begin again on Tuesday 21st January after school until 4.15pm.

### EXCITING SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS SPONSORED EVENT COMING SOON..

Look out for details in the next few weeks about your chance to meet a Paralympic Athlete, raise some money to buy new sports equipment and most importantly get active and have fun!!

## Don't Forget

### MONDAY 20th JANUARY 2020

- Spanish Club (3.20pm – 4.20pm)
- PTFA Meeting in school at 7pm

### TUESDAY 21st JANUARY 2020

- Recorder Club (YR2 – YR6) 3.20pm to 4.00pm
- Keyboard Lessons
- KS2 Lunchtime Singing Club with Mrs Eaves
- Boys Football (3.20pm – 4.15pm)

### WEDNESDAY 22nd JANUARY 2020

- Year 5 & 6 Lunch Time Maths Club with Mr Munro

### THURSDAY 23rd JANUARY 2020

- Guitar Lessons
- Computing Club (payable in advance) for Year 4 to Year 6. 3.20pm to 4.20pm
- Football Tournament. (Selected team with Mrs Monks).

### FRIDAY 24th JANUARY 2020

- Good Work Assembly 9.10am
- Games Club with Mrs Ramalli (by invitation) at lunch time.

## Happy Birthday

KAYA, ARIA, SEBASTIAN  
and REUBEN

### SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

WC 20/01/20 - **WEEK 2**

### Dinner Table Stars

KAYA, GEORGIA and LOCHLAN

### ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

Please remember that you must contact school as soon as you know that your child is not well enough to attend school by telephoning 01772 795676, emailing the school office at [office@longsands.lancsngfl.ac.uk](mailto:office@longsands.lancsngfl.ac.uk) or by submitting an absence form on the school website.

### THE SUN – BOOK TOKENS

If you have any remaining book tokens from The Sun newspaper please send them into school next week so that we can get them sent off. Thank you to everyone that has collected and sent these in so far.

### APPOINTMENTS

Please try whenever possible to make medical appointments after school or during school holidays.

# Pupils of the Week

**RECEPTION:** GRACIE

**YEAR 1:** GEORGE

**YEAR 2:** CHLOE-LOUISE

**YEAR 3:** CHLOE

**YEAR 4:** EMILY

**YEAR 5:** ELLIOT

**YEAR 6:** EVIE

## YEAR 4 - RE

The children in Year 4 are going to attempt to build a model synagogue in a shoe box next Wednesday afternoon. Your child's group will need a shoe box (or similar) with a lid – if you have any spares these would really be appreciated. They may also bring any other craft items that they might like to use in their model.

Some examples may be found at:

[Example 1](#)

[Example 2](#)

# Longsands Values

**RECEPTION:** ALIYAH

**YEAR 1:** VIRAT

**YEAR 2:** EVIE

**YEAR 3:** AMELIA

**YEAR 4:** ABI

**YEAR 5:** JAYLA

**YEAR 6:** HARRIET

# Vision Screening in Lancashire Schools

## What is vision screening?

Vision screening is when a specially trained person checks your child's vision to make sure they can see without any problems. The aim of the service is to detect reduced vision early, to reduce the risk of defects developing into visual impairments if left untreated.

## What is involved with vision screening?

Your child's vision will be assessed using a letter matching test. The test is fun and your child does not need to know their letters to complete it. During the test a pair of glasses with one eye blanked out will be used or an eye patch will be placed over one eye to test each eye separately. The test is entirely safe and children enjoy playing the letter matching game. It takes approximately five minutes and the screener is trained to make this fun for the child.



## Who does the screening?

Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust provide specially trained vision screeners go to every school in Lancashire and see children in the reception class. As NHS staff they are all DBS checked, (Disclosure and Barring Service. This check was previously known as CRB, Criminal Records Bureau).

## Does my child have to be screened?

No. However, we strongly recommend that your child is screened for vision defects; however you have the right to decline the assessment. No screening will take place without your consent. A letter will be sent home with your child informing you about the screening; this is an Opt-out letter and only needs to be returned if you do not wish for your child to be tested. If you do not receive a letter please ring the school for a copy.

## What happens if my child is absent on the day of screening?

An appointment will be offered at a local health centre for your child to be tested. A member of the vision screening team will send an appointment letter to your home address for this.

## **What will happen during the vision screening assessment?**

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## **What happens if my child passes the assessment?**

If your child passes you will receive a letter informing you of the result. This means that at the moment their vision in both eyes is as expected for their age. This result does not rule out potential future eye problems. Children's eyes change as they grow so if you have any concerns about your child's eyes at any stage in the future, contact your local optometrist (optician) or GP.

## **What happens if my child does not pass the assessment?**

If your child does not pass, you will receive a letter informing you of the result. Your child will be referred to your local orthoptic department and you will receive a letter in the next few weeks from the hospital inviting you to an appointment for further tests.

It is important to attend the appointment for further tests to confirm your child's results and if treatment is required. Reduced vision may be caused by the child needing glasses or a turn in the eye (squint). Glasses and/or eye patches may be recommended as treatment for these problems. These tests could be carried out by an Orthoptist, who manage visual disorders related to eye development or misalignment, an Optometrist who can prescribe glasses if required, or an Ophthalmologist, depending on the results of the screening.

Sometimes a child does not pass the screening because they are tired or not able to concentrate on the day of screening. If the vision screener feels this may be the case on the day, you will be asked to attend another appointment for a recheck.

## **Contact details**

Rebecca Smart- Orthoptist at Blackpool Victoria Hospital

Tel: 01253 953457

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