



## LONGSANDS LINK – 14th February 2020

### HALF TERM

Today we break up for the half term holidays, we return back to school on **Monday 24th February**, with school starting at 8.55am.

### DISCOVERY VINE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

If your child attends the Discovery Vine After School Club and you would like to collect them earlier than normal at the end of school. Please be aware that you will **no longer** be able to collect directly from the school hall. We are sure this information will already have been passed onto you from Discovery Vine, but all parental pick-ups must take place from the Discovery Vine Unit rather than school. Thank you

### YEAR 1 – HEARING TESTS

The Audiometrician will be in school to carry out hearing tests for Year 1 pupils who consented on Thursday 27th February.

### YEAR 3 PARENTS EVENING

Parents Evening for Year 3 children only will take place on the following days with Miss Abbas whilst Mr Hudson is away. Appointment forms were sent home earlier this week for you to select your preferred date and time slot.

**Tuesday 3rd March:** 4.00pm to 6.00pm

**Wednesday 4th March:** 5.00pm to 7.00pm

### YEAR 2 PARENTS EVENING

As Mrs Ramalli was poorly for the Wednesday 12th February Parents Evening, all pre-arranged appointment times for this night have been rescheduled to Wednesday 26th February. All appointment times remain the same, but just on a different night. Thank you

### VISION SCREENING – RECEPTION CLASS

The children in Reception class will have their eyes tested on **Tuesday 25th February**. Letters were sent home mid January which only needed a consent slip returning by parents if they wished to opt out of the vision screening.

### NETBALL

Netball will start again with Mrs Monks on Tuesday's after half term (3.20pm to 4.15pm).

### CRICKET

Cricket with Mrs Monks will continue after half term until around the middle of March, but will then be replaced by High 5 netball.

### ABSENCES

If your child is not well enough for school, or will be late in due to an appointment, please ensure that you contact school by 9.00am either by telephone, email to the school office, or by submitting an absence form on the school website. Thank you

**Tel:** 01772 795676

**Email:** office@longsands.lancsngfl.ac.uk

**Website:** www.longsandscp.org.uk

## Mrs McKeown's Message

After the stormy weather we have had and it seems more to come, the children have remained intact this half term and are ready for their break. It has been pleasing to see the number of parents who have taken up the various information opportunities this week. These opportunities have ranged from parents evening about your child's progress, safer internet meeting and our second general information evening. Year 3 parents evening forms have already been sent out along with the children's questionnaire. Our shared vision of 'Together Everyone Achieves More' is being demonstrated and developed through these regular meetings and questionnaires and chances to involve the whole school community. Have a lovely half term break!!

### COOL MILK

If you would like your child to have milk in school, this needs to be ordered by parents directly from **Cool Milk**. This can be done by visiting **www.coolmilk.com**

Please note that in order for your child to receive milk the first week back after half term, this will need to have been ordered before **5.00pm on Tuesday 18th February**.

If you place your order after this time, your child's school milk will begin week commencing Monday 2nd March.

### PTFA QUIZ NIGHT

The PTFA are still looking for a budding Richard Osman to help them host their Quiz Night on **Friday 6th March**. Could anyone help? Tickets for the event will go on sale **Monday 24th February** on a first come, first served basis as numbers are limited. Have you picked your team name yet?

Contact: LongsandsPTFA@gmail.com

### UNWANTED GIFT DONATIONS

Do you have any unwanted gifts from the festive season? If you have, the PTFA would gratefully receive any donations of items that you would not use. Please pop them into a bag marked 'PTFA Donations' and either hand to a PTFA member or at the school office. Thank you

### EASYFUNDRAISING – PTFA

#### EasyFundraising Link

The PTFA would love it if you signed up to Easyfundraising to raise money for school – and it won't cost you anything. Create an account and do your online shopping with over 3000+ shops included. Longsands PTFA will receive a donation from the shops you purchase items from. Getting travel and insurance through one of the providers linked to Easyfundraising means a higher percentage donation to them, all from a few clicks more!

## Don't Forget

### MONDAY 24th FEBRUARY 2020

- School Returns 8.55am
- Spanish Club (3.20pm – 4.20pm)
- Ballet

### TUESDAY 25th FEBRUARY 2020

- Reception Class Vision Screening
- Recorder Club (YR2 – YR6) 3.20pm to 4.00pm
- Keyboard Lessons
- KS2 Lunchtime Singing Club with Mrs Eaves
- Netball with Mrs Monks (3.20pm to 4.15pm)
- Boys Football (3.20pm – 4.15pm)
- Ballet

### WEDNESDAY 26th FEBRUARY 2020

- Year 5 & 6 Lunch Time Maths Club with Mr Munro
- Cricket Club with Mrs Monks 3.20pm to 4.15pm
- Swimming Year 4 (am)

### THURSDAY 27th FEBRUARY 2020

- Guitar Lessons
- Computing Club (payable in advance) for Year 4 to Year 6. 3.20pm to 4.20pm

### FRIDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2020

- Good Work Assembly 9.10am
- Games Club with Mrs Ramalli (by invitation) at lunch time.
- Church Club with Fr. Keith from 3.20pm to 4.00pm.
- Girls Football

### SATURDAY 29th FEBRUARY

- Longsands Community Garden Event 10am to 5pm

### SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

WC 24/02/20 - **WEEK 1**

## Happy Birthday

LUKE, CHLOE, LEO AND YUSHA

## Dinner Table Stars

HUGO, ALICE & HANNAH

Have a lovely  
half term



RECEPTION: 95.06%  
YEAR 1: 96.83%  
YEAR 2: 95.88%  
YEAR 3: 97.69%  
YEAR 4: 97.39%  
YEAR 5: 95.78%  
YEAR 6: 97.69%

## Pupils of the Week

RECEPTION: HUGO  
YEAR 1: MILA & GEORGIA  
YEAR 2: SEBASTIAN  
YEAR 3: AMELIA  
YEAR 4: JACK  
YEAR 5: KAYLA  
YEAR 6: JACK

## Longsands Values

RECEPTION: JOSHUA  
YEAR 1: DAISIE  
YEAR 2: ALL OF YEAR 2  
YEAR 3: ELLIE  
YEAR 4: GRACE  
YEAR 5: ARCHIE  
YEAR 6: MAX



Dear Parent/Carers

As we approach the 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 24<sup>th</sup> February.

School Meals for the remainder of the Term (Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April) would be £69.00.

For those children who enjoy Favourite Fridays, costs are £2.30 per meal / £13.80 for the rest of this term.

During the Half Term break I will be reviewing all of the meals taken and making sure that all Parentpay account are correct.

School meals MUST 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.

You may remember I mentioned that 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. I had hoped to be contact parents concerned last half term but with advise from LCC Debt recovery team I have had to breakdown all of the information further which has taken some time. Letters will be going out the week commencing 24th February.

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/carers have any issues or concerns with paying for school meal's, please feel free to contact the myself or Mrs McKeown.

Mr Coyne  
School Business Manager

# CHANGE4LIFE FESTIVAL



Henry, Myan, Dylan G, Dylan C, Haris, Kinza, Bryony, Zaina, Harriet, Siyana, Arisha and Lois.

We had an enjoyable afternoon at the Change4Life Festival on Tuesday afternoon. This was organised Preston North End Community College Students and involved lots of different skills from different sports including hockey, football, tennis and basketball. Well done to everyone involved!!



# THANK YOU!!



Thank you to our Year 5 parents and carers for your recent donations in the recent silver tube challenge. We have been able to buy a new listening station, six pairs of headphones and a set of audio CD's for class.

# KSI ONLY

## STREET DANCE

## Cheerleading



## MUSICAL THEATRE

## JAZZ



A great way  
to start your  
day!!!

**BUILD CONFIDENCE**

Have **FUN!**

**LEARN NEW SKILLS**

Dance with friends!



Every Wednesday Morning 8:00AM to 8:50AM

START DATE: 26 Feb/20 END DATE: 01 April /20

CHILDS NAME:

SCHOOL YEAR:

PARENT / GUARDIAN:

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

T:

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.



CHEQUES PAYABLE TO  
SALLY HOWARD

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.



LONGSANDS SCHOOL PTFA

# QUIZ NIGHT

ALL YOU NEED  
is  
**POCKET MONEY**  
and **CHANGE**  
for the  
**INTERVAL GAMES** and  
**REFRESHMENTS!**

Friday 6th March

7pm

Lonsdale Club  
Fulwood  
PR2 8DB

Adult £6    Child £4    Pre-school child free  
Teams of up to 8 people

**\*\*Ticket price includes all quiz rounds and supper\*\***

Interval games include Kids Quick Bingo, Football Cards,  
Lemon in Bucket, Buzzer and Penny on a Chocolate Bar!

**Parentkind**  
Member Association



# HOW TO SIGN UP TO EASYFUNDRAISING (PC)

1. Go to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and search for Longsands School PTFA



2. Choose to support this cause by clicking here



3. Register by creating your own account

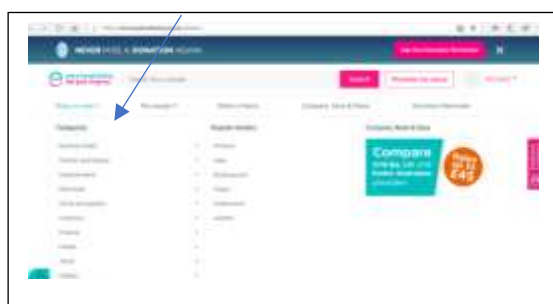


4. Once you're registered you can start shopping!



5. There are hundreds of retailers to choose from.

Browse the retailers

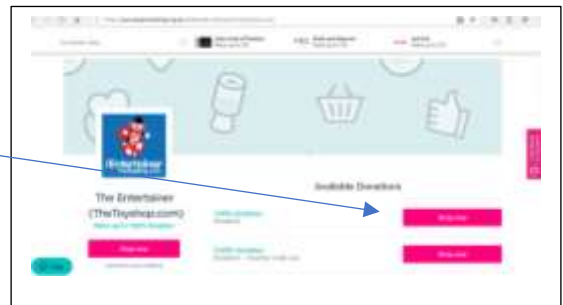


Or use the A-Z feature





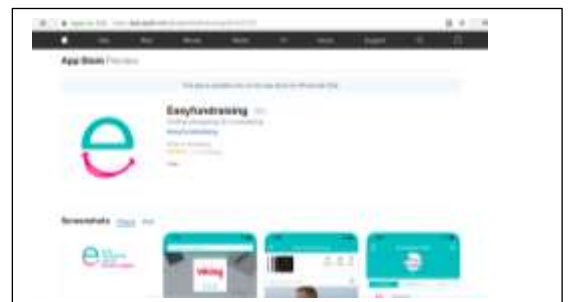
6. Once you've found the retailer, click on it and then click on 'shop now'



7. Then start shopping!



8. If you prefer, you can also download an Easyfundraising App on your Android or IOS Mobile and register to shop that way.



9. There is also a donation reminder you can set up so that it reminds you to go through Easyfundraising (please note this is only available for PCs at the minute – Easyfundraising are working on a donation reminder app for IOS and Android)

