



LONGSANDS LINK – 6th March 2020

OPERATION ENCOMPASS

Our school is part of Operation Encompass. This is a police and education early intervention safeguarding partnership which supports children and young people who experience Domestic Abuse. Operation Encompass means that the police will share information about Domestic Abuse incidents with our school PRIOR to the start of the next school day when they have been called to a domestic incident.

Our Key Adults are: **Mrs McKeown** (Headteacher/DSL/SENCO) and **Mr Coyne** (School Business Manager). The Operation Encompass information is stored in line with all other confidential safeguarding and child protection information. We have also discussed how we can support our children following the Operation Encompass notification. We are aware that we must do nothing that puts the child/ren or the non-abusing adult at risk. The Safeguarding Governor will report on Operation Encompass in the termly report to Governors. All information is anonymised for these reports.

The Key Adult will have used the Operation Encompass Toolkit to ensure that all appropriate actions have been taken by school.

SKIPPING EVENT

We will be having a skipping workshop in school on **Monday 9th March**. Skipping ropes will be available to buy, children's ropes are £4.00 each and adult ropes are £5.50 each.

YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6

Next week the children in Year 5 and Year 6 will be doing Food Technology and making a vegetarian meal as part of our Healthy Wonder Week. If there are any children with dietary requirements, please reply to the text we sent to parents this morning. Thank you

BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays are a fun and exciting time, if you do wish to send in treats or cake for your child to give to their friends at the end of the school day, we are happy for them to do this as long as birthday cakes are pre-sliced and wrapped ready to take home. Thank you

OUR RIVERS & WATER CYCLE WORKSHOP

The children in Year 4 would like to share their learning of the recent workshop on Rivers and The Water Cycle with parents and carers on **Tuesday 31st March** in the school hall at **2.30pm**.

THE SUN BOOK TOKENS

Thank you to everyone that recently collected tokens from The Sun newspaper for books for school. We had a fabulous delivery of new books this week for the children to enjoy. We have added a photograph attached to the Link.

Mrs McKeown's Message

Little Zoo, Rocksteady workshop, Water Cycle workshop, and Scholastic book company have all visited school since the beginning of this half term to enable your children to have the opportunity to add to so many memorable experiences we have offered them over the year so far. Year 2 have been to Holly Farm and Year 5 have had a local walk. I took some children to Bluebells and First Steps nurseries earlier in the week for a group of Year 4 children to read stories to their pre-schoolers. Our children said that they felt a bit scared about it, but once they opened their books I could not have been more proud of how they really engaged the pre-schoolers in asking questions, intonation and enthusiasm. Have a lovely weekend.

PE KITS

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school every day, and not just on the days that they have a PE lesson. If additional sports activities occur in school, your child cannot take part if they do not have their kit with them.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS

If you see any suspicious activity at school outside of school hours, please call **101** to report crime and other concerns that do not require an emergency response, and **999** for those that do. We would be grateful if you would also email Mrs McKeown on the same date to notify her of your concerns to:

head@longsands.lancsnfl.ac.uk

YEAR 6 – TREE PLANTING

The children in Year 6 need to bring their wellies or a pair of old shoes to school with them on Wednesday 11th March, as they will be planting a tree. A named carrier bag will also be needed to put their dirty boots or shoes in afterwards.

PTFA – AVIVA COMMUNITY FUND

We wanted to let parents know that Longsands PTFA have been accepted onto the Aviva Community Fund Programme and their project is now live!! Their aim is to raise another £500 for one more bench for the school's outdoor learning space. Please share/forward the link below with all of your family and friends. The idea is to gain national support as well. The more people reached, the better our chances are of gaining donations and hitting our target.

AVIVA COMMUNITY FUND LINK

Each Aviva employee will be given £15 on the 10th March to put into a charity of their choosing and we would like that to be us! Aviva and the public are more likely to donate if they see the project being supported, so please share our message and let's see if we can hit £500 by 22nd April. If you have any questions, please let us know. Longsands PTFA can be contacted at **LongsandsPTFA@gmail.com**

Don't Forget

MONDAY 9th MARCH 2020

- Skipping Workshop
- Swimming Gala (Selected Team)
- Spanish Club (3.20pm – 4.20pm)
- Scholastic Book Fayre
- Ballet

TUESDAY 10th MARCH 2020

- 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)
- No Boys Football Club
- Longsands Boys V St Clare's to be played at Corpus Christi
- Ballet

WEDNESDAY 11th MARCH 2020

- Little Zoo After School Club (session 2 of 4)
- Year 5 & 6 Lunch Time Maths Club with Mr Munro
- Cricket Club with Mrs Monks
- Swimming Year 4 (am)

THURSDAY 12th MARCH 2020

- Guitar Lessons
- Indoor Cricket at Preston's College
- Computing Club (payable in advance) for Year 4 to Year 6. 3.20pm to 4.20pm

FRIDAY 13th MARCH 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
- Tri-Golf at Preston's College

THANK YOU!!

Mrs Calvert would like to send sincere thanks to everyone that came along to the Community Gardening event last Saturday, it was really appreciated! The trees have now arrived, if these parents & carers would like to pop in after school on either Monday, Tuesday or Friday they can collect their tree.

BOYS FOOTBALL

There will not be a boy's football session on Tuesday next week as there is a football match taking place against St. Clare's Primary School.

This match will be played at Corpus Christi.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

WC 09/03/20 - **WEEK 3**

YEAR 4

The children in **Year 4** need to bring their wellies and a named carrier bag (to put them in afterwards), for tree planting on **Friday 13th March.**



Our target attendance at Longsands is **96%**.

RECEPTION: 95.26%

YEAR 1: 96.96%

YEAR 2: 95.90%

YEAR 3: 97.69%

YEAR 4: 97.36%

YEAR 5: 95.78%

YEAR 6: 97.65%

Pupil's Choice Award

JACK – Year 4

Pupils of the Week

RECEPTION: LUCAS

YEAR 1: ARIA

YEAR 2: MAXWELL

YEAR 3: JASPER

YEAR 4: JENNA

YEAR 5: SHRIYA

YEAR 6: TOBY

Dinner Table Stars

CARTER, EVELYN and MAXWELL

Happy Birthday

ANUSHKA, ESMAIL & ISLA

Longsands Values

RECEPTION: JACK

YEAR 1: ALICE

YEAR 2: ADAM

YEAR 3: NATHAN

YEAR 4: LEXI M.

YEAR 5: DYLAN

YEAR 6: RIYA



TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS

2020 - 2021

Autumn Term 2020

INSET DAY 1

Tuesday 1st September 2020

School Returns

Wednesday 2nd September 2020

Half Term Holidays

Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October 2020

Closure after school

Friday 18th December 2020 at **2.00pm**

Spring Term 2021

INSET DAY 2

Monday 4th January 2021

School Returns

Tuesday 5th January 2021

Half Term Holidays

Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February 2021

Closure after school

Friday 26th March 2021 at **2.00pm**

Summer Term 2021

School Returns

Monday 12th April 2021

May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 3rd May 2021

Half Term Holidays

Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June 2021

INSET DAY 3

Monday 7th June 2021

INSET DAY 4

Tuesday 8th June 2021

INSET DAY 5

Wednesday 9th June 2021

School Returns

Thursday 10th June 2021

Closure after school

Tuesday 20th July 2021 at **2.00pm**

Longsands PTFA & AVIVA Community Fund Programme



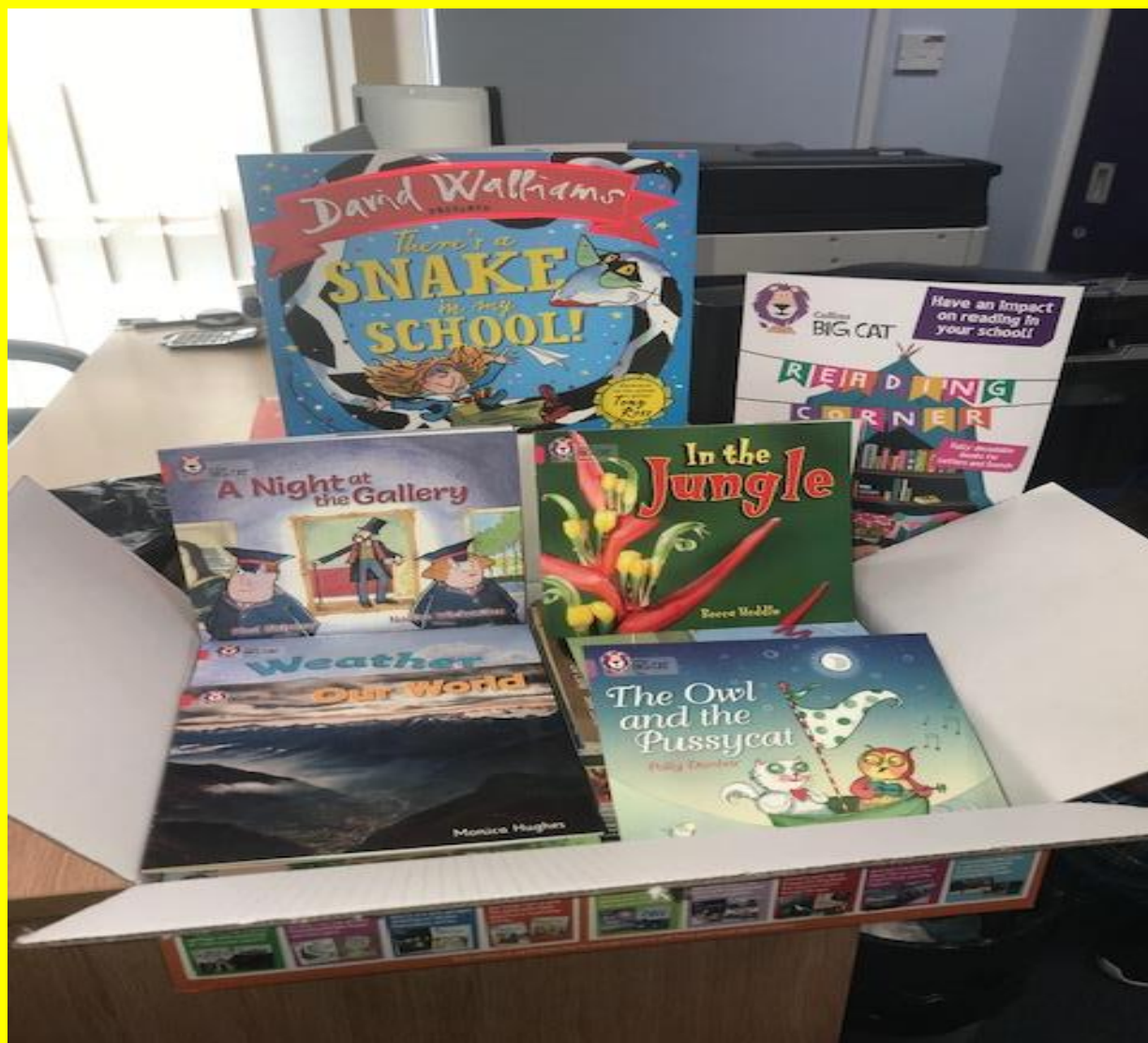
<https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/where-the-acorns-will-bloom>

**PLEASE SUPPORT US BY PLEDGING A DONATION OR
SHARING THIS LINK WITH ALL YOUR
SOCIAL MEDIA CONTACTS**

**ANY CONTRIBUTION LARGE OR SMALL WILL BE
GREATLY APPRECIATED**

**WE HAVE UNTIL 22ND APRIL 2020 TO RAISE OUR
TARGET OF £500**

**MORE DETAILS ARE ON THE LINK AND OUR
FACEBOOK PAGE**





CONFIDENCE BOOSTING IN SCHOOL ROCK & POP BAND LESSONS



Book your place online today!
rocksteadymusicschool.com

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Band lessons on the electric guitar, drums, keyboard or vocals will soon be available at your child's school through a visiting tutor from Rocksteady Music School. Lessons can build children's **confidence**, grow **teamwork** and **social skills** whilst enhancing **wellbeing** along the way.

More information about lessons:

- Choose from **drums, guitar, keyboard, or vocals** subject to availability. Lessons take place during school time and are open to all year groups, with no experience necessary. All instruments are provided.
- Your child will learn their **favourite songs** in a ½ hour weekly band practice, led by a visiting Rocksteady Band Leader. A proven way of giving them a great musical grounding.
- Rehearsals build towards a **live performance** each term. A fun way for your child to build their self-confidence and show both you and their friends just how far they've come.
- A highlight of the week for £31.25 a month (*No payment in August*). There's a **money back guarantee** for the first month and you are free to cancel at any time.
- Research shows that music lessons support children's progress at school. By **boosting language and literacy skills, developing co-ordination, and strengthening social skills**.

Places are offered on a first come first served basis. Find out more and book your child's place online at www.rocksteadymusicschool.com

Kind Regards,

Mark Robinson
Rocksteady Music School



*If you prefer to speak to someone about signing up for lessons, we'd love to talk to you, just call our local rate number **0330 113 0330** 8am-5pm Monday to Friday*



WHAT DO PARENTS SAY ABOUT LESSONS?

It's a very child centred, progressive and pastoral way of teaching and I cannot recommend Rocksteady highly enough.

Justine

Watching her confidence and her loving every minute of being a Rockstar has made me immensely proud.

Katie

My daughter who has previously been held back due to shyness and a lack of confidence, sang her song with a smile and can't wait to carry on the lessons.

Jenny

I enrolled my daughter into Rocksteady on the last term of her infant school and wish I'd enrolled her earlier!

Victoria

Jimmy has absolutely loved being part of Rocksteady since year 3! You've given him great confidence and a real love for music, especially drumming!

Louise

My son has lots of issues with **self-confidence**, but Rocksteady is completely transforming him. He actually sang in the concert this week!

Sarah

He looked forward to going to school on Rocksteady days. Even when he had a sick day, he asked 'Can you take me just in time for Rocksteady?'

Kalai

It was a special moment seeing my autistic son on stage. He used to cover his ears and ask us to turn it off whenever we played him music, and now he is enjoying it and taking part in a band!

Lorna

For a child with dyspraxia who struggles to co-ordinate herself to write in class, it's been amazing seeing her take to drumming.

Fiona

Enrol online today!
rocksteadymusicschool.com