

LONGSANDS PTFA

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HELLO

We hope that everyone is keeping safe and well during this rather strange time. School is doing an amazing job to get us through this crisis, and we thank them for their continued support to us all.

The PTFA are sad that we won't be able to organise any events for the foreseeable future that involve everyone getting together but people's safety is the most paramount thing.

So, we have cancelled our summer term activities: wacky hair day, Spring disco and Olympic afternoon. However, we've had some fantastic entries in our Easter-in-the-home-nest challenge! Seeing all these imaginative creations will cheer us up! Well done to all the children who have participated and who will receive recognition on our return to school! If your child has done an Easter craft, send a picture to us: longsandsptfa@gmail.com.



Kira Year 5

Just look at these!



Luke Year 2 and Ryan Year 4



Lily Year 2



Martha Year 2



Harvey Year 2



Holly Year 2



Sam Year 2

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Aviva Community Project

When the Covid-19 situation escalated, all promotion to fundraise for our fifth bench through the Aviva Community Project was suspended. We weren't comfortable asking people to make donations when such a crisis emerged.



Everyone now had a heightened mental and emotional situation thrown on them, and a greater worry over health, jobs, family, finances, and an unknown future became a necessary reality.

Although we are still very passionate about the project, we believe that it was not the right time to forge ahead and try to complete it. However, we think that the project will be even *more important* when we do return to school. It will be part of an outdoor space that will be crucial to get children and people interacting again in a more open and perceived lower risk environment, e.g. outside.

Aviva has extended the project for us for another three months until mid-July. We can extend for a further three months again if we have to, but as with everything, we will monitor it going forward. When schools return in whatever capacity, we will have a better idea about how we can complete the fundraising target.

For everyone who has donated so far, thank you.

Online Ways to Support the PTFA

We still have ways you can help us gain donations for the PTFA *without having to donate yourselves*. We understand that people have to financially prioritize, especially in unknown and difficult times such as this. But a few extra clicks or quoting a number to register your support will continue to help the PTFA.

Easyfundraising.org.uk

All you need to do is register with [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk), then use their website to take you to where you want to shop.

It is FREE for you to use. Please get involved! They have regular offers as well, like donating an extra amount if you refer a friend, or some shops do double donations when you purchase something.

Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use #easyfundraising to shop with them! Visit https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/longsandsschoolptfa/?utm_campaign=raise-more

Also, any business can register and help us raise funds through their everyday office purchases, e.g. Viking Ltd for stationery. Would your firm be willing to sign up and help us?

Stikins Labels

For anyone buying Stikins labels (www.stikins.co.uk), please use our code - **35371**. The PTFA receive 30% commission on orders, which is very beneficial to keep funds coming in. Get ready early for starting in September – the school have issued the uniform list for the next academic year.

PLEASE KEEP SAFE AND WELL