

LONGSANDS PTFA

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HELLO

We hope that everyone is still keeping safe and well. We know that not everyone is on Facebook, which is where we have posted some updates. Therefore, we have produced this newsletter to duplicate all the information we have been posting.

Year 6

Year 6, we are sad that you will have a different end to your primary school years, but you are the perfect year to have a reunion in the future! We can't donate to your leavers' meal since it can't be organised due to the present circumstances, so we've put into school a donation to go towards your hoodies.

After will Matter - AVIVA Project

We wanted to tell you that we've extended our project with Aviva. This means we have 40 more days to try and reach our target of £500.

Schools in Lancashire have been advised to delay their return to school for now. But we need to put things in place to make sure the children are coming back into as positive and vibrant a learning environment as possible.

We believe that the outside space in school will be ever more important. Getting the money together for a set of benches will probably turn out to be one of the best things for the children going back into school. Learning outside will reduce the time children and staff are in the same enclosed space, even when social distancing rules are in place.

Everyone will need somewhere to sit. So, our benches will be the perfect place!

We understand that many are still experiencing financial challenges, but even if you had a spare £1 you could donate, we would receive it gratefully. We have extended our invitation to donate into the local community too, as we hope they will benefit from our benches as well, e.g. special visits.

Going into the next academic year, we will be restricted in our fundraising, so it's really important that we try and reach our target with Aviva. <https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/where-the-acorns-will-bloom>

You can help us raise money without donating a penny

When the world turned upside down, the PTFA took the view that we did not think it fair to continue fundraising for the school at that current time. People faced so much uncertainty. We stopped promoting our project with Aviva as well.

Life will be slow at getting back to 'normal', whatever that normal will be. Apart from restrictions in place about face-to-face fundraising, we still take the view that people will need time to get themselves back on track in every area of life. Therefore, our fundraising for the school will be minimal over the next few months.

There is a way you can donate to us without giving us a penny. Whenever you shop online, if you could do it through easyfundraising the PTFA would be able to keep money trickling in from donations made by the companies who you've shopped with. Please sign up here, it's completely **free**:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/longsandsschoolptfa/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=c19-f2

Ties

We are hoping to purchase school ties for parents to buy. What kind would you prefer - elastic, velcro, clip or traditional?

We have had enquires about what kind of velcro and clip are offered, which we will find out about next week. We can order a mix. If you have a particular preference, please email it into school or into longsandspfta@gmail.com.

More information will be available on ties soon, once we receive our sample back.

KEEP STAYING SAFE AND WELL