



LONGSANDS LINK – 11th September 2020

Mrs McKeown's Message

The Longsands Link is back after six months break! Your children have settled back into school calmly and seem to be relishing the structure of their school day again. You will have seen the 25 years banner at the corner of school and of course, the original activities planned will have to be adapted. Thank you to Mrs Garth and the company where she works for providing the banner. I am meeting with Mrs Cooper next week to chat about plans for the year and any activities we can have that will provide enjoyment at the same time as safety. Any ideas please let us know. The picnic benches have arrived and we are currently finding a safe place to store them so all children throughout school can benefit from using them as an outside classroom. We have contacted the Grounds Maintenance team this week about coming to trim back the bushes and hedges around school and by the exterior fences. Keeping safe online is very important especially for applications such as TikTok, please be vigilant. Take care and keep in touch.

PSHE ZOOM MEETING

(Personal Social Health Education)

Further to the letter that we sent home yesterday about the changes to the PSHE curriculum, if you would like to be included in the PSHE Zoom Information Event on **Thursday 17th September at 6.30pm**, please email your details to Mrs McKeown as soon as possible, then an invitation link can be sent to you in plenty of time.
head@longsands.lancsngfl.ac.uk

UNIFORM

It is lovely seeing the children looking so smart in their uniforms around school. Don't forget to make sure that all items of clothing, shoes, ties, PE kits, trainers etc have the children's names inside either with pen or a label. Great quality labels can be ordered from Stikins and if you quote this fundraising number **35371**, our PTFA will raise commission on each order placed.

Stikins Website

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

WC 14/09/20 - **WEEK 3**

LONGSANDS WEBSITE

www.longsandscp.org.uk

Welcome Back!

ADMISSIONS TO PRIMARY SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2021

If you have a child who has their 4th birthday between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021, you must now apply for their place in Primary School. You still need to make an application even if they have a brother or sister at your chosen school. Applications should be made online to Lancashire County Council at **www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools**
It is quick and easy to do, and you will receive an email confirmation of your application. The deadline for all September 2021 applications is 11.59pm on **15th January 2021**.

ADMISSION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

If your child is in Year 6, it is now time to apply for their place in High School. You must still make an application even if they have a brother or sister at your chosen school. Applications should be made online to Lancashire County Council at **www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools**
The deadline for all applications is 11.59pm on **31st October 2020**

COVID-19 HELPLINE

The Department for Education Corona Virus (COVID-19) helpline is available to answer questions relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline for advice by calling 0800 046 8687, Monday to Friday (8.00am – 6.00pm).



Our target attendance at Longsands is 96%.

RECEPTION: 100%

YEAR 1: 97.04%

YEAR 2: 95.45%

YEAR 3: 96.65%

YEAR 4: 95.65%

YEAR 5: 95.61%

YEAR 6: 97.96%

DATA COLLECTION SHEETS

The children in Year 1 to Year 6 will have brought home a data collection sheet this week. If you haven't already done so, please would you check that all details and contact numbers are correct, update any missing information, and then sign and return this form back to school. We will then update our records accordingly.



COOL MILK

If you would like your child to have milk in school, please contact Cool Milk directly to order this.

You must order by **5.00pm Tuesday** of the week before you wish milk to begin. If you miss that deadline it will begin the following week.

Cool Milk Website

HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

As we have new parents to school who may not be aware of the process, please could we remind everyone that leave within school term time will not be authorised by Mrs McKeown, unless the reason is for an exceptional circumstance. A term time leave form should be completed and submitted to school as soon as you know that there is a possibility that your child will be absent from school. If the absence isn't authorised, it will be recorded as unauthorised term time leave. If the amount of days taken hits the threshold for a penalty notice from the Local Education Authority, these are £120 per parent, per child. If these penalties are paid within 21 days of the issue date, the charges will reduce to £60 per parent, per child.

Happy Birthday

Aria Ferdowsian
Douglas Case-Upton
Iman Riaz
Sam McLellan
Hannah Peethala



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY

SOUTH

**Do you have a child starting primary school
in September 2021 and living in Lancashire?**

APPLY NOW!

WWW.LANCASHIRE.GOV.UK/SCHOOLS

or give us a call on 01772 532109

CLOSING DATE: 15 JANUARY 2021

You **must** apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school,
or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Between 1 October and 31 January schools are consulting with you to
make sure admission arrangements meet future needs. To find out more please
visit www.lancashire.gov.uk and search 'School Admission Policies'.

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SECONDARY

SOUTH

Do you have a child starting secondary school
in September 2021 and living in Lancashire?

APPLY NOW!

WWW.LANCASHIRE.GOV.UK/SCHOOLS

or give us a call on 01772 532109

CLOSING DATE: 31 OCTOBER 2020

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Between 1 October and 31 January schools are consulting with you to make sure admission arrangements meet future needs. To find out more please visit www.lancashire.gov.uk and search 'School Admission Policies'.

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Preston Football Development



At Preston College (3G Pitch),
St Vincent's Road, Fulwood, PR2 8RA
Starting on Saturday 19th September 2020

In association with First Kick Football

School years - Reception and Year 1

School years - Year 2 and Year 3

School years - Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6

9:30pm - 10:15pm

10:15pm - 11:00pm

11:00pm - 12:00pm



Dear Parents,

I am pleased to tell you that places are now available to join a new **12-week football course at Preston College (3G Pitch)**, which is open to both boys and girls.

Our courses teach children correct football techniques by FA qualified coaches who have full DBS (CRB) clearance to work with children. The structure for the course is 'FUN through Football,' building confidence for total beginners and moving onto more complex sessions for experienced players.

We provide a **ball per player** for the majority of our drills ensuring children get more touches of the ball and improve quicker than conventional coaching where children are waiting around to have a turn. The sessions will be held outdoor on the AstroTurf. Players are also advised to bring a still drink and hand sanitiser for the session.

The club has links to local junior teams of which players will be able to play for at the weekend. Players who show advanced ability on the course will be recommended for trials at professional academies. Players who have previously attended courses are currently playing for Blackburn Rovers, Preston North End, Manchester United, Liverpool, Blackpool, Everton, Burnley, Bolton, Oldham, Rochdale and Wigan.

The cost of the course is just £5.00 per week, which is payable in two instalments of £30. The first payment is due when booking your child on and the second payment due at the first session. Parents are encouraged to watch the sessions but are welcome to leave children, as every session is fully supervised.

****NEW TOURNAMENT FORMAT****

Every four weeks we have a tournament in order for the children to put their new-found skills into practice with medals awarded for various categories.

ALL PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY at the presentation, which is held on the final week of the course. Additional trophies will also be awarded in each group from categories including; Best Attitude, Star Player, Most Improved Player, Most Promising Player and Hardest Working Player.

To book a place for your child please telephone the number below as soon as possible as a high response is expected.



Gareth

**TO BOOK PLEASE TELEPHONE
01772 428 086 or 07514 316534**



We cannot be held responsible for loss or damage to property or clothing
Please note we have a strict no refund policy once the course has been booked