

LONGSANDS LINK – 9th October 2020

Mrs McKeown's Message

Just two more weeks until our first half term comes to a close. It has been a very unusual start to a new school year but with all of us working together we are making it work. Your children understand bubbles, the importance of handwashing and why staff are wearing masks out of the classroom now.

It is a real shame I do not see all the children as much as I used to, but I can still come to the classroom doors and see how busy they all are and I do get to see them over lunchtime.

On Wednesday 21st October we will have a film crew in school to make a short film on Longsands School. If you would prefer your child not to be included on any footage, please would you let me know by emailing:

head@longsands.lancsngfl.ac.uk

I hope that you are all busy making scarecrows, as I know the children will really enjoy searching for them during half term and are getting excited to take part in this activity with you.

Have a lovely weekend and try and enjoy the Autumn sun if we get any. Mrs McKeown

PSHE FUNDRAISING DAY

Thank you to everyone that has donated towards the YoungMinds charity today, and we have had some fabulous yellow accessories to celebrate today's mental health fundraising day. Well done everyone!

Pupils of the Week

RECEPTION: MAX YEAR 1: TOBIAS YEAR 2: ADEOLUWA YEAR 3: ADAM YEAR 4: JASPER YEAR 5: LEO YEAR 6: McKENZIE

APPLY NOW! APPLY ON TIME FOR A SCHOOL PLACE

The Local Authority's shared campaign with schools to reduce the number of late applicants for 2021 admissions is well underway. Their research clearly pointed to the fact that primary school support and assistance to families was a key factor to on-time applications.

Current Year 6 pupils who are due to transfer to high school in September 2021 need to apply by 11.59pm on the statutory closing date of 31st October 2020.

Children who are due to to start **Reception** class at primary school in September 2021, (these are children who have their 4th birthday between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021), need to apply by 11.59pm on the statutory closing date of 15th January 2021.

Should you need any help, support or guidance, the Pupil Access Office Contacts are listed below:

> **Preston, South Ribble, West Lancashire and Chorley:** Telephone 01772 532109

Lancashire County Council Team: 01772 531676

Applications to be made by the closing date can be done using this direct link:

CLICK HERE TO APPLY!

RECEPTION CLASS – SAY CHEESE!

A photographer from the Lancashire Post will be at school on Thursday 15th October to take a class photograph of Reception, for their annual new starter supplement.

Longsands Values

RECEPTION: ELLIS YEAR 1: MILO YEAR 2: MIA **YEAR 3: JAMIE** YEAR 4: ELLIE YEAR 5: ALL YEAR 5 YEAR 6: ELLIOT



REMEMBER TO REGULARLY WASH YOUR HANDS.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT POLICY

We have attached our current School Development Policy to this week's Link, please have a look through it. Thank you

ARRIVING AT SCHOOL ON TIME

We appreciate that at times certain circumstances will be inevitable, but please try to arrive on time to school at your designated year group time slot. Arriving late to school can disrupt your class and is unsettling for your child. We will be monitoring late arrivals moving forward, so if you struggle with traffic maybe set off a little earlier in the mornings, or prepare all of your bags, uniform etc the night before in preparation the following day. Thank you

PTFA SCARECROW TRAIL

Take a look at the PTFA's Scarecrow Trail Poster that we have attached to this newsletter!

Happy Birthday

Lily, Mia, Jasper and Amber.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU WC 12/10/19 WEEK 1



Our target attendance is 96%.

RECEPTION: 97.19% YEAR 1: 94.14% **YEAR 2: 97.11% YEAR 3:** 95.57% **YEAR 4: 92.62% YEAR 5: 99.26% YEAR 6: 94.37%**



This is our School Development Plan summary for 2020-2021 The areas highlighted are a result of robust self evaluation by the Senior Management Team and staff. Progress and impact is discussed at least termly with Governors.

Quality of education.

To continue to broaden the range of strategies to support inclusion for all groups of children

To embed the emphasis on making our curriculum memorable and practical with regard for continuing to set aspirational targets for all children . PSHE and to develop a successful recovery curriculum for all children to be the main focus this year

Our vision

To create a safe, nurturing environment which enables each child to achieve excellence and a lifelong love of learning. We will encourage all our children to reach their maximum potential, independently through inclusion and first hand discovery learning. We believe we are all individuals with different views, needs and aspirations. We recognise the need for teamwork between staff, parents and children. Together Everyone Achieves more.

Behaviour and attitudes

Increase opportunities for children to display resilience and respect.

Embed the opportunities for pupil voice via assemblies, display, curriculum, discussions and pupil governors.

Embed our high expectations of behaviour through our policy.

Personal development	Leadership and management	Early Years
To embed the nurture and wellbeing of all children and staff and to support mental health .To embed the PSHE curriculum throughout school	To continue to invest in all staff through tailored professional development opportunities For subject leaders to monitor in depth the areas of learning they are responsible for throughout school To continue to engage parents in supporting childrens learning through	To embed aspirational expectations for our children in independence, achievement and relationships. To create an atmosphere of calm and nurture and exciting experiences.

remote learning if required

Longsands CP School PTFA

SCARECROW TRAIL

Saturday 24th October – Sunday 1st November 2020

Can you make a scarecrow and join in the fun?

Let us know by **Wednesday 14th October** if you can by emailing **longsandsptfa@gmail.com**

Follow the trail any time over the week.

Take a torch if you go in the dark!

Find all the clues the scarecrows have and make a message!
Send in your answer to the email above by
Monday 2nd November & you could win a prize!

Maps are available to buy from Friday 23rd October

for £1 each at

Longsands Pharmacy Tesco Fulwood Anderton Arms

