



Welcome Back

Mrs McKeown's Message

This half term is usually spent looking forward to family celebrations including Diwali and Christmas. We usually have our Christmas plays and Christmas Carol concert to which you are invited. However, this year our celebrations will be slightly different. We are also discussing the ways we can still have our parent drop ins we would normally have at this term to discuss settling in and progress. Your child's teacher will be in contact with you via Seesaw to offer you dates and ways of communicating. Please continue to make sure your children stay safe online, and use the safer internet web page for support. Have a lovely weekend and keep in touch.

Mrs McKeown

NASAL FLU VACCINATIONS

The Intrahealth team were in school today to administer nasal flu vaccinations to those pupils who registered. They will be back to do catch up sessions in the New Year for anyone who missed the recent deadline.

Please see the PTFA Newsletter that we have attached to this weeks Longsands Link.

HELP RAISE MONEY FOR THE PTFA BY USING THE LINKS BELOW:

www.easyfundraising.co.uk
www.smile.amazon.co.uk
www.stikins.co.uk

Happy Birthday

KIAAN, FREDDIE, ALICE, OLIVER,
CHLOE-LOUISE and SARA.

Pupils of the Week

RECEPTION: KIAAN
 YEAR 1: MAISIE
 YEAR 2: OSCAR
 YEAR 3: SAIM
 YEAR 4: SARA
 YEAR 5: FINNLEY
 YEAR 6: ZAK

LUNCH MENUS

If you haven't yet returned your lunch menu, please send this back into school next week. Copy menus are available should you require one.

UNIFORM

Please ensure that all of your child's belongings and uniform are clearly labelled with their name. This will help to return lost items to their correct owner if they go missing. Thank you

KS1 (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2)

Please remember the following when dropping off and collecting your children:

- **When entering** school grounds, please use the path by **Bluebells Nursery**, not the staff car park.
- You **do not** need to queue in the playground. Please find a nice socially distanced space for you and your child to wait.
- You may use the staff car park to **leave school** to try and keep everyone acceptably distanced.

KS2 (Year 3 to Year 6)

In the mornings and at home time, please try to keep as socially distanced as you possibly can. As the pathways are quite narrow and space is limited by the front of school, once you have dropped or collected your child please do not use this area for a catch up with friends or other parents.

We are sure that you can understand the need to do this and appreciate the reasons for asking. Thank you

PTFA AGM MEETING

The PTFA will be having their AGM Meeting on **Tuesday 24th November at 7.30pm** via Zoom. If you would like to attend please email them for an invite at:
longsandsptfa@gmail.com

Longsands Values

RECEPTION: ISABELLE
 YEAR 1: CARTER
 YEAR 2: ALICE
 YEAR 3: MARTHA
 YEAR 4: ISLA
 YEAR 5: ISABELLE
 YEAR 6: IMAAN

APPLY 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.

Children who are due 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**.

There is a helpful video that the LCC communications team have put together to assist parents in their applications. This can be viewed by clicking **here**. 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

CLICK HERE TO APPLY!

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you think that you could be entitled to Free School Meals, please click on the link below to register. All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive Universal Free School meals which is different, but if you meet the listed criteria for official free school meal entitlement and apply for it, school will receive funding for this even if your child actually chooses to bring a packed lunch. If you have any queries about this the telephone number for the Local Authority Area Education Office is 01772 532109

FREE SCHOOL MEALS - APPLY HERE

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

(New Autumn and Winter Menu)
**WC 09/11/20
WEEK 2**

LONGSANDS PTFA NEWSLETTER

November 2020



Hello

We hope everyone is keeping safe and well in these continuous and uncertain times.

We want to thank you all for your continued support. We've had a really good response to both events we've run in the first few months of this academic year.

Read on to find out more, and don't forget to look at Page 2 & 3 of our newsletter to see all the scarecrows!

Scarecrow Trail

During the half-term break, we ran our scarecrow trail. There were 42 scarecrows to find locally around the area. One of them was a special guest, the other 41 had a letter that made up a message on the map. There was also a witch and an owl who joined in on the trail, too!

The message was 'HAVE ONE SUPER SCARY SPOOKY BOOTASTIC HALLOWEEN'

51 people entered our prize draws and the winners were:

Message: Naomi Wood
Abigail Harrison
Rebekah Palliser
Lily Esslemont
Ryan Duckworth

Special Scarecrow: Quinn Talbot

We put the 'Wheel of Names' on our Facebook page to announce the winners. They each received a book and some sweets.



This event raised £221, which will be used to benefit all the children at the school.

Card Project

We used MyArtProject again this year to do our card project. They offer the ability to design other cards, not just for Christmas, and you can also buy different kinds of merchandise, like mugs and notebooks.

We received in 98 orders, which was a fantastic amount, more than last year.

Orders should be arriving at the end of November/start of December, and we will give everything out asap.

You can help us raise money without donating a penny

1. Sign up to [easyfundraising.com](https://www.easyfundraising.com) and smile.amazon.co.uk
2. Register an account (email and password) and select 'Longsands PTFA' as your chosen charity
3. Browse the shops in [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.com) or find your goods in smile.amazon.co.uk
4. Click on the shop/goods you want
5. Shop as normal
6. Goods are delivered to you and a donation is given to the PTFA from the shop.

Please consider using these websites because it will really help us to keep a small amount of fundraising going.

The % donation is very small, but if many people registered and shopped this way, we would get more funds.

If you have any questions, please get in touch: longsandsptfa@gmail.com.

Stikins

For anyone buying Stikins labels (www.stikins.co.uk), please use our code - **35371**. The PTFA receives 30% commission on orders.

AGM

Our **PTFA AGM** will take place on

Tuesday 24th November 2020 at 7.30pm.

Due to our current lockdown and keeping with COVID-19 rules, this will take place on zoom.

If you would like to attend, please email longsandsptfa@gmail.com for the link. Anyone is welcome to join in with us.

This meeting will include the formal part we must do every year (the annual review and allocation of roles), as well as the planning for future events.

Also, we are updating our Constitution and current committee members will vote on its approval at this meeting. If you wish to see a copy of our updated Constitution, please email longsandsptfa@gmail.com.

WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD OF SCARECROWS WE HAVE SEEN OVER HALF TERM!



Best Au Natural



Best Disney Character



Best Dressed



Best Cutest Owl



Best Shirt



Best Buddies



Best in Converting a Minion to become a COVID Safe Football Supporter



Best Cover Sensibility



Best in Black



Best Dressed Worker



Best Duo Superheroes



Best Eyes and Wings



Best Female Vocalist



Best in Friends with Legs



Best Glasses



Best Guest Appearances



Best Hat and Accessories



Best Honey Eater



Best Julia Donaldson Characters (Betty O'Barley and Harry Hay)



Best Dressed for Winter



Best in Landing after a Firebolt Technical Fault



Best in Landing after a Nimbus 2000 Technical Fault



Best Lone Superhero



Best in Most Relaxed



Best in Most Stoic despite needing vet attention



Best Nose and Colourful Trousers



Best Patchwork Leggings



Best in Pet Lookalike



Best Recreation of a Kid's Cartoon Character



Best in Revenge



Best in Safety



Best in School Uniform



Best in Self Sufficiency



Best Smile



Best Special Appearance



Best Strongest Arms



Best Sun Tan



Best in Tallest



Best Winter Sledger



Best in Youngest



Best Witch in the House



Best in Visibility

Is Covid-19 hurting your family?

Struggling to cope?

Feeling isolated?

Worried for your children?

There's somewhere safe to get help and support.

Call us free on 0800 157 7015

We're there 9am-9pm Monday to Friday, and 10am-6pm at weekends.

Or visit barnardos.org.uk/c19

