



## LONGSANDS LINK – 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020

### Mrs McKeown's Message

On the link this week you will find some Christmas dates for each class in school. As you will appreciate the usual performances and Carols you would normally be invited to will sadly not happen this year.

I would like to urge you to look at the online LCC document 'Proposed 2022-2023 admission policies for consultation'. This document outlines the consultation process you can access to possibly alter our catchment area for Longsands School. A group of Governors and I are in talks with the Lancashire admissions team to find out more on how the removal could affect those of you who live in the Longsands area.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs McKeown

### SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

This year our school Christmas lunch will be on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**. We have attached a poster with the menu which has meat and vegetarian options. The cost of the meal is **£2.30**, but is free for those children who receive free school meals and for the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who receive Universal Free School Meals. This will replace the meal which would normally be scheduled on that day.

As the kitchen need to place their food order in advance and will need to know how many extra dinners will be required on the day, **the deadline for ordering a Christmas dinner by ParentPay is Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December.**

### WARMER CLOTHES REMINDER

Mrs McKeown added the advice below to her message on the Longsands Link from 23<sup>rd</sup> October. As the weather gets colder it is worth bearing in mind.

*As we approach the Winter months school will have to continue to keep classrooms well ventilated due to Covid prevention guidance. We will still expect school uniform to be worn, but extra under layers will be acceptable and children may also wear their PE blue zipped top on non PE days.*



### CHRISTMAS DATES

#### RECEPTION CLASS

**07/12/20** - Making a Christmas card.

**11/12/20** – Pupils may bring in Christmas cards for their friends (See Information in Year 1 and Year 2)

**14/12/20** – Pupils may bring in Christmas cards for their friends. (See Information in Year 1 and Year 2)

**wc 14/12/20** - Christmas song for Parents on Seesaw.

**16/12/20** – DVD Morning (film choice provided by school, please do not send in DVD's).

**16/12/20** – Christmas Crafts Afternoon.

**17/12/20** - Toy Day. (Toys provided by school, please do not send in toys from home).

**18/12/20** – Party Day. (Children should come dressed in their party clothes).

#### YEAR 1 and YEAR 2

If children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 would like to bring in Christmas cards for their friends, please send them in on the following days only, so that they can be posted in the post box and quarantined.

**11/12/20** – Christmas Card Day

**14/12/20** – Christmas Card Day

**wc 14/12/20** - there will be toy and DVD sessions, but these will be from class resources so nothing needs to be brought in from home.

**18/12/20** – Party Day. (Children should come dressed in their party clothes).

#### YEAR 3

**14/12/20** – Toy Day. (Toys will be provided by school, please do not send in toys from home).

**16/12/20** – DVD Day. (Films will be provided by school, please do not send in DVD's from home).

**17/12/20** – Party afternoon. Children should come to school dressed in their party clothes.

### Happy Birthday



HUGO, ETHAN,  
VINAYAK and KINZA

#### RECEPTION 2021

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 for their place 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, here are Pupil Access Office Contacts

**Preston, South Ribble,  
West Lancashire and Chorley:**  
Telephone 01772 532109  
**Lancashire County Council**  
Team: 01772 531676

**CLICK HERE TO APPLY!**

#### YEAR 2 MINI SKILLS TEAM

Congratulations to our Year 2 mini skills team who recently won first place in their competition. The team competed really well and we are extremely proud of them. Well done!

#### OUR RUGBY & FOOTBALL TEAM

Well done to both our rugby and football skills teams who took part in the recent virtual skills competition. We had brilliant performances and you all tried your best. We are waiting for the results from Mr Brandwood, the Event Organiser which will be next week. Please see the PE Activity Log which has details of the Longsands PE Blog.

### APPOINTMENTS

Whilst we appreciate that obtaining medical appointments can be difficult at the moment, whenever possible please try to make these outside of school hours.

### CAR PARKING

In comparison to some local primary schools, we are lucky at Longsands to have such good car parking provision available to us. With our current staggered drop offs this should make finding a parking space each day a lot easier, please do not park your vehicle in random places as this causes issues with crossing for pedestrians and manoeuvring for other drivers.

Thank you

## Pupils of the Week

RECEPTION: **AYAZ**

YEAR 1: **KAYA**

YEAR 2: **JAMES**

YEAR 3: **SAM**

YEAR 4: **SORAYA**

YEAR 5: **HARRY**

YEAR 6: **SARA**

## Longsands Values

RECEPTION: **ALFIE**

YEAR 1: **KANE & ROCCO**

YEAR 2: **LILY**

YEAR 3: **CHLOE**

YEAR 4: **EMMA**

YEAR 5: **MATTHEW**

YEAR 6: **TANUSHA**

**HELP RAISE MONEY FOR THE PTFA BY USING THESE WEBSITES:**

[www.easyfundraising.co.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.co.uk)

[www.smile.amazon.co.uk](http://www.smile.amazon.co.uk)

[www.stikins.co.uk](http://www.stikins.co.uk)

### YEAR 4

**15/12/20** – Christmas Party (am).

Children should come to school dressed in their party clothes.

**15/12/20** – DVD Afternoon. School will provide the film, please do not send in DVD's from home.

**16/12/20** – Christmas Crafts & Activities.

**17/12/20** – Toy & Game Day. All resources will be provided by school, please do not send in toys or games from home.

**18/12/20** – DVD Morning. (Film to be provided by school).

### YEAR 5

**04/12/20** – Festive Friday. The children may wear a Christmas or Winter jumper over their uniform.

**09/12/20** – Festive Wednesday Activities.

**16/12/20** – DVD Day. School will provide the films, please do not send in DVD's from home.

**17/12/20** – Party Day. Children should come to school dressed in their party clothes.

**18/12/20** – Festive Friday Activities.

### YEAR 6

**04/12/20** – Festive Friday Activities. Children may wear a Christmas or Winter jumper over their uniform.

**11/12/20** – Christmas DVD Day. (The film will be provided by school).

**15/12/20** – Christmas Party (am). Children should come to school dressed in their party clothes.

**15/12/20** – Toy Afternoon. Toys will be provided by school, please do not send any in from home.

**17/12/20** – Christmas Wreath (am)

**17/12/20** – DVD Afternoon. Film will be provided by school.

**18/12/20** – Festive Friday Activities.

### CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Longsands will have their Christmas Jumper Day on **Wednesday 16th December**.

This will be for all classes in school for those who wish to take part, and this year we are participating purely to get into the Christmas spirit and **will not be requiring any donations**. If you do not have a Christmas jumper, you may wear your favourite normal jumper instead.

Your jumper should be worn with the remaining items of your school uniform.



### MAKE SPACE

In the mornings when dropping off and when collecting at home times please remember to make space between yourself and other parents. For those who use the KS1 playground for your class bubble time, you do not need to queue, please use the whole of the playground to create yourself a suitably distanced area.

Thank you

### TOP-ONE UNIFORMS

As a stockist of Longsands school uniform, Top-One are offering a 'Click and Collect' and Delivery service this year. If you do require any items, you can either call the shop direct or message them via their facebook page. Please see the attached poster for their contact details.



**Remember to regularly wash your hands.**

### SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

**WC 30/11/20  
WEEK 2**

## LONGSANDS WEBSITE

[www.longsandscp.org.uk](http://www.longsandscp.org.uk)

Dear Parent /Governors

I am writing to you in connection with proposed change to the admissions criteria for Longsands that Mrs McKeown has mentioned in the weekly newsletter.

Please be assured that any change that happens to the admissions process will not take place until the 2022 entry, so those currently applying for places to begin in September 2021 will not be affected.

It is also important to know that whatever the criteria will be for 2022 entry, there will be no change to the children who already have siblings at Longsands. They will continue to be given a high preference.

The proposed changes have been brought about to make, what would appear, to be a **fairer** system based on a straight-line distance from home to school. Because we currently have a Geographical Priority Area, some families who live 0.3 miles from school are outside of this area yet families who live 0.6 miles away are. Our GPA for Longsands can be accessed on the public domain by searching for Longsands Community Primary school GPA. It would mean some families at the top end of the GPA, ie, Teil Green for example may not be allocated a place at Longsands as they are further away than for example Glencourse Drive which at the moment is not in the GPA

The governors have met with members of the admissions team and listened to their arguments. There will be a consultation process and we have been assured that you too can make responses and ensure your opinions are listened to and taken into consideration.

The School will be making a response and we are keen to hear your views and to represent the needs and views of the community which we serve. If you wish to send in your thoughts please email Mrs McKeown **head@longsands.lancsngfl.ac.uk**

I can assure you that we are taking this matter very seriously and have already expressed several concerns to the admission team.

We will continue to update you as things proceed.

Kind regards

Stephen Hall

**Chair of Governors**

**Longsands Community Primary School**



# CHRISTMAS

## LUNCH.

£2.30 per meal.  
(Free if you receive free  
school meals or if your  
child has Universal Free  
School Meals Rec-Y2).

ORDER DEADLINE DAY  
FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER.

MEAL SERVED: 10TH DECEMBER

Roast Turkey  
with  
Chipolata Sausage  
or  
Roast Quorn Fillet  
with  
Veggie Sausage

*served with*  
Sage & Onion Stuffing  
Roast & Creamy Mashed  
Potatoes  
Seasonal Vegetables  
&  
Gravy

~  
Chocolate Chip  
Shortbread  
&  
Fresh Fruit



**Lancashire**

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Supporter Reference: 204937

20 November 2020

Dear all at Longsands Community Primary School,

## Thank you so much

Thank you to everyone at Longsands Community Primary School from YoungMinds for taking part in #HelloYellow for World Mental Health Day! At a time when it's needed most, you have raised vital funds and shown children and young people that they're not alone with their mental health.

**Your amazing donation of £189.71 will make an enormous difference.** Despite the progress that has been made, there is still much work to be done. Too many young people still feel ashamed to open up about how they feel, and support is often too hard to find. Together, we're changing this. We're there for parents when they have nowhere else to turn. We empower professionals on the front line of the crisis. We give young people a stronger voice. We're fighting for young people's mental health.

We know how important the wellbeing of your pupils is to you. For regular **free tips, ideas and resources for your school sign up to our 360 Schools Community here:** <https://youngminds.org.uk/youngminds-professionals/360-schools/>, and why not put **#HelloYellow 2021** in your diary now by signing up here: <https://youngminds.org.uk/contact-us/sign-up-for-helloyellow/>.

Without your help, we would not be able to support professionals, parents, children and young people across the UK to make a real and substantial difference to their lives and safeguard the mental health of children and young people, not just now but long into the future.

So on behalf of everyone we support, **thank you.**

Yours sincerely,



Emma Thomas, Chief Executive



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