



LONGSANDS LINK – 4th December 2020

Mrs McKeown's Message

Now it is getting colder, please make sure your children do wear the extra under layers with their uniform and the zipped PE top if needed. You will have noticed on the latest risk assessment sent out to you all on Tuesday this week, we have to keep school well ventilated so even though we now have a working boiler all windows will remain open. A recent directive from the DFE has urged schools to not let parents into school for the time being, including Christmas performances. It is a shame families cannot come in and share the experience with their children but we need to be safe.

If you know any families in the Teal Green area who are looking to have their children start with us in September 2022, can you ask them to be aware our intake area may be changing that year and being allocated a place at Longsands could be even harder than ever. There is a consultation period and contact emails which will be delivered to houses in the area by a group of our Governors soon.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs McKeown

IMPORTANT – CHANGES TO OUR CATCHMENT AREA

As Mrs McKeown mentioned above and on last week's newsletter, the Local Authority are looking to remove the Geographical Priority Area for Longsands Primary which will impact on those applying for places at school from 2022. We urge parents to look at the proposals and respond with your thoughts or objections directly to the Local Authority. **CLICK HERE** to view the proposals.

YEAR 6

On Thursday 17th December, Year 6 will be making a table decoration using fresh evergreen. School will provide some resources but we are asking for the children to bring in greenery you can find in your garden or on a walk. This could include items such as holly, ivy and conifer cuttings from a Christmas tree are very effective. Some retailers may also sell you off cuts of the Christmas trees they have for sale. Please only send these items into school on Thursday 17th December then they do not dry up and die beforehand.

CHRISTMAS FINISH TIMES

To enable us to still have our staggered class bubble end to the day, please check below to see the time that your child's class will finish when we break up for Christmas on Friday 18th December.

Reception: 2.00pm finish.

Year 1: 1.50pm finish.

Year 2: 2.10pm finish.

Year 3: 2.00pm finish.

Year 4: 2.10pm finish.

Year 5: 2.10pm finish.

Year 6: 2.00pm finish.

YEAR 1 HEARING TESTS

Mrs Calvert will be adding the parental consent letter to Seesaw for the NHS audiometrician to test the hearing of children in Year 1. The test involves a child wearing headphones and only lasts a few minutes. The test is only a screening so if your child was to fail, it does not necessarily mean that they have significant hearing loss.

Please complete and return the consent slip to school by Friday 11th December.

If you do not have access to a printer, a few copies are available in the main entrance.

NASAL FLU VACCINATIONS

Unfortunately due to an Intrahealth mix up on Tuesday, the vaccinations did not take place this week. These have been rescheduled for the morning of **Thursday 10th December.**

RECEPTION CLASS

Mrs Fenton has put details on Seesaw but please bring in a Christmas hat on Friday 11th December.

YELLOW PARKING SAFETY SIGNS

You may have noticed that the yellow safety parking signs have been moved to places where cars have been stopping to drop off rather than parking in the spaces provided. It may be more convenient for parents, but the safety of all children and other car users is the most important factor to be considered.

RISK ASSESSMENT

Please read and make yourselves aware of the new risk assessment which was sent out on Tuesday 1st December, and consider the section which states about only one parent dropping off and picking up to reduce numbers on site.

Click [here](#) to view risk assessment in full.

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.

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!

SCHOOL DROP OFF AND COLLECTIONS

Here is a reminder of the drop off and collection times:

Reception: 8.45am and 3.15pm

Year 1: 8.55am and 3.20pm

Year 2: 9.10am and 3.30pm

Year 3: 8.55am and 3.20pm

Year 4: 9.10am and 3.30pm

Year 5: 9.10am and 3.30pm

Year 6: 8.55am and 3.20pm

Please ensure that you use the correct entrance and exit areas from school.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 must enter school down the path by Bluebells Nursery and leave through the staff car park.

Year 3 and Year 4 queue by the metal fence on the path adjacent to the medical centre.

Year 5 and Year 6 queue by the metal fence by the parking areas.

In all instances please try to socially distance, and leave promptly so that the areas are not congested for the next class to leave.

DOGS

Please do not bring dogs onto school grounds.

Thank you

Pupils of the Week

RECEPTION: **HASHIM**

YEAR 1: **HARRY**

YEAR 2: **JOSH**

YEAR 3: **MAXWELL**

YEAR 4: **HARLEY**

YEAR 5: **JASPER**

YEAR 6: **ARCHIE**

Longsands Values

RECEPTION: **THEO**

YEAR 1: **WILLIAM**

YEAR 2: **ROMAN**

YEAR 3: **JAMES**

YEAR 4: **CHLOE**

YEAR 5: **KAMYAA**

YEAR 6: **KAYLA**

Happy Birthday



















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SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

WC 07/12/20

WEEK 3

**TIER 3****VERY HIGH ALERT****FROM 2 DEC**

MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY  <p>No mixing of households indoors, or most outdoor places, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six in some outdoor public spaces (e.g. parks, public gardens).</p>	BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS  <p>Hospitality is closed, with the exception of sales by takeaway, drive-through or delivery.</p>	RETAIL  <p>Open.</p>	WORK AND BUSINESS  <p>Everyone who can work from home should do so.</p>
EDUCATION  <p>Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.</p>	INDOOR LEISURE  <p>Open. Group activities and classes should not take place.</p>	ACCOMMODATION  <p>Closed (with limited exceptions)</p>	PERSONAL CARE  <p>Open.</p>
OVERNIGHT STAYS  <p>We advise against overnight stays other than with household or support bubble.</p>	WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS  <p>15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships and wakes; 30 for funerals. Wedding receptions not permitted.</p>	ENTERTAINMENT  <p>Indoor venues closed.</p>	PLACES OF WORSHIP  <p>Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.</p>
TRAVELLING  <p>Avoid travelling outside your area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply. Reduce the number of journeys where possible. Plan ahead and avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble.</p>	EXERCISE  <p>Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but people should avoid higher-risk contact activity. Group exercise activities and sports indoors should not take place, unless with your household or bubble. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.</p>	RESIDENTIAL CARE  <p>COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/airtight visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).</p>	LARGE EVENTS  <p>Events should not take place. Drive-in events permitted.</p>

Find out what support you can get

For example, if you're out of work, need to get food, or want to take care of your mental health.

gov.uk/coronavirus

If you have any coronavirus symptoms:

A high temperature • A new, continuous cough
A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

Get a test and stay at home

For more information and detailed guidance visit:
gov.uk/coronavirus



HANDS



FACE



SPACE



CHRISTMAS DATES REMINDER

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 dates below, 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.

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.

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