



Mrs McKeown's Message

On colder days our natural behavioural response would be to close windows to avoid uncomfortable draughts, but such action will reduce the rate of air exchange which as we all know it is important to dilute the virus as much as we can. Our windows are opened at least 15 minutes before the children start to come into school. Guidance and research tells us this practice essentially purges the air within the room and then would allow us to partially close some of the windows in the event of strong winds or driving rain.

I know some of your children are feeling the cold and as stated over the last few weeks I am recommending extra warm underlayers and the blue zipped PE hoodie are worn along with the usual school uniform.

Please remember your child's finishing time on the 18th December. We would all usually finish at 2.00pm on the last day of term, but as you will appreciate we have had to stagger these times.

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.

Have a lovely weekend and keep safe.

Mrs McKeown



SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DINNER

Our Christmas lunch will take place on Wednesday 16th December, and will replace the meal normally scheduled for that particular day.

Pupils of the Week

RECEPTION: MATILDA

YEAR 1: LARA

YEAR 2: KAYDEN

YEAR 3: GEORGE

YEAR 4: DHRUV

YEAR 5: ABI

YEAR 6: IMAAN

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Attending school regularly and on time has a positive impact on the learning and progress of each pupil. Excellent attendance and punctuality is the key for our pupil's success. Did you know that being 15 minutes late each day is the same as missing **two weeks** of school in an academic year? Even being just 5 minutes late each day adds up to **three days** absence over the academic year! Children should be entering school with everyone else in the morning with their respective class bubble and be sat in class ready for their register to be taken. Signing in late at the school office should not be a regular occurrence. If you are struggling to get to school on time, here are some helpful suggestions to try:

- Help your child to get everything they need for school ready the night before.
- Establish a good bedtime routine.
- Setting an alarm clock, or two if necessary.
- Setting off in plenty of time to get to school.

'FIND' NEWSLETTER

Please click the link below to view the Winter issue of the FIND newsletter.

CLICK HERE.

HELPFUL NUMBERS

Citizens Advice Bureau: 0300 330 1172

Family Information Services: 0300 123 6712

Health Visitors: 0300 247 0040

Children's Social Care: 0300 123 6720

Talk Zone: 0800 511 111

Kooth: Kooth.com

PTFA NEWSLETTER

We have attached the Christmas newsletter from the PTFA to this week's Link. Take a look, it has details of a community Elf Challenge and a Christmas Quiz which will be available to buy from PTFA members at home times all next week.

Longsands Values

RECEPTION: JOSHUA

YEAR 1: LUCAS

YEAR 2: LILLY

YEAR 3: OLIVER

YEAR 4: BAXTER

YEAR 5: PRINCE

YEAR 6: MAGAN



CHRISTMAS DATES

Don't forget to refer to the Christmas Dates list which we attached to last weeks newsletter, and also detailed the dates on the previous week's Longsands Link. Why not print them off and keep handy for upcoming festive activities.

YEAR 6 TABLE DECORATION

Don't forget to bring in your greenery, pine cones and decorative items to make your Christmas table decoration on Thursday 17th December. Please do not send them in before this, as they may dry up.



SOCIAL DISTANCING

RECEPTION ADMISSION SEPTEMBER 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!

Happy Birthday



JENNA

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

WC 14/12/20
WEEK 1

LONGSANDS PTFA

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER



Hello

We hope everyone has had as good a first term as they could, considering these continuing turbulent times.

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

Read on to find out what's in store next!



GET YOUR ELVES OUT!



The PTFA are setting a Christmas challenge for all the children over the holidays.

We are going to ask as many parents/carers/people in the local community to get their Elves out!

From **Monday 14th December**, please put an elf in your window so it's clearly visible for all to see. It can be a 3D doll elf, a picture, a stencil, anything so long as it's an elf.

Then the children need to keep a tally of how many they've seen when they're out and about walking in their family bubble over the Christmas break.

Please send in your total number of elves spotted to longsandsptfa@gmail.com with **ELF** in the subject line, and we'll put you into our prize draw. You can also tell us the street where the most elves were found if you like!

All entries must be in by **Tuesday 5th January 2021** and your name will go into our prize wheel. The winner will be drawn later that week on our FB page.

The winner will receive a prize kindly donated by our local Tesco Fulwood!



CHRISTMAS QUIZ



Are you still family zooming it on Christmas? Do you want to have something different to play instead of a board game this year?

Try out our Christmas Quiz!

We've got 32 questions to test your festive knowledge covering general knowledge, movies, music, lyrics and multi-choice! We've included questions for the children in each section, too.

All these festive questions for only £1 per sheet!

We'll be selling them at pick up time **Monday - Friday** next week, the last week of term.

If you think you've got them all right, take a picture of all your answers and email them in to Longsandsptfa@gmail.com with **QUIZ** in the subject line by **Tuesday 5th January 2021** and your name will go into our prize wheel. The winner will be drawn later that week on our FB page.

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Please help us keep raising money

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 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.

Stikins

For anyone buying Stikins labels (www.stikins.co.uk), please use our code - **35371**. We recently received a commission of £82! Thank you to those buying from here.

AGM and Next Meeting

Our **PTFA AGM** took place on Tuesday 24th November 2020.

We approved our updated Constitution, which has now been submitted to the Charity Commission.

Our next meeting will be in the New Year.



On a final note, the Chair would like to thank all the PTFA members for their hard work and dedication.

And a big thank you to our President, Mrs McKeown, and all the staff at school who support our events.

We hope all the children like the little gift we've given each of them to say Happy Holidays!

HAVE A LOVELY FESTIVE SEASON!

LONGSANDS PTFA WISH YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!