



LONGSANDS LINK – 30th April 2021

Don't forget..

MONDAY 3rd MAY 2021

School is closed on **Monday 3rd May** due to the May Day Bank Holiday. We re-open again on Tuesday 4th May.

ARE YOU ENTITLED

If you think that you may be entitled to Free School Meals, don't forget to apply in order to receive this and other associated benefits. School will also receive funding for this via the Pupil Premium scheme. For more information contact the Area Education Department on **01772 532109**.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

We have noticed that there has been a slight increase in the amount of pupils arriving late at school. Whilst we appreciate that from time to time, circumstances such as road works etc may cause an unavoidable delay, but we would not expect late arrivals to become regular occurrences. Setting off a few minutes earlier and preparing everything the night before could make all the difference to making it to school in time to enter school with everyone else. If we contact you about this, we are here to provide support and to offer possible solutions to help you arrive on time.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MADDY, DEKONTI,
FINNLEY and IMAAN.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

WC 03/05/21 - **WEEK 3**

Pupils of the Week

RECEPTION: ELLIS

YEAR 1: STEPHEN

YEAR 2: DAISIE

YEAR 3: OLLIE

YEAR 4: CHLOE

YEAR 5: RUBEN

YEAR 6: KAYLA

Mrs McKeown's Message

Thank you to Mr Cooper who has kindly offered to make us some planters for school. I am sure the plants we will put in will brighten up our grounds and encourage wildlife to join us for the children to observe and appreciate. If anyone else would like to offer please email me.

It is bank holiday on Monday so school will be closed and will reopen on Tuesday. For the time being we are keeping our start times and ends times the same as they are now until further notice. It does help to keep numbers in the playground to a minimum and also cars in the car park to a minimum.

There is a reminder for the testing procedure attached to the Link this week as it is still important to follow even though the vaccines are being rolled out.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs McKeown

YEAR 3 FOOTBALL SKILLS

Congratulations to our Year 3 Football Skills team. They tried their best in a virtual competition on Tuesday, we await the results. Well done to Humeira, Mia, Martha, Jamie, Sam and George. A special thank you also to James for being on standby.

YEAR 2 MINI SKILLS TEAM

Well done to our Year 2 Mini Skills team. They have worked really hard practising pretty much every day with Mrs Oldfield. You were all outstanding in the competition so well done. We will again have to wait for the results, and a big thank you to Mrs Oldfield for all of her help.

Longsands Values

RECEPTION: LILY

YEAR 1: ANUSHKA

YEAR 2: EDEN

YEAR 3: STANLEY

YEAR 4: ISLA

YEAR 5: LEO

YEAR 6: ZAK



TWITTER

Why not give our sports Twitter account a follow. The Longsands Sports account name is **@LongsandsSport**

PE SPORTS BLOG

As well as our twitter feed, you can also keep up to date with sports news and events on our PE blog which can be found on the school website.

www.longsandscp.org.uk

YEAR 6

If you haven't yet placed an order for a Year 6 Leavers Top, please do so on the school website by Monday 3rd May. The PTFA have very kindly donated £200 towards the overall costs of these items, so a huge thank you to our PTFA!!

PLEASE TAKE A LOOK

Why not sign up for the PTFA fundraising shopping site:

easyfundraising.co.uk

See the posters attached to this weeks Link.



Our target attendance is 96%.

RECEPTION: 98.62 %

YEAR 1: 97.03%

YEAR 2: 97.96%

YEAR 3: 96.79%

YEAR 4: 94.86 %

YEAR 5: 98.16%

YEAR 6: 96.12 %

Corona Virus Testing

What tests are available:

There are two main types of test to check if you have coronavirus:

1. Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) tests are for people with symptoms and must be run through a laboratory to get a result.
2. Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests – which are commonly referred to as rapid tests – are for people without symptoms and can yield results within 30 minutes of taking one.

The type of Covid-19 test you should take depends on whether you have any symptoms.

Testing for people without symptoms:

People who do not have any symptoms can test themselves for coronavirus with rapid tests. Free rapid testing is available to everyone in England, with people encouraged to test themselves twice a week.

How to get a rapid test

The main port of call for accessing rapid testing will usually be through your school or college.

However, there are a number of other ways you can access rapid testing:

- [Order home testing kits online.](#)
- Many business offer [workplace testing programmes](#), on-site or at home.
- You can [collect home testing kits at your local test site](#)
- You can collect a box of 7 rapid tests to use twice a week at home at participating pharmacies. Longsands Pharmacy is our nearest

What to do if you test positive using a rapid test

If you or your child's rapid test result is positive, you and your close contacts will need to self-isolate immediately and book a confirmatory PCR test via the NHS as soon as possible. You will need to communicate this with your child's school.

Testing for people with symptoms

If you or your child have one or more of the following Covid-19 symptoms you must isolate immediately and book a PCR test via the NHS:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

What to do if you don't have any classic Covid-19 symptoms

If you or your child have other new or unusual symptoms or if in doubt, you can still get a PCR test. However, you do not need to immediately self-isolate for 10 days.

Corona Virus Testing

How to get a PCR test

If you or your child has any of the three classic symptoms, you can get a PCR test here: <https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/essential-worker>

If you or your child do not have any of the three classic symptoms, proceed through the questions and then tick the box that says: "My local council or health protection team has asked me to get a test, even though I do not have symptoms".

What to do if the PCR test is positive

If the result is positive, you and your close contacts must self-isolate immediately for 10 days from the day you took the test.

What to do if the PCR test is negative

If the result is negative, you do not need to isolate.

Well Done!!

Year 2 Mini Skills Team



Year 3 Football Skills Team



Come and join us!

6 REASONS TO JOIN OUR PTFA!

FOR THE CHILDREN

BECOME A ROLE MODEL TO SHOW YOUR CHILD YOU VALUE THEIR EDUCATION.

THE EVENTS WE PLAN WILL IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL EXPERIENCE.



FOR YOU

VOLUNTEERING IS A REWARDING EXPERIENCE

WE PLAN TO HOST MANY SOCIAL EVENTS TO RAISE MONEY AND ALSO TO ENJOY EACH OTHERS COMPANY.



FOR THE SCHOOL

HELP THE SCHOOL TO RAISE FUNDS.

HAVE A VOICE IN THE PURCHASES THAT ARE MADE TO SUPPORT THE CHILDREN.



BE CONNECTED

THERE IS NO BETTER WAY OF KNOWING WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SCHOOL.

MEET OTHERS THAT SHARE THE SAME COMMON GOALS TO HELP IMPROVE THE SCHOOL.



IT IS FUN!

WE AIM TO ENJOY OURSELVES IN ALL OUR ROLES.

FROM PLANNING EVENTS TO RUNNING A STALL IS EXCITING!



KEEP THE PTFA GOING

AS PARENTS LEAVE SCHOOL WE NEED TO KEEP THE COMMITTEE GOING.

COME JOIN OUR FRIENDLY TEAM AS MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!



"I work full time and help when I am able"

"I really enjoy seeing my grown up help out at events"

"I didn't realise how rewarding it would be"

"I've made life long friends"



Raise FREE
donations for

Longsands PTFA

THIS MONTH'S OFFERS

**BEST DEALS AND
DONATIONS:**

**HOME & GARDEN
BUSINESS
TRAVEL**



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