



LONGSANDS LINK – 15th October 2021

NASAL FLU VACCINATIONS Don't Miss The Deadline!!

The Intrahealth Team will be in school on **Friday 5th November** to administer nasal flu vaccines to the children in Reception through to Year 6 who have provided consent. In order to receive a nasal flu vaccine at school, you must click the link below to complete an online consent form. *The cut off date for this is **Tuesday 26th October***, and after this time the online consent facility will close. If your child has already had the nasal flu vaccine since September 2021, you do not need to have this done again. If you have any problems accessing the link please telephone Intrahealth directly on **0333 358 3397** and select **Option 3**.

**CLICK HERE - ONLINE
CONSENT FORM**

BOYS FOOTBALL

Well done to the boy's football team who played their first matches last night. There were some excellent performances from all of the boys, and they should be proud of their determination to do their very best. They played three matches; winning one, drawing one and narrowly losing one in a very close well-fought game.

Congratulations to Joshua H, Ryan, Sam, Kian, Jack, Joshua M, Max N, Noah and Harley. Thank you to the Parents for their support.

ABSENCE PROCEDURE

Don't forget that if your child is going to be absent or late into school for any reason, **please contact the school office by 9.00am** on the day of absence. This can be done by completing a Pupil Absence Form on the school website, sending a text message via Teachers2Parents, emailing **office@longsands.lancsngfl.ac.uk** or by telephoning 01772 795676.

ADMISSION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2022

If your child is in Year 6, it is now time to apply for their place in High School. You must still make an application even if they have a brother or sister at your chosen school. Applications should be made online to Lancashire County Council at **HIGH SCHOOLS - APPLY HERE**. The deadline for all applications is 11.59pm on **31st October 2021**.

Mrs McKeown's Message

It is almost the end of the first half term and as always the children are getting ready for the break in so many ways! Despite a couple of Covid outbreaks in school and a couple of scattered positives we are doing well with our attendance. Thank you to everyone who continues to support school with regular family testing. I understand it is not the best experience for children but hopefully the way we test may get easier with new systems starting to be released. As a gentle reminder, can I urge everyone to be courteous to fellow car park users. It is a shared car park and it can be difficult at drop off and pick up times. You will be aware it is not our property so I do not have any jurisdiction of how it is used but I can urge you to be careful and mindful of others for the safety of yourselves and your children. Now the children have settled into school and staff really know your children there will be a chance for a catch-up with teachers just after the half term break. There will be more information sent through via Seesaw and the school newsletter as to when this will be. In the meantime, please continue to liaise with class teachers and myself through Seesaw or by phoning school. It is important we work together for our children. Have a lovely weekend and I hope you are busy making scarecrows for the PTFA trail over the half term break. Keep in touch and if you have any problems with Seesaw access or any other forms of communication please contact school.

Looking ahead, we are in the process of planning our end of term activities that will still be enjoyable and memorable for the children but will be safe for us all. I am in contact with local schools to share ideas on how to fulfil the usual plays and concerts we do to make it accessible to all. We have to understand that for the foreseeable future we have to move gently forwards but still give our children the experiences they should be having. Although everything is opening up now, primary aged children are still contracting the illness and passing it on. Some children are experiencing long Covid and I am sure like me you want to prevent this as far as we can. Bear with us and we will let you know our plans in due course.

Mrs McKeown



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Miss Holden who got married today! She will return to school on Monday as **Mrs Foxcroft**.

Dates to Remember

MONDAY 18th OCTOBER

- Boys Football Match (Away) v St. Bernard's
- Wonder Day for Reception through to Year 5. Non uniform – see details below.

TUESDAY 19th OCTOBER

- Rocksteady Music
- Year 4 Mini Skills
- Year 5 & 6 Netball 3.20pm to 4.15pm

WEDNESDAY 20th OCTOBER

- PNE Gymnastics
- Year 5 & 6 Football 3.20pm to 4.15pm
- Year 4 Multi Skills Club 3.20pm.

FRIDAY 22nd OCTOBER

- Year 3 Samba
- Girl's Football 3.20pm
- Finish for Half Term at 3.20pm**



**REMEMBER TO WASH
HANDS REGULARLY.**

Happy Birthday

ERIN, SADIE, JAMES,
MIA and SOPHIE

Pupils of the Week

RECEPTION: ARCHIE

YEAR 1: SOPHIE

YEAR 2: GRACIE

YEAR 3: EVELYN

YEAR 4: JAMES

YEAR 5: NATHAN

YEAR 6: LUCAS

Longsands Values

RECEPTION: JAYTHAN

YEAR 1: GEORGE

YEAR 2: LARA

YEAR 3: JAMES

YEAR 4: EISA

YEAR 5: EILIDH

YEAR 6: LEXI

WONDER DAY ACTIVITY

Reception to Year 5

Monday 18th October will be our first Wonder Day of the school year themed **'Dress as though you're going to get dirty'** for Reception through to Year 5.

Year 6 will not be taking part due to their class residential to Hothersall lodge already this half term. Children are to wear clothes suitable for outdoor activities, no school uniform is required.

ADMISSIONS TO PRIMARY SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2022

If you have a child who has their 4th birthday between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022, you must now apply for their place in Primary School. You still need to make an application even if they have a brother or sister at your chosen school. Applications should be made online to Lancashire County Council at

APPLY HERE

It is quick and easy to do, and you will receive an email confirmation of your application. The deadline for all September 2022 applications is 11.59pm on **15th January 2022.**

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

If your child is to attend an after school club which will require a football kit, trainers, shin pads etc, in order to promote independence, please encourage them to get their things ready the night before and to bring them into school on the correct day.



**Our target attendance at
Longsands is 96%.**

RECEPTION: 96.91%

YEAR 1: 96.08%

YEAR 2: 94.74%

YEAR 3: 96.26%

YEAR 4: 94.30%

YEAR 5: 94.30%

YEAR 6: 97.10%

REGULAR COVID TESTING

At school we are taking a number of measures to prevent the spread of Corona Virus including:

- Encouraging all staff to test regularly.
- Ensuring staff and children practice good hygiene
- Making sure our spaces are well ventilated
- Encouraging members of our community to book a PCR test should they develop symptoms.

It would be of great benefit if children were regularly tested each week and results reported through to the NHS app. Testing kits are still readily available from these sites:

**CLICK HERE FOR LFT KIT
SUPPLIERS**

PUPIL/PSHE GOVERNORS

Well done to our newly appointed Pupil/PHSE Governors for each class:

Reception: Jaythan and Harper

Year 1: Ayaz and Ivy

Year 2: Dekonti and Aliyah

Year 3: Harry and Sara

Year 4: Martha and Mia

Year 5: Daisy and Sam

Year 6: Emily and Josh

HARVEST COLLECTION

This year our Harvest Collection day falls on **Friday 5th**

November, which is also Children in Need Day.

We would like to request that each child brings in either a food tin (in date) or a toiletry item for our Harvest Collection. Please do not bring these items in any earlier than Friday 5th November.

These items will then be collected and donated to a local food bank charity.

Children may wear Pudsey bear items they already have such as socks, badges etc but please do not go to the expense of buying new items as this is not required.

What is the purpose of Nurture Group & its Philosophy?

Nurture Group is a small group of children. Its composition is carefully well thought-out to create a balanced and functional group. The Nurture Group is part of the school's Inclusion and PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) provision. Its purpose is to offer children opportunities to re-visit early learning skills and promote and support their social and emotional development. There is much research evidence that children's learning is most effective when they have a sense of emotional well being, good self esteem and a feeling of belonging to their school community. The Nurture Room provides children with this opportunity and so helps to develop their maturity and resilience. The Nurture Room is a place of learning.

The Nurture Group Principles:

- Children's learning is understood developmentally
- The nurture room offers a safe base
- All behaviour is communication
- The importance of transition in children's lives
- provides lots of opportunities for speaking and listening activities
- Builds a child's self-esteem and confidence
- Builds skills for classroom learning
- Language is a vital means of communication

Which children attend Nurture Group?

Children may attend sessions in the Nurture Group for specific reasons, for example:

- Friendship difficulties – keeping/making friends
- Quiet, shy, withdrawn
- Find it hard to listen to others or join in
- Disruptive towards others
- Find it hard to accept losing a game
- Find it hard to share and take turns
- Find it a bit difficult to settle into class
- Bullying
- Low self esteem
- Poor relationships with adults in school
- Bereavement
- Family illness or break-up

How will Nurture Group help my child?

Nurture Group will boost confidence and self esteem and provide children with the extra help sometimes needed to improve social skills and independence for example:

- To join in
- To settle
- To listen
- To concentrate
- To share and take turns
- To accept losing a game
- To build up friendships with their classmates
- It gives them a chance and helps to encourage a more positive profile among their peers and members of staff.

Does this mean my child is naughty?

No, these sessions are meant to help them manage situations and increase their skills to become more successful learners.

How long will my child be in Nurture Group for?

Your child's involvement in nurture group is only determined by their need at a specific time. It may be only for 2 or 3 weeks or a half term.

Are parents/carers involved?

We like to consider our door is always open and therefore welcome parent/carers to keep in touch with us and share their thoughts

An afternoon in Nurture Group

Children follow a structure and routine that is clear to both staff and children which includes group listening and speaking, work tasks, individual and shared play and social skills. The group runs on consistency, positive reinforcement and praise.

Within the sessions, opportunities are tailored to the needs of the particular group and age range. Children learn to share and talk together with peers and adults.

SOCCER SCHOOL AND ACTIVITY ZONE

For children aged five to 11-years-old

Where? PlayFootball, Tag Lane, Ingol,
Preston, PR2 3TX.

When? Monday 25th October 2021
to Friday 29th October 2021.

Cost? £12 per day, £50 per week.

Times? Drop off from 8.30am and
pick up no later than 4.30pm.

Covid-19 risk assessed, fully qualified
and DBS checked coaches.

All children must wear trainers and have
clothing for indoor and outdoor facilities.

All children must have a packed lunch and
labelled water bottle, no fizzy drinks please.

- Football themed activities and tournaments
- Medals and certificates
- Presentations
- Player appearances
- WIN prizes! including: PNE merchandise, match tickets

- Themed activities
- Arts and crafts
- Inflatables
- Workshops
- Player appearances
- Best dressed Halloween outfit



Booking

Pre-booking is essential. Please book your place by calling
01772 693309 between 9am and 4pm.



If your place is confirmed, you will be asked to pay over the
phone. Bookings may be made per day by pre-booking and paying
before 4pm on the previous day.

HALLOWEEN FAMILY BINGO



**MONDAY 25TH OCTOBER -
DOORS OPEN AT 5PM, EYES DOWN 6PM**

The Invincibles Lounge, Preston North End Football Club, PR1 6SB

PRIZES UP FOR GRABS AND PRIZES FOR BEST FANCY DRESS

TICKETS £10 PER PERSON

Includes hot food on arrival and a book of six games.

BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW

in person at the community offices at Deepdale,
or by calling 01772 693309.



**SCHOOL
ADMISSIONS
PRIMARY**

APPLY NOW!

at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2022

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

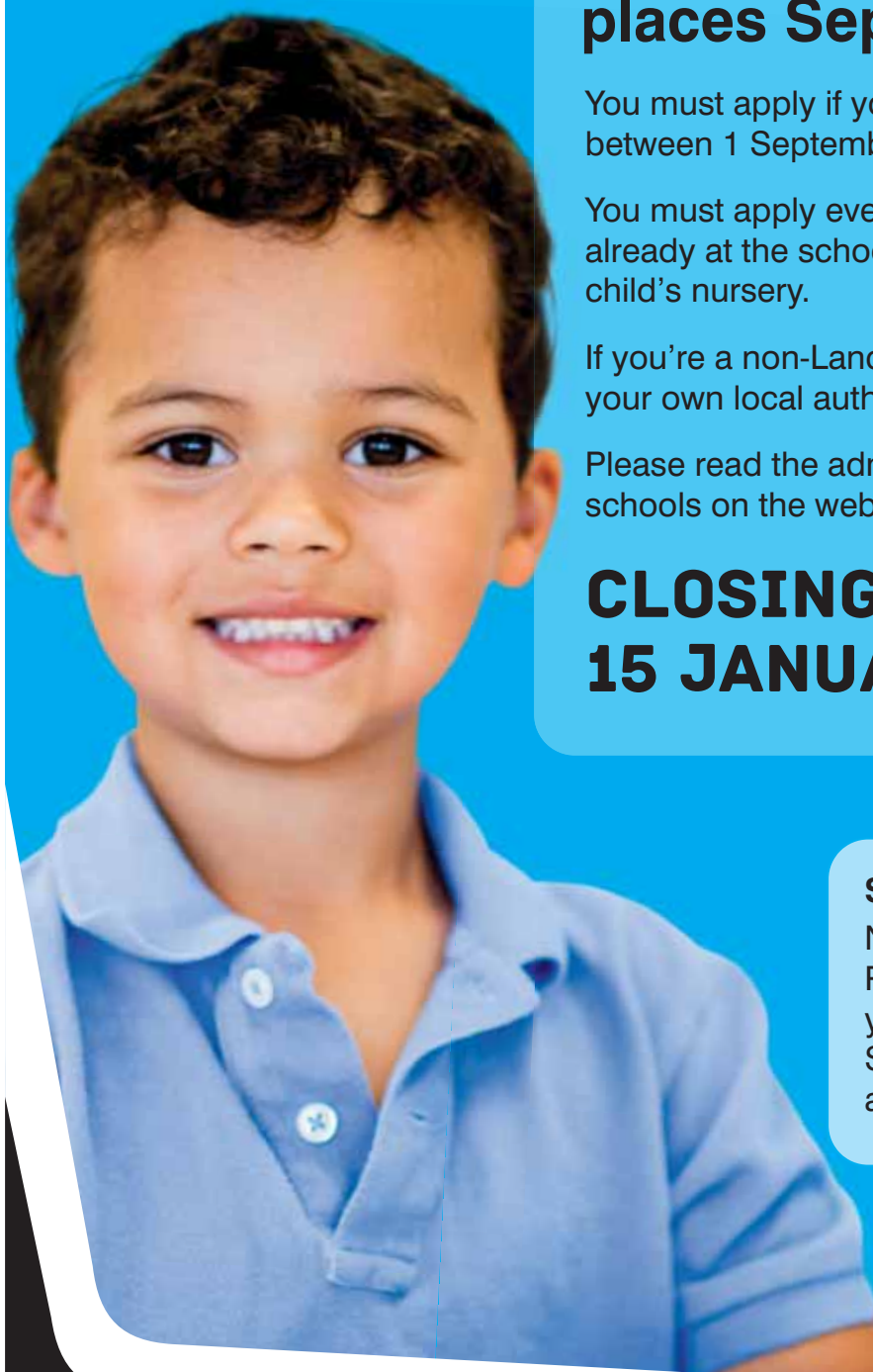
If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

**CLOSING DATE
15 JANUARY 2022**

School transport

Need transport to school?
Please don't forget to check
your eligibility for free transport.
Search 'school transport'
at lancashire.gov.uk



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Lancashire

County
Council



**SCHOOL
ADMISSIONS
SECONDARY**

APPLY NOW!

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You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school.

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