

### LONGSANDS LINK – 22nd October 2021

### **HALF TERM**

Today we finish for half term. Enjoy your holidays and we return on **Monday 1st November** 

# at 8.55am

### PTFA CARD DESIGN PROJECT

Thank you to all of those who participated in the PTFA's design card project, and to the teachers for all of their help. The artwork completed by the children was fantastic! Those who made a Diwali design should have received their products this week, and everyone else's order will be handed out after half term.

### PTFA SCARECROW TRAIL

The PTFA's Scarecrow Trail starts tomorrow! Buy your map from our local Tesco, or online at

### www.pta-events.co.uk/longsandsptfa

for £2.00 per map. Find all of the scarecrows to get their letter, then tell us what the Halloween message is by emailing

longsandsptfa@gmail.com by Monday 1st November and you will be entered into our prize draw. The top prize is a meal for four people at the Norman Jepson. The trail is on until Sunday 31st October. Take a torch if you go out in the dark

### **PHOTOGRAPH DAY**

As you will already be aware, John Hunt Photography will be in school on **Monday** 8th November to take pupil photographs. If your child normally has PE on this day (Year 5, Reception, Year 4 and Year 6) please come to school dressed in your normal school uniform on this day and not your PE kit. However, PE kit can be brought in a bag to get changed into after the photographs have been taken.

### IF YOUR CHILD IS **ABSENT FROM SCHOOL**

As we have mentioned previously, if your child is absent from school for whatever reason, you must contact the school office on 01772 795676, send a pupil absence form via the school website, text message or email office@longsands.lancsngfl.ac.uk as soon as you know they will not be attending, but definitely by 9.00am. Thank you

## Mrs McKeown's Message

Half term is here and your children are ready for the break. Thank you to everyone who has supported school this half term with regular testing and letting us know of any positive results. There is no requirement to let parents know of any positive cases but it is common sense to let you know so you can be vigilant and monitor your child's health. We will continue with this practice after half term. The whole school had a fantastic outdoor day this week with dens being made, knots being taught and bulbs being planted. I heard one mum say she expected more mud on their child at home time!! Always the sign of a good time. Don't forget the scarecrow trail over the half term holidays. It's the chance to have a lovely family walk around the area with the possibility of winning a prize! Another thank you to those parents who have chosen the school menu for next half term. This new way should negate any problems associated with paper copies of menus. Please contact Mr Coyne for any further help you may need. After half term you will be offered appointments to catch up with your child's teacher to find out more regarding new schemes in school or how the classroom is run. These appointments will be online and an instruction sheet will be emailed through to vou in time for you to book your slot. The dates will be the 10th and 17th November. This is something we do at this time of the year. Please keep your eye on Seesaw for the topics to be covered in each class. Over half term we will be having new doors and

Have a lovely half term and keep in touch. I will be on call for any half term positive cases so please email:

windows fitted around school. Yet another

improvement to our building.

### head@longsands.lancsngfl.ac.uk Mrs McKeown

### **BEING ON TIME AND PREPARED**

Please remember that it is very important that children arrive at school on time to enter school at **8.55am** each day. Arriving late disrupts the rest of the class and others working around school. If your child has signed up for any clubs after school, or is taking part in a sporting activity, please ensure that they have all of the necessary kit and equipment with them before they arrive at school. Thank you

### **YEAR 6 - ADMISSION TO HIGH SCHOOL SEPT 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 The deadline for all applications is 11.59pm on Sunday 31st October 2021

### **APPLY HERE**

### Dates to Remember

### **MONDAY 1st NOVEMBER**

Return to school

### **TUESDAY 2nd NOVEMBER**

- Rocksteady Music
- Year 2 Mini Skills Competition
- Year 5 & 6 Netball 3.20pm to 4.15pm

### WEDNESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER

- PNE Gymnastics
- Year 5 & 6 Football 3.20pm to 4.15pm

### FRIDAY 5th NOVEMBER

- Harvest Collection Day
- Children in Need Day
- Intrahealth Flu Vaccines
- Year 3 Samba
- Girl's Football 3.20pm



# Happy Birthday

Selim, Kane, Rocco, Noah and Olivia.



If you would like your child to have milk in school after half term, this will need to be ordered directly with them at www.coolmilk.com by 5.00pm on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October. If your order is after this deadline, your milk order will start the following week.

### **BIRTHDAY TREATS**

If it is a birthday and you would like to send treats into school for home time, please could we remind parents that any items sent need to be individually packaged or wrapped items. If you would like to send in cake rather than sweets, please would you pre-slice and wrap the portions so they can just be handed out. Thank you

# NASAL FLU VACCINATIONS Don't Miss The Deadline!!

The Intrahealth Team will be in school on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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

### LANCASHIRE POST PHOTOGRAPH

Reception class recently had their photograph taken by the Lancashire Post for their annual new school starter supplement. This is due to be published on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November**. Copies of the newspaper are available at supermarkets and newsagents. They have advised that these can also be pre-ordered by calling **0330 403 3004** or by visiting lancashirepostfirstclass.evenbrite.co.uk

### **BOYS FOOTBALL**

Well done to the boy's football team who played in the Harold Slater Shield on Monday. There were some excellent performances from all of the boys and they should be very proud of their efforts. Unfortunately, they didn't win, but played a well-fought game showing great determination and resilience right to the end. Well done to Joshua H, Ryan, Sam, Kian, Jack, Joshua M, Max N and Harley. Thank you to the Parents for their support.

### **GIRL'S FOOTBALL**

The girl's football team played in the first round of the Dick Kerr Cup after school yesterday. They played fantastically, scoring some great goals. They were worthy winners of the game, beating Grimsargh St. Michael's **10-0**. In the second round they will be playing Cottam Primary School.

### **HARVEST COLLECTION**

This year our Harvest Collection day falls on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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

# Pupils of the Week

RECEPTION: ZACHARY
YEAR 1: DOUGIE
YEAR 2: HARRY
YEAR 3: OLIVER
YEAR 4: EVIE
YEAR 5: SARA
YEAR 6: JOSH

### Longsands Values

YEAR 1: CHARLOTTE
YEAR 2: HUGO
YEAR 3: VIRAT
YEAR 4: LOLA
YEAR 5: ETHAN
YEAR 6: JACK

**RECEPTION:** ALAINA



# Our target attendance at Longsands is 96%.

RECEPTION: 96% YEAR 1: 96.25% YEAR 2: 94.86% YEAR 3: 95.75% YEAR 4: 94.34% YEAR 5: 93.84% YEAR 6: 96.56%

# ADMISSIONS TO PRIMARY SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2022 If you have a child who has their

4<sup>th</sup> birthday between 1<sup>st</sup>
September 2021 and 31<sup>st</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

### **Longsands School Meal Menu 1st November 2021**

We have now introduced ParentPay booking service; you are now able to book your child's meals in advance. We have put this into place as it helps:

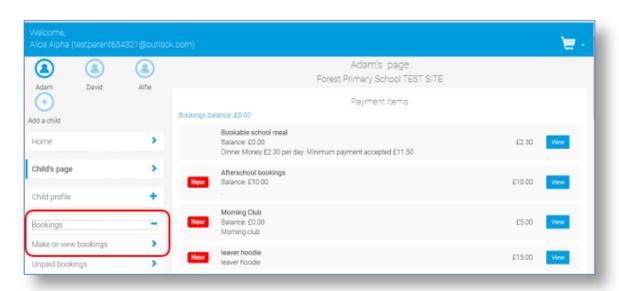
- Parent not to build up school dinner money debt
- The advance ordering of catering supplies
- Minimise food waste

This feature is now in place with the new school meals menu this is to come into effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 (After the Half term)

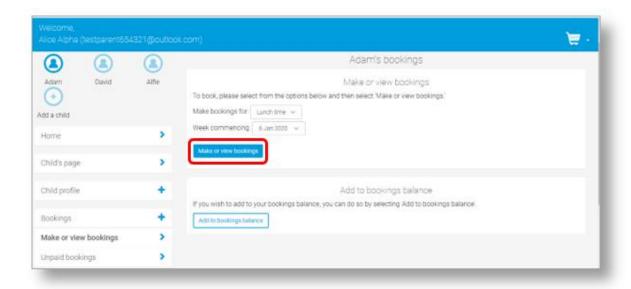
I have put together a user guide below

### **Making bookings**

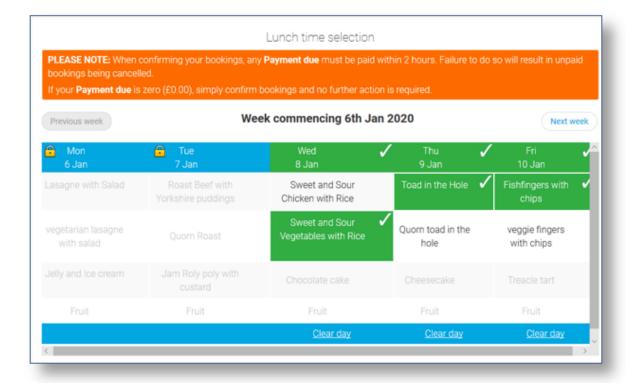
- 1. Go to www.parentpay.com and log in
- 2. Select the child to make bookings for
- 3. Select Bookings > Make or view bookings



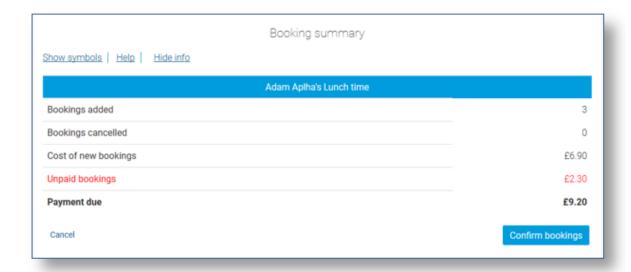
- 4. Select the Lunchtime
- 5. Select the week to view 1<sup>st</sup> November onward (currently 3 weeks will be extended)
- 6. Select Make or view bookings



- 7. You will then be presented with a booking screen.
  - Menu selections: Book a meal by selecting from the menu choices shown (please note that some menu's may require you to select dessert also)

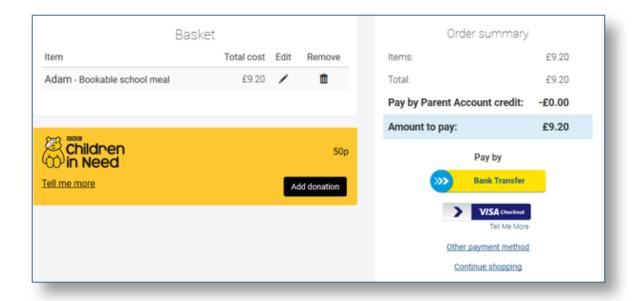


- 8. Make the required bookings
- 9. A summary will be displayed at the bottom of the page with any previous unpaid bookings shown in red



WARNING: Any bookings must be confirmed and (if required) paid for within 2 hours of selecting them. Failure to do so will result in the bookings being automatically cancelled.

- 10. Review the booking summary, and select **Confirm booking.**
- 11. Any credit in your Parent Account will be used to pay for the meals. Any remaining cost can be paid by Bank Transfer (if enabled), Visa Checkout or Other payment method



# STAFF EMAIL ADDRESSES September 2021 - July 2022

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### **CLASS 3 TEACHER**

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### **CLASS 4 TEACHERS**

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### **CLASS 5 TEACHERS**

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### **CLASS 6 TEACHER & KS2 LEADER**

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### Longsands CP School PTFA

# **SCARECROW TRAIL**

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021

Tell us by **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October** if you would like to make a scarecrow for the trail by emailing **longsandsptfa@gmail.com** 

Follow the trail any time over the week.

Take a torch if you go in the dark!

The scarecrows have clues that make a message!
Send your answer to the email above by
Monday 1st November. You could win a prize!

All proceeds go to Longsands CP School PTFA (registered charity 1073250)

Maps available to buy from
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October
for £2 each at
Tesco Fulwood
or Online at
www.pta-events.co.uk/longsandsptfa
Click our Trail link in the
Whats On section



