



ANTI BULLYING WEEK

As part of the activities planned for Anti Bullying Week, on **Friday 19th November**, we will be having an Odd Socks Day. Normal school uniform should be worn, but odd socks (nothing fancy or new needs to be bought), just 2 two different socks to represent what makes us all unique. Being different whilst still being equal, valued and respected.

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

We have attached to this week's Link a letter from the Director of Public Health – Dr Sakthi Karunanithi. It is important for all parents to read through this, although some information relates to secondary, there is primary related details to take note and be aware of.

BEING ON TIME

Please remember that it is very important that children arrive at school on time to enter school at **8.55am** (Years 1 – 6) and **9.05am** (Reception only), with the rest of their class, and that they are collected on time at home time each day.

IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE ABSENT

If your child is absent from school for whatever reason, you must contact school by **9.00am** each day. These are the options for contacting school:

- Telephoning **01772 795676**, if there is no reply please leave a message.
- Sending a **Pupil Absence Form** via the school website.
- Sending a **text message** to school by replying to a previously received text.
- Emailing the school office at **office@longsands.lancsngfl.ac.uk**

FESTIVE FUNDRAISER

Please have a read of the Festive Fundraiser information attached to this newsletter, which will take place in the last week of term.

Mrs McKeown's Message

Thank you to those parents who are being vigilant and mindful of others in the shared car park. The incident that happened this week with one of our children whilst with their parent has been reported to the police and CCTV is being looked at. I have, on numerous occasions, urged you to be extra careful on the shared space and although the incident was painful for the child and distressing to the parent, luckily it was not fatal. The car park does not belong to school and compared with other schools we are lucky to have that space. Be mindful and keep safe.

Please find attached to this week's link a letter from the Public Health Team at LCC reinforcing the importance of remaining aware that COVID is still with us and steps you should be taking as families. It also outlines the importance of continuing to test.

Thank you to all of you who took part in this week's online meetings for parents. Keep an eye out on Seesaw for our plans for Christmas as it may differ for each year group. Thank you for your continued support and keep in contact with school. We are here to teach your children but also to sort any questions you may have. I remain on call at weekends for any positive COVID results in your family. Please let me know via email or Seesaw so I can support you if needed.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs McKeown

BOYS FOOTBALL TEAM LEAGUE MATCHES

The boys' football team played two more league matches this week and were unlucky to narrowly lose both. There were some great performances all over the pitch again and they should be proud of their efforts. Good luck in your next matches on November 25th. Thank you to the parents who came to support and to Mr Ferdowsian for refereeing again.

PTFA NEWS

Please see the PTFA's newsletter attached to this Longsands Link. Have a look at the scarecrows on their trail this year!

Dates to Remember

TUESDAY 16th NOVEMBER

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

WEDNESDAY 17th NOVEMBER

- PNE Gymnastics
- Year 2 PNE Fundamental Movement Skills 3.20pm to 4.20pm
- Year 5 & 6 Football 3.20pm to 4.15pm
- Parent **Online** Drop In Sessions 3.45pm – 6.15pm

FRIDAY 19th NOVEMBER

- Odd Socks Day
- Year 3 Samba
- Girl's Football 3.20pm

UNDER 7 MINI SKILLS TEAM

The Year 2 Mini Mix team took part in the Preston School's Competition on Tuesday 2nd November. We are awaiting confirmation of the results. The children were involved in various activities involving running, throwing, catching and kicking into various targets.

FOOTBALL NEWS UPDATES

Back in October the boys football team played three league matches. We got off to a flying start beating Cottam 3-0. We then had a much tougher game against Goosnargh Oliversons which resulted in a 4-3 defeat but all of the boys played well and gave it their all. Our final match was against Lea and again this was a tough game and resulted in a 2-2 draw. Well played boys.



REMEMBER TO WASH HANDS REGULARLY.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

WC 15/11/21

WEEK 1

Happy Birthday

DAISIE, JAMES, EMMA
and DAISY.



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

RECEPTION: 96%

YEAR 1: 95.49%

YEAR 2: 94.90%

YEAR 3: 94.94%

YEAR 4: 94.79%

YEAR 5: 92.80%

YEAR 6: 96.51%

REGULAR COVID TESTING

At school we are taking a number of measures to prevent the spread of Corona Virus. 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**



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Yesterday we observed one minutes silence in school to commemorate Remembrance Day. We have received details at school about the arrangements if anyone should choose to visit the Harris Park Memorial (see picture above). The Public are welcome to visit the Memorial on **Sunday 14th November** between **10.00am** and **2.00pm.**

Pupils of the Week

RECEPTION: JAC

YEAR 1: ARIA

YEAR 2: DEKONTI

YEAR 3: KIERAN

YEAR 4: LILY

YEAR 5: JASPER

YEAR 6: JAYA

Longsands Values

RECEPTION: SCARLETT

YEAR 1: ISABELLE

YEAR 2: ALIYAH

YEAR 3: AMELIA

YEAR 4: EMMA

YEAR 5: ELOISE

YEAR 6: EMILY

LONGSANDS PTFA NEWSLETTER

November 2021



Hello

We hope everyone is keeping safe and well :-)

Thank you all for your continued support.

We've had really good involvement in both events we've run in the first few months of this academic year.

Read on to find out more, and don't forget to look at Page 2 & 3 of our newsletter to see the scarecrows (we missed getting pictures of the fabulous one on a bike and the two brilliant buddies in school – did you see them?)!

Scarecrow Trail

31 scarecrows were on our trail this year. They were amazing!

The message was

'LONGFANGS GHOULS EAT GHASTLY TREATS'

58 people entered our prize draws and the winners were:

First prize: Eloise Hindle

Runners up: Steve, Callum & Lois Wilcock

Riley Southworth

Martha Anderson

Sadie Bellamy



We put the 'Wheel of Names' on our Facebook page to announce the winners.

This event raised £271, a fantastic amount!

A big thank you to the Norman Jepson for providing a meal for 4 voucher as our first prize, to Carol Mason who very kindly made and donated the soft toys as prizes, to all those who helped organise, to all our brilliant scarecrow makers, and to all those who bought a map. We hope you had fun finding all the scarecrows!

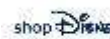
Card Project

We received in 112 orders this year. There were designs for Diwali, Christmas, Eid, Birthdays and Thank You cards.

Your child should have received their items this week, kindly distributed by their teachers.

We'll let you know how much was raised for this fundraising project soon!

Where are you going to shop this year for Christmas?



Over 4,000 shops are available to access via

www.easyfundraising.org.uk

If you go to your chosen online shop through this website, and tell them you'd like Longsands PTFA to receive commission, you can raise money for us without donating a penny to us!

For instance, shop Disney are offering up to 4.00% commission. Their large soft toys are going for £25. If you bought one by going through easyfundraising.co.uk, Longsands PTFA would receive £1.

It doesn't sound like very much, but imagine if everyone in school bought a teddy – the PTFA would raise approx £200. And that's only with everyone buying one thing!!

Boots are offering 3.00% commission and SportsDirect 2.50% at the moment.

Go to the link above and find out if your favourite shop offers any donations.

It's easy to sign up and would continue to help us raise funds.

Stikins

For anyone buying Stikins labels (www.stikins.co.uk), please use our code - **35371**. The PTFA receives 30% commission on orders. We have received £47 in commission this last year.

AGM

Our **PTFA AGM** will take place shortly. Please look out for further details coming shortly.

Due to ongoing restrictions, it will take place on zoom again.

Everyone is welcome. Come and join us and let us know your ideas!

It's easy, just email longsandsptfa@gmail.com to get the link once we've set up the date and time.

WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD OF SCARECROWS WE HAVE SEEN OVER HALF TERM!



Best Lady



Best Family



Best Key Drop



Best Football Save



Best Hair



Best in Tallest



Best Shortest



Best Hat



**Best Out of Season
Holiday**



**Best Hider from a
Pumpkin**



**Best in Most
Unfortunate**



**Best Chilled Out
Superhero**



Best Getaway



**Best One Man
and his Dog**



Best Evil



Best Youngsters



Best Elegant Landing



Best Accessories



Best Smile



Best Costume



Best Count Dogula



Best Superhero



Best Disney



Best Scariest Witch



Best in Highest



Best Minecraft Characters



Best Duo



Best Mummy



Best Space Visitor

November 2021

Dear parents and guardians,

I would like to begin by thanking everyone for all your support through what has been one of the most difficult academic years on record.

As we head back to school to continue the autumn term, the position we find ourselves in is far from ideal, with cases of COVID-19 still high in our communities. There are some signs that the picture is stabilising in Lancashire, but it is too early to tell whether the half-term break has acted as a fire breaker, as it has previously.

We are working directly with your school to support them with advice and guidance. We must therefore approach the return to our classrooms with care and keep playing our part to keep our children, young people, and families safe and to minimise the disruption to their education.

We are continuing to follow the Government's guidance, as set out in the 'Contingency framework: education and childcare settings' DfE. The overarching objective of this guidance is to maximise the number of children and young people in face-to face education or childcare and minimise disruption whilst continuing to reduce the ongoing transmission of COVID-19.

I am requesting your support to keep our children safe and well by taking the following actions, the vast of majority of which should by now be familiar to you.

Vaccinations

Everyone aged 12 and over can now get a COVID-19 vaccination. This is one of the most important things we can do to protect our children from becoming unwell with COVID-19

Children aged 12 to 15 can get vaccinated against COVID-19 either through their school or via the [National Booking System](#) online or by calling 119.

It is important to remember that whilst schools may host immunisation services, they are not responsible for securing parental or child consent. This is an important part of this process, as it is with any other vaccination programme. Staff at the vaccination site will always ask for consent before giving the vaccine to your child.

A [consent form is available on GOV.UK](#) to help you and your child discuss this decision.

For young people aged 16 to 17 years and 8 months, there are several sites across Lancashire where they can get a single dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

Visit www.healthierlsc.co.uk/getmyjab for more info.

Face masks

Face masks should still be worn in enclosed and crowded spaces where you may meet people you don't normally live or work with. This includes public transport and dedicated transport to school or college.

If an education setting is in an outbreak situation, it may be advised that face masks be temporarily worn in communal settings and in some cases, in the classroom.

Testing

One of the most important things we can do to stop the virus from being spread within the school setting is to continue testing twice a week at home using your free lateral flow tests.

If your child has **one or more** of the following COVID-19 symptoms they must isolate and book a PCR test immediately:

1. a high temperature
2. a new, continuous cough
3. loss or change to sense of smell or taste

If your PCR test result is positive, you must isolate from the day their symptoms began and for the next 10 days.

If your child has other symptoms and you are in doubt, take a PCR test and keep them at home like you normally would if unwell.

Close contacts

Contacts of a confirmed case of COVID-19 in England aged under 18 years and 6 months and/or people who are fully vaccinated are exempt from the legal duty to self-isolate. Instead, they should take a PCR test.

Children who are identified as a close contact of a positive case, either in their household or within their school if that setting is in an outbreak situation, may be asked to test daily.

For very young children or those who do not want to test who are close contacts of a positive case in their household, if their school, or nursery setting, is in an outbreak situation, we are advising that they stay away from school for 10 days.

Daily testing allows children to be in school, unless positive or symptomatic.

I have no doubt there will be more challenges ahead, but we can make a positive difference to our children's lives if we work together.

Thank you once again for your patience and support during these difficult times.

Yours sincerely



Dr Sakthi Karunanithi
Director of Public Health



Longsands Primary School

Festive Fund Raiser

Dear Families,

This year we are hoping to raise funds to top up resources for your child's class by asking the children to take part in an exciting and fun Santa Dash during their daily activity. It will take place during the last week of term. This will replace the Silver Tube Challenge, which we have done in the past. We are asking you to pledge an amount for your child taking part and completing the Dash. This can then be paid via Parent Pay before the 17th December. The PTFA will also be providing well-deserved drinks of Hot Chocolate.

This is what we are running towards:



Reception: Jigsaws

Year 1: Construction kits

Year 2: Year 2 recommended reads for our book corner

Year 3: CD Player and books for our Guided Reading sessions.

Year 4: Listening Station ear phones; Guided Read books and whiteboard pens

Year 5: Guided Read books

Year 6: Books for our reading corner

Reception and KS1 will run laps of the playground for 10 minutes.

KS2 will run laps of the playground for 15 minutes



**Our Under 7 Mini Skills Team
November 2021**



Our Boy's Football Team 2021

SIMON SAYS



**Mondays 1 - 2pm
Ribbleton Neighbourhood
Centre**

**Tuesdays 10 - 11am Preston
Central Neighbourhood
Centre**

Let's Talk, Chat, Play and Read! This 5-week course will help your child's speech development, while giving you the tools to continue to develop their speech at home.

This group is aimed at children who are 2 - 4 years old, where parents are concerned about their child's speech development.

To book a place, or for more information, call us on 01772 539444.



SEND SUPPORT GROUP



Drop in



**Wednesdays
10 - 11 am at Ribbleton
Neighbourhood Centre**

An informal opportunity for parents/carers and siblings of family members with additional needs, to meet, play and chat with other families who can relate to your experiences.

The sensory room will also be available for use throughout the sessions.



Build confidence, make friends, have fun

NURTURE

JOIN US AT RIBBLETON
NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE FOR
CRAFTS, COOKERY AND GAMES,
WITH ACTIVITIES TO HELP TO BUILD
YOUR CONFIDENCE AND SELF-
ESTEEM

Mondays 3:45 - 5pm (5-7 yrs)
Thursdays 3:45 - 5pm (8-11 yrs)

To book a place or for more
information, call 01772 539444



MESSY PLAY

0 - 4 years

For more
information
call us on
01772 539444

Let your little one
explore a variety of
textures using their
fingers, hands and even
their feet in these fun,
free sessions!

Mondays 10 - 11.30am
Ribbleton Neighbourhood
Centre

Wednesdays 10 - 11.30am
Preston Central
Neighbourhood Centre



Baby Club

**Thursdays
10.30 - 11.30am
Ribbleton
Neighbourhood
Centre**



**A free, drop-in session for parents
with babies aged up to 12 months old.**

For details, call us on 01772 539444





7UP

*Good
vibes*

Ages 7 - 11

**Tuesdays, 3:45 - 5:30pm
Moor Nook Neighbourhood Centre**

**Wednesdays, 3:45 - 5:30pm
Ribbleton Neighbourhood Centre**



If you want to meet new people, play games and take part in activities to help to build your confidence and self-esteem, come and join us for 7UP! Sessions are free.

For more information call 01772 539444.

