



LONGSANDS LINK – 26th November 2021

NASAL FLU VACCINE

The Intrahealth team will be in school again on **Wednesday 1st December** to administer the nasal flu vaccine to those children who were absent (and had previously provided consent), on their last visit to school. If anyone else would like to take advantage of this, and missed the previous deadline, there is a consent form attached to this newsletter, and hard copies are available from the main entrance document holder. Please complete and return your consent form to the school office by **Monday 29th November**. This will be the last opportunity to have the vaccine in school, further pop up clinics will be rolled out from January 2022. If you have any questions or concerns you can contact Intrahealth directly by calling **0333 3583 397**.

GIRLS FOOTBALL

The girl's football team are playing in the second round of the Dick Kerr Cup against Cottam Primary on Thursday 2nd December. We wish them well.

TRIATHLON

On Monday 22nd November the Triathlon team, Lexi, Amelia, Emily, Max, Josh and Noah took part in the Preston Schools Triathlon competition. This was a huge event with 21 teams participating. The children had a 25m relay swim, 500m relay run and several gym activities including speed bounce, sit ups, bench twists and chest passes. They all tried their very best and were really impressive at all of their activities. We finished with a very respectable 5th place! Well done team, Mrs Monks was proud of each and every one of you.



KS1 CHRISTMAS

(Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

This year a video from each class will be sent home via Seesaw on 14th December to share with families. The children are looking forward to sharing our songs with you. The children will be performing:

Reception: Christmas with a twist.

Year 1: Yippee it's almost Christmas

Year 2: Countdown to Christmas

Mrs McKeown's Message

Winter seems to be with us all of a sudden. As last year, on the colder days, children are still expected to come to school in uniform but can wear extra under layers and if needed the zipped PE tops on top of school jumpers. PTFA do still have a number of uniform items that can be bought for £1.00 each. Please ensure you send your child to school with suitable winter coats. There has been a lot of local and national chat regarding Christmas in schools and how parents are missing out again this year on performances. I am sure you are aware of all the arguments for and against plans for keeping Christmas just for the children in school. I will not go into these as everyone will all have opinions but at Longsands we will still give your children all the lovely experiences of singing, performing, dressing up and parties usually associated with Christmas and we will ensure you all receive plenty of evidence of the above, so that you can continue to share with your children.

Please keep in contact with us including any positive COVID results that can be sent through to me via Seesaw or email, and this includes at the weekend.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs McKeown

PTFA AGM

The PTFA AGM will be on **Monday 29th November 2021 at 7.30pm**. Due to ongoing restrictions, this will take place on Zoom again. Please email the PTFA at **longsandsptfa@gmail.com** for the link access by 6.00pm on the day of the meeting. Come along, see what we do, and bring your ideas. We are always looking for new members especially as there are some committee members who only have a few years left of their children being at school. Let's keep our PTFA going.

YEAR 6 CUSHION MAKING

On Monday 6th December Year 6 will be making cushions as part of their DT textile topic. The children should bring in their own cushion stuffing, and may bring in their own material and accessories and ribbons to decorate it with. If you have any questions at all please feel to drop Mrs Worden an email or a message on Seesaw.

MONDAY 29th NOVEMBER

- Return date for flu consent forms.
- PTFA AGM Meeting 7.30pm

TUESDAY 30th NOVEMBER

- Rocksteady Music
- No Netball Years 5 & 6 Girls

WEDNESDAY 1st DECEMBER

- PNE Gymnastics
- Intrahealth Nasal Flu Jabs
- Year 2 PNE Fundamental Movement Skills 3.20pm to 4.20pm
- No Year 5 & 6 Football
- Last day to order Christmas Dinner

THURSDAY 2nd DECEMBER

- Girls Football Match – Dick Kerr Cup

FRIDAY 3rd DECEMBER

- Year 3 Samba
- Girl's Football 3.20pm



Remember to regularly wash your hands, and do regular family lateral flow testing.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

WC 29/11/21

WEEK 3

Happy Birthday

HUGO, HIBAH and ETHAN

Longsands Values

RECEPTION: Ophelia

YEAR 1: Sadie

YEAR 2: Ava

YEAR 3: Aria

YEAR 4: Adam

YEAR 5: Hammad

YEAR 6: Max

We have thought long and hard at how our usual performances can be shared with parents and with consideration to safety, including following ventilation guidance and risk assessments from LCC about what is viable, we have decided to video short performances from each of the classes in KS1 and Reception and share these with you via iMovie. We did think about doing this outside but with the traffic noise, weather conditions and younger children's voices not carrying we decided against this. It is not ideal but the children will still have the same experiences and all will be shared at home with you.

WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS JUMPERS

On **Friday 3rd, 10th and 17th December** to get us all into the festive spirit, children in all classes in school can come to school wearing a Christmas jumper over their school uniform. Ho ho ho.



KS2 CAROL SERVICE

A KS2 Carol Service will take place outside school (near the main entrance) for **Year 3 and Year 4 on Monday 6th December**, if the weather isn't very good, this will take place on Tuesday 7th December instead.

Year 5 and Year 6 will have their Carol Service in the same place on **Wednesday 8th December**, or Thursday 9th December if the weather isn't good on the Wednesday. We will update parents by text if the carol service will not go ahead due to the weather.



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

RECEPTION: 96.13%
YEAR 1: 95.52%
YEAR 2: 95.32%
YEAR 3: 95.04%
YEAR 4: 94.15%
YEAR 5: 92.92%
YEAR 6: 96.77%

CLASS CONTACTS

Just as a reminder here are the contact names for each class in school. If you need to contact a teacher with questions or to arrange a time to meet outside school, this can be done via Seesaw or phone call.

Reception: Mrs Fenton
Year 1: Mrs Foxcroft
Year 2: Mrs Ramalli (KS1 Leader)
Year 3: Mr Hudson
Year 4: Mrs Barton and Mrs Buck
Year 5: Mrs Eaves and Mrs Taylor
Year 6: Mrs Worden (KS2 Leader)

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

This year our school Christmas Lunch will be served on **Wednesday 15th December**.

Menu

Roast Turkey with Chipolata Sausage *or*
Roast Quorn Fillet with Vegetarian Sausage
Sage and Onion Stuffing, Roast and Creamy
Mashed Potatoes. Seasonal Vegetables and
Gravy.
Chocolate Chip Shortbread and
Fresh Fruit.

This lunch will replace the scheduled meals for that particular day. If you do not usually have school dinners you may join in the festivities and have a Christmas Dinner. **The cost will be £2.30 and all orders for this meal need to be made by Wednesday 1st December**, as the kitchen staff need to request the specific food order in advance. Please see your ParentPay account to place your order and make your payment.

Pupils of the Week

RECEPTION: Chantelle

YEAR 1: Jia

YEAR 2: Abdul

YEAR 3: Grace

YEAR 4: Lola

YEAR 5: Ellie

YEAR 6: Max

LONGSANDS GOVERNING BODY

Our newly reconstituted governing body:

Mr Hall (Chair)
Mrs Gibson (Vice Chair and Chair of Finance)
Councillor Khan (Co-opted)
Mr Vesty (Co-opted)
Dr Kendle (Co-opted)
Mrs Parkinson (Co-opted)
Mrs Brown (Co-opted)
Mrs Croker (LA)
Mrs Beresford (Parent)
Mrs Cotton (Parent)
Mrs Weaver (Parent)
Mr Coyne (Staff)
Mrs McKeown (Head)

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**.



TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS

2022 – 2023

Autumn Term 2022

INSET DAY 1

Thursday 1st September 2022

INSET DAY 2

Friday 2nd September 2022

School Returns

Monday 5th September 2022

Half Term Holidays

Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October 2022

Closure after school

Friday 16th December 2022 at **2.00pm**

Spring Term 2023

INSET DAY 3

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

School Returns

Wednesday 4th January 2023

Half Term Holidays

Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February 2023

Closure after school

Friday 31st March 2023 at **2.00pm**

Summer Term 2023

School Returns

Monday 17th April 2023

May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 1st May 2023

INSET DAY 4

Thursday 25th May 2023

INSET DAY 5

Friday 26th May 2023

Half Term Holidays

Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023

School Returns

Monday 5th June 2023

Closure after school

Friday 21st July 2023 at **2.00pm**

Do you need help with essentials this winter?

The Household Support Fund
could help you



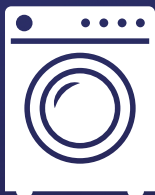
Help for you
& your family



Options to help with
food / toiletries /
clothing



Help with gas
& electricity



Help with
household items



Preston
City Council

What is the 'Household Support Fund'?



The Household Support Fund from DWP is to assist Preston residents who do not have enough resources to meet their immediate or short-term needs and need help & support with essential items over the winter period



APPLY NOW



preston.gov.uk/householdsupportfund



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Household Support Fund

Applications are now open until 31/03/2022

Help for Preston residents in need, at a time of crisis over the Winter period.

The Household Support Fund is to assist residents of the Preston area who do not have enough resources to meet their immediate short-term needs and require assistance with essential items over the winter period. This grant can be used to help towards the cost of food, energy/water needs, essentials linked to energy/water needs and wider essentials such as household bills ,clothing, and white goods.

It is not intended to cover debt advice or general financial hardship support which is not linked to food, warmth and/or hygiene. The fund is NOT intended to cover housing costs as there are other benefits and support available to help with these for example Discretionary Housing Payments.

Awards will be made where there is no alternative means of meeting the need.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the scheme you must be:

- A resident of the Preston area - please visit [GOV.UK - to find your local council](https://www.gov.uk/find-local-council)
- Experiencing financial hardship and not have enough resources to meet your immediate short-term needs

Support available

The scheme can help with short-term living costs such as food, gas, electric, water, essential household appliances, council tax arrears, household bills and clothing (this is not an exhaustive list)

If white goods such as washing machines or fridges are required, items will be purchased through the scheme and delivery will be arranged directly to your home.

The scheme will also signpost you to other sources of advice and support to ensure that you get all the assistance you are entitled to. You may be offered a referral for advice and assistance with finance, debt and/or welfare benefits, to help address your long-term needs.

Restrictions

The scheme does not cover:

- Any requests for items that are not essential for example debts incurred by gambling or loans/credit cards, overdrafts, HP etc
- Applications from those with sufficient income or savings
- Requests for household items where these are the responsibility of the landlord
- Rent arrears and/or deposits unless meeting exceptional need

How long will it take for a decision to be made?

Customer notice

We aim to make a decision within 72 hours of receiving all the required information, other than for household goods, where we aim to decide within five working days. Depending on the level of demand for the scheme, this may not always be possible.

To speed up the application process please ensure you fully complete the application form and **provide all the evidence we ask for.**

Please do not chase up your application until at least five working days after it was submitted.

How to apply

To apply please complete the Household Support Fund form on line

Please ensure you upload a recent full months bank statement (dated within the last 2 months) showing transactions, your balance and your name and address. Otherwise we will not be able to consider your application. We will accept screenshots of your bank statement.

You can also telephone our Community Hub (Preston Together) on 01772 906777 for assistance.

We will need the following information:

- Where you live
- Full household details
- Your circumstances
- Your income
- Your most recent Bank Statement showing one months transactions and showing your name and address – dated within the last 2 months
- What support you need and an in depth explanation as to why the support is required.

Submitting evidence

We will contact you if further information is required. Please make a note of your application reference number, as we will ask for this when you are submitting any evidence.

Your evidence can be submitted in the following ways:

- By uploading your documents.
- By email to household@preston.gov.uk


Please ensure your name, address and reference number is provided along with any evidence documents.

Can I appeal a decision if my application is unsuccessful?

As this is a discretionary scheme there is no right of appeal. However, if you think we have overlooked important information then you can ask for us to look at the application again by emailing household@preston.gov.uk providing reasons along with your name, address and reference number.

This decision will be final.

Your privacy

The information that you provide will be processed in accordance with the  (GDPR) and data protection law for the purpose of provision and management of the Emergency Assistance Grant Fund.

Your personal information, where provided, will be processed under Article 6,1 (e) of the GDPR - processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller.