



LONGSANDS LINK – 1st April 2022

Mrs McKeown's Message

It is the end of the Spring term, which means next term your children can start to wear their Summer uniform. This includes the knitted sleeveless jumpers which are ideal at this time of the year.

By now, you should have received your child's end of term report which has been sent to you via email, Seesaw or as a hard copy. If there is anything you would like to discuss with your child's teacher, please make a time after the break to discuss it with them. Staff are on their family break now so please only contact them from the 19th April. Have a lovely break, thank you for your continued support over this term and I hope all the bugs are clear as we start the new term.

Mrs McKeown

QUEEN'S JUBILEE LUNCH

There will be a special Queen's Jubilee themed lunch on Thursday 26th May, this will replace the scheduled meals for that particular day. Please see the poster attached to this newsletter for details of the food available. The cost for those that pay for school dinners is £2.30 and all orders need to have been placed by the morning of Monday 16th May. Keep a look out on ParentPay.

NEW LUNCH MENU

The Spring / Summer lunch menu will begin after the Easter holidays. Please keep a look out on ParentPay for the new choices to select from.

YEAR 5 & 6 DANCE CLUB

Mrs Sally Howard (Whitaker) will be running a before school dance club for Year 5 and Year 6 from Friday 22nd April to Friday 27th May. You will remember the dance lessons which she did with us before the first lockdown which were fantastic. If your child would like to take part, please return the attached form with payment on or before Friday 22nd April, in a clearly marked and sealed envelope.

ZUMBA

Unfortunately due to lack of numbers the Year 3 and Year 4 club **will not** now take place. For those wishing to take part in the Year 5 & Year 6 club we will need to know by Thursday 21st April.



EASTER HOLIDAYS

Today we break up for the Easter holidays. School re-opens on **Tuesday 19th April** at 8.55am.

BIKEABILITY

Well done to those in Year 5 who took part in Bikeability sessions this week. The first group on Monday and Tuesday certainly got the better weather than those who took part on Wednesday and Thursday, but a great life skill to have under your belt.

MILK AT SCHOOL

If your child would like milk at school, you can arrange this by contacting Cool Milk Ltd. Their website is **www.coolmilk.com** Don't forget that all milk orders need to be made by **5.00pm, Tuesday 12th April** if you require milk to start when we get back after Easter.

If you miss this cut off point, your milk will begin the following week.

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 even if you decide to continue to bring a packed lunch.

For more information contact the Area Education Office on **01772 532109**

FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS

For those who currently receive free school meals, your vouchers for the Easter holidays have been ordered and should start to arrive by email on 2nd April, don't forget to check your junk mail. The amount this holiday is slightly more than normal and is £55 per eligible pupil.

PRESTON EASTER HOLIDAY CLUBS

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, please click the link below for more details of holiday clubs in Preston during the Easter holidays. **Click here - 'Get Stuck In'**

Pupils of the Week

RECEPTION: SCARLETT

YEAR 1: ALL OF YEAR 1

YEAR 2: ANUSHKA

YEAR 3: OLIVER

YEAR 4: ADAM

YEAR 5: ETHAN

YEAR 6: LEXI

DATES TO REMEMBER

MONDAY 18th APRIL

- EASTER MONDAY – **SCHOOL CLOSED**

TUESDAY 19th APRIL

- RETURN TO SCHOOL**
- Rocksteady Music
- Girl's Netball Year 5 & 6

WEDNESDAY 20th APRIL

- PNE Gymnastics
- Year 3 Sports Club

FRIDAY 22nd APRIL

- Dance Club with Sally for **Year 5** and **Year 6**.
- Year 3 Samba
- Girl's football with Mrs Buck
- Y3 & Y4 Zumba - Cancelled

Happy Birthday

Maximus, Frankie, Aliyah, Carter, Mia, Baxter, Lucas and Charley.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

WC 18/04/22 - **WEEK 2**

ATTENDANCE

Our target attendance is 96%.

RECEPTION: 96.11%

YEAR 1: 95.26%

YEAR 2: 94.63%

YEAR 3: 95.14%

YEAR 4: 94.48%

YEAR 5: 93.12%

YEAR 6: 96.07%

Dinner Time Stars

RECEPTION: MAX

YEAR 1: ELLIS

YEAR 2: AVA

YEAR 3: OLIVER

YEAR 4: LUKE

YEAR 5: EILIDH

YEAR 6: ABI

Longsands Values

RECEPTION: ZACHARY

YEAR 1: MAX

YEAR 2: GRACIE

YEAR 3: SARA

YEAR 4: EVIE

YEAR 5: DHRUV

YEAR 6: JENNA



REVISED TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS

2021 – 2022

**Now includes additional bank holiday for
The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.**

Autumn Term 2021

INSET DAY 1

Wednesday 1st September 2021

School Returns

Thursday 2nd September 2021

Half Term Holidays

Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October 2021

Closure after school

Friday 17th December 2021 at **2.00pm**

Spring Term 2022

INSET DAY 2

Tuesday 4th January 2022

INSET DAY 3

Wednesday 5th January 2022

School Returns

Thursday 6th January 2022

Half Term Holidays

Monday 14th February to Friday 18th February 2022

Closure after school

Friday 1st April 2022 at **2.00pm**

Summer Term 2022

School Returns

Tuesday 19th April 2022

May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 2nd May 2022

Half Term Holidays

Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2022

INSET DAY 4

Monday 6th June 2022

INSET DAY 5

Tuesday 7th June 2022

Jubilee Bank Holiday (in Lieu)

Wednesday 8th June 2022

School Returns

Thursday 9th June 2022

Closure after school

Friday 22nd July 2022 at **2.00pm**

Look at our fabulous



class colour rainbow!!

Hall/ PE Timetable Summer 1 2021-2022

	9:05-10:05	10:05-11:05	11:05 – 2:00	2:00-2:15	2:00-3:00	3:00 – 3:15
MON	Year 5	Year 2	L	Year 6		Y5/6 assembly
TUES	Year 3	Reception	U	Year 1/2 assembly	Year 6	
WEDS	Year 4	Year 3	N	Reception assembly	Year 1	
THURS	Year 5	Year 4	C		Year 1	
FRI	Samba	Reception	H	Year 2		Y3/4 assembly



platinum Jubilee Street Party

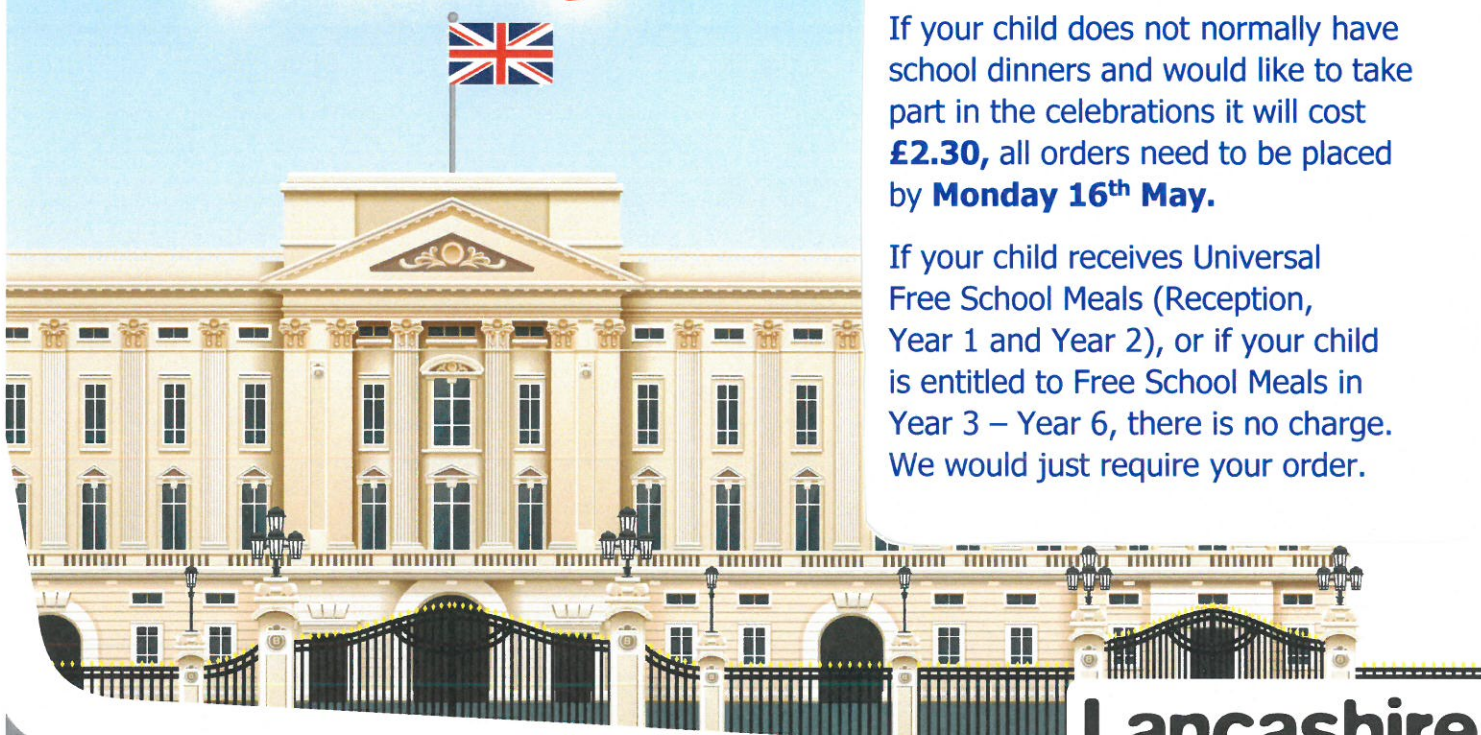
QUEEN ELIZABETH II

- ❖ Choice of Filled Sandwiches
- ❖ Buffet Sausage Rolls
- ❖ Tea Party Crudities
- ❖ Crisps
- ❖ Juice
- ❖ Jam and Cream Butterfly Buns

The Jubilee Lunch will take place on **Thursday 26th May** and will replace the scheduled lunch for that day.

If your child does not normally have school dinners and would like to take part in the celebrations it will cost **£2.30**, all orders need to be placed by **Monday 16th May**.

If your child receives Universal Free School Meals (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2), or if your child is entitled to Free School Meals in Year 3 – Year 6, there is no charge. We would just require your order.



Lancashire
County
Council



Year 5 and
Year 6 only.

28th March 2022

Dear Parents

There will be a Dance Club starting every Friday morning from 8-8.45am. The club will run for 6 weeks (22/04/22 – 27/05/22) this will be a great chance for your child to build confidence, have fun and learn a new skill.

Payment

£30 for the 6 weeks dance course.

If your child wishes to attend this club please complete the form below along with the fees and return to the school office.

Yours sincerely

Sally Whitaker
Dance Teacher

Childs Name :

Year Group:

Parent/Guardian Contact Number:

Medical Conditions:

Parent/Guardian Signature

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about FACEBOOK

AGE RATING
13+

With 2.9 billion users, Facebook, owned by the recently rebranded Meta, is the world's most popular social media platform. It encourages interaction with other people by (among other things) adding them as friends, reacting to or commenting on their content, sharing images and videos, posting status updates, joining groups and playing games. Facebook is free, and anyone over 13 can join – but with no age verification, younger children can easily create an account: it's likely your child is already familiar with the platform, even if they don't yet use it themselves.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Facebook's quick reward cycle of likes and comments on shared posts can be hugely addictive. It encourages users to keep returning to post things and increases FOMO (the Fear Of Missing Out), which leads to people checking the app even more frequently and finding themselves endlessly scrolling through content.

CYBERBULLYING

A 2021 Ofcom report found that around one in four UK 12–15-year-olds had been cyberbullied or trolled (intentionally antagonised online). On Facebook, this can happen through private messages (on Facebook Messenger); hurtful comments on their profiles and posts; pages or groups set up purposely to torment a victim; or exclusion from pages or groups.

FUTURE IMPACT

Like most social media platforms, anything posted on Facebook leaves a permanent 'digital footprint'. This can have future consequences for young people: many universities and employers, for example, now review someone's Facebook timeline during the application process.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Just like in the offline world, there are people on Facebook with malicious intentions. Ofcom reports, for instance, that 30% of 12–15-year-olds have received a friend request from a stranger. This, sadly, can include individuals seeking to take advantage of impressionable youngsters.

OVERSHARING

Facebook encourages you to post "what's on your mind", but children should be wary of revealing too much about themselves online. Users can give away their location by checking in or using Facebook Live, for example, while some photos can also be traced using file data.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Facebook monitors and removes material like hate speech or extreme political views, while adverts on the platform are now forbidden from targeting under-18s based on their interests. Offensive content isn't always taken down instantly, however, so there's still a risk of children encountering it.

VIDEOS AND STREAMING

Facebook Live lets users stream video live to their friends or watch others' broadcasts. Viewers can comment in real time, which is problematic to moderate. Short, user-created clips called Reels can now also be displayed on profiles and feeds. These video features could contain unsuitable material or allow children to be cajoled into doing something on camera that they wouldn't normally do.

Advice for Parents & Carers

KEEP ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

In the settings area, you can choose whether a Facebook profile is public or private. By far the safest option is to switch your child's to private, so they can only interact with people who they are friends with on the platform. Facebook's settings can also prevent your child's personal information (such as contact details, school name or date of birth) from appearing publicly.

ENCOURAGE SAFE FRIENDING

Facebook can help your child to stay connected with the people and the things that they care about. However, it's important for them to understand that they should only accept friend requests from people who they know. The key questions to consider are "has your child met them in person?" and "do they know and trust them enough to feel comfortable accepting them as a Facebook friend?"

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let your child watch you using Facebook – this will demonstrate how it can be used safely and appropriately, reducing the risk of them encountering harmful content themselves. Teach them the habit of thinking before sharing anything online and try to follow the same rules that you set for them – so if you agree time limits on your child's Facebook use, then you should stick to them, too.

SAVVY SHARING

Make sure your child realises that what they share online with friends can end up being shared again by others. It's important that they think about what they share online and who they share it with. Facebook's 'Audience Selector' gives users the option to filter who sees what they are sharing, whenever a status is updated, photos are uploaded or anything is posted.

RESPECT BOUNDARIES

Once you've talked about Facebook safety with your child, give them some space and trust them to make smart choices. Make it clear, however, that you're always open to discussing social media if they need to. In the early stages, you could occasionally review your child's social media activity with them to put your mind at rest – but take care not to become reliant on checking it every night.

BLOCK AND REPORT

On Facebook, you're able to report harmful content and block particular people or groups so they can't contact your child or view their profile. Before they start spending serious time on the platform, show your child how these features work and explain why they might need to be used. Facebook's Bullying Prevention Hub offers advice on dealing with harassment on the platform.

Meet Our Expert

Alex Wright is a former Facebook employee and social media expert with more than 15 years' experience in digital media. He has worked with some of the biggest organisations on the planet and has a vast understanding of how social media platforms work and how they engage their audience.



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