



## LONGSANDS LINK – 10th November 2023

### Mrs McKeown's Message

This week some Year 2 children started their Forest school adventure with Mrs Flanders, Reverend Chris came to deliver a Remembrance assembly, Year 1 carried on with their road safety sessions and KS1 and Reception class have started singing their Christmas songs!! Very soon you will have an invite to the arts week we are running in school. Keep an eye on Seesaw for more information. I would also like to welcome Mrs Cooper our new Parent Governor who responded to the vacancy advertised before the half term break. Have a lovely weekend and keep in touch.

*Mrs McKeown*

### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

John Hunt Photography will be in school on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November** to take portrait photographs of the children. If Monday is your PE day, you MUST come to school in your full school uniform, and bring your PE kit in a bag so that you can change into it after the photographs have been taken.

### PRIMARY ADMISSIONS 2024

If you have a child who has their 4<sup>th</sup> birthday between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024, you must now apply for their place in Primary School. You still need to make an application even if they have a sibling at your chosen school.

### CLICK HERE TO APPLY

It is quick and easy to do, and you will receive an email confirmation of your application. The deadline for all September 2024 applications is 11.59pm on **15<sup>th</sup> January 2024**.

### CHRISTMAS DINNER

Please see the attached poster for the school Christmas Dinner which will take place on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**. If your child does not normally have a school dinner but would like to have one on this day this can be ordered via ParentPay for a charge of £2.65. Mr Coyne will be adding the details to ParentPay very soon and all orders for the Christmas dinner need to be made by Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November.



Thank you to Reverend Chris who provided the children with a Remembrance Day assembly today. We do still have some poppies and snap bands available at the school office if anyone would still like to buy them. Thank you to everyone who has purchased items so far.

### NETBALL

Don't forget that for the next two weeks Year 5 and Year 6 netball sessions with Mrs Monks will be on **Wednesday's** after school, and not Tuesday's. From week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> November they will revert back to Tuesday's after school.

### FREE LATERAL FLOW TESTS

Preston Pharmacy (next to Tesco), have asked us to let parents know that they are a Covid and Flu Vaccination Site. They also have free lateral flow devices for all eligible patients. If you would like to find out more information and to see if you are eligible you can either pop in or contact them on 01772 705087.

### BEING PREPARED FOR SCHOOL

Please try to promote your child's independence by encouraging them to get their bags, sports kit bags etc ready the night before school, and to bring them in with them in the morning. Any items such as packed lunches, homework, coats, sports kits which are brought to school after this point should be left in a clearly named bag in the blue drop box by the main entrance door. There is no need to ring the bell as we can see you on camera and the box is regularly checked.

### THE HARRIS FILM EVENTS

The Harris is hosting an exciting winter film programme at The Guild Hall, Preston which you may be interested in. These low cost events include festive film favourites such as Arthur Christmas (U) and The Muppet Christmas Carol (U). All events can be booked via Eventbrite at: <https://bit.ly/3QbqNbI>

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Please see the attached poster for the Scholastic Book Fair which is starting 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

### GIRLS FOOTBALL

The girls' football team played a Cup game yesterday against Cottam Primary. It was their first ever football match playing for Longsands. Unfortunately they lost 3 goals to nil. The girls' did Mrs Buck proud. Well done to: Martha, Lilly, Lola, Aria, Daisy, Mia, Sara and Amelia.

### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November

- School Photographer In
- Start of Reception's Nursery Rhyme Week

### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November

- Coach Gunn's Club

### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November

- Rocksteady
- Netball Y5 & Y6

### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November

- Football with Mr Griffiths
- Year 2 Road Safety

### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November

- Rewards Assembly
- Year 1 Road Safety
- Year 3 Samba
- Girls Football with Mrs Buck 3.20pm – 4.15pm

### ATTENDANCE

Our target attendance is **96%**.

**RECEPTION:** 96.81%

**YEAR 1:** 95.24%

**YEAR 2:** 96.63%

**YEAR 3:** 96.34%

**YEAR 4:** 97.12%

**YEAR 5:** 93.97%

**YEAR 6:** 95.35%

**Current Overall = 95.92%**

### SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

WC 13/11/23 – **WEEK 3**

### Happy Birthday

OLIVER, OLIVER, DAISIE,  
CHLOE-LOUISE and JAMES.

### PARKING

Please remember to park your vehicles considerately to others when dropping off and collecting children. If there are spaces available, please use them rather than randomly blocking areas.

This is frustrating for other parents and potentially blocks the view of children crossing.

Thank you for your understanding.

# LONGSANDS PTFA NEWSLETTER

November 2023



## CHRISTMAS JUMPER SALE!

We will be selling good quality second-hand Christmas jumpers during the school's scholastic book fair in the hall on:

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**  
**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

**£2 per child's item, £3 per adult's item.**

We will also have our **second-hand uniform rail** out, so please come along if you need any items.

**Remember you can donate any good quality jumpers into school on**  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> and Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November.**

## KS1 CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We will be doing a KS1 Christmas Raffle at all three performances by KS1.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm**  
**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm**  
**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm**

Tickets will be on sale before the performance and the draw will take place at the end.

**£1 for a strip of 5 tickets**  
**£5 for 6 strips (30 tickets!)**  
**Bring your pennies 😊**

## MAKE YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS WREATH

***Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November***  
***6.30pm – 8.30pm***

All places have now been filled for this event.

Thank you very much for your support.

We look forward to welcoming all our attendees who can enjoy a glass of something and some nibbles on arrival.

Our experienced florist will then show you how to make a beautiful wreath for the festive season.

## REMEMBER YOU CAN

### **BUY ONLINE, DONATION TO US!**

Register with easyfundraising + Find your online shop  
+ Buy your items = Donation goes to the PTFA.

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

Go to Stikins + Buy your labels using code **35371** =  
30% commission to the PTFA.

[www.stikins.co.uk](http://www.stikins.co.uk)

## LOOK OUT FOR OUR NEXT EVENTS!

**Make the Rules Day \*\*\* The Great Easter Raffle \*\*\* May Day Fete**  
**Euros Sweepstake \*\*\* Disco**

# CHRISTMAS Lunch.

Traditional Roast Turkey  
with  
Chipolata Sausage  
or  
Roast Quorn Fillet  
with  
Vegetarian Sausage  
served with  
Sage & Onion Stuffing  
Roast & Mashed Potatoes  
Seasonal Vegetables  
& Gravy  
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Iced Vanilla Sponge



National Wraparound Childcare  
Programme

Phone: 0300 123 6712  
Email: [schoolschildcare@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:schoolschildcare@lancashire.gov.uk)

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

We are looking to find out your views on childcare for primary school aged children. If you do not currently use childcare before or after school, we would still like your feedback.

From Sept 2024, the government have announced funding for a national wraparound childcare programme. This is to enable schools and local providers to set up and expand before and after school (wraparound) childcare provision and can include private, voluntary and independent organisations, schools and childminders. The wraparound childcare can operate on a school site or at another setting in the area, term time only.

To support the delivery of this programme, we need to understand your wraparound childcare needs. If you currently use before or after school childcare and the opening times do not meet your needs, we would like to hear about what could work for you. We would be delighted if you could complete the survey by clicking this link <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/vt082j> or scanning the QR code below using a mobile or digital device. The survey should take no more than 5 minutes to complete.



Thank you in advance for taking the time to assist us.

**Childcare Sufficiency Team**

Education Improvement Service (0-11)  
Lancashire County Council  
[www.lancashire.gov.uk](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk)  
[schoolschildcare@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:schoolschildcare@lancashire.gov.uk)

**Lancashire County Council**

PO Box 100, County Hall, Preston, PR1 0LD





Parents and Carers,  
tell us about childcare  
in Lancashire for your  
school aged children.



**Scan the QR code or visit:**  
**<https://online1.snapsurveys.com/vt082j>**

[lancashire.gov.uk/childcare](https://lancashire.gov.uk/childcare)



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are SO happy to announce that SportsCool will be running MORE **FREE** HOLIDAY CLUBS THIS WINTER for children eligible for FREE SCHOOL MEAL BENEFITS OR SEN.

📍 **VENUES:**

**OPTION 1 - ST MARIA GORETTI PRIMARY SCHOOL - PR2 6SJ**

**OPTION 2 - ST BERNARDS PRIMARY SCHOOL PR2 1RP**

🕒 **TIMES:**

ST MARIA GORETTI: 9am - 12pm (SEN): 12.30pm - 4.30pm (FSM)

ST BERNARDS: 8.30am - 12.30pm (FSM): 1pm - 4pm (SEN)

📅 **DATES:** 2nd - 5th January (Tuesday - Friday)

🌟 **FOOD:** All children will be provided with a meal at the club they attend

**THE CLUB/WHAT TO EXPECT:**

⚽ MULTISPORTS

🎮 FESTIVE FUN GAMES

🏆 PRIZES

📢 **HOW TO BOOK** 📢

Follow the link for your chosen venue

ST MARIA GORETTI'S - <https://bit.ly/mariagoretti23>

ST BERNARDS - <https://bit.ly/bernards23>

\*if your child is NOT eligible for a free place but you would still like them to come, book here - [www.sportscool.schoolipal.co.uk](http://www.sportscool.schoolipal.co.uk)\*

Thank you, and we look forward to hearing from you soon!

TEAM SPORTSCOOL



**2023/24 Sports Provision**

Stay organised for next year and book a meeting to discuss what SportsCool can provide for your school!

**CALL LIBBY ON 07566 233275**

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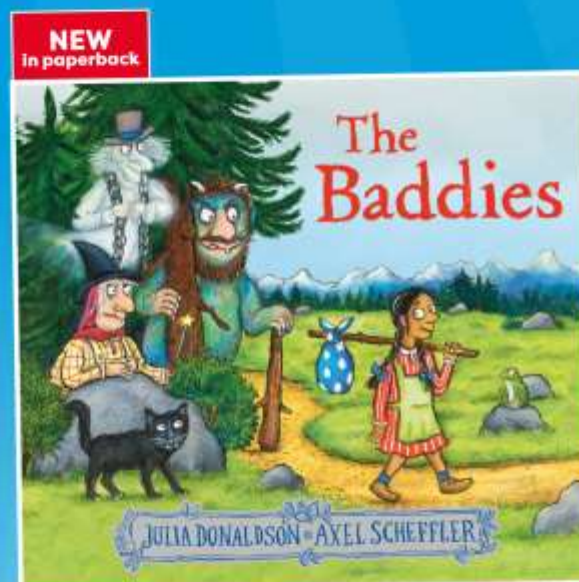
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**£7.99**



**£6.99**

Date:

Starting ...Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November @  
3.30 in the school hall

Scan the QR code  
to pay online!





## FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND PUPIL PREMIUM

We need information about you and your child so that we can provide them with the best education and support, by making sure that their school receives all the government funding to which it is entitled.

Please complete all sections of the form and return this to the school

### Free Schools Meals & Pupil Premium Eligibility Criteria:

**Please indicate which benefit you are currently in receipt of:**

- ☐ Universal Credit with a household income of less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- ☐ Income-Based Jobseekers' Allowance
- ☐ Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance
- ☐ Child Tax Credit, **not entitled to Working Tax Credit** and household income less than £16,190
- ☐ Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ☐ Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- ☐ Income Support
- ☐ Working Tax Credit 'run on' – the payment you receive for a further four weeks after you finish work

**Applicants in receipt of the above benefits or credits may be required to enclose proof. You will be contacted should further information be needed.**

**Please ONLY complete the form overleaf if you have ticked one of the boxes above**

### CONTACT DETAILS FOR PUPIL ACCESS TEAM AREA EDUCATION OFFICES

<b>NORTH AREA</b> <b>Lancaster, Wyre &amp; The Fylde</b>	<b>SOUTH AREA</b> <b>Preston, South Ribble, West Lancashire &amp; Chorley</b>	<b>EAST AREA</b> <b>Burnley, Hyndburn / Ribble Valley, Pendle, Rossendale</b>
Area Education Office White Cross Neighbourhood Centre Quarry Road Lancaster LA1 3SE  (01524) 581207	Pupil Access Team South Room C37 County Hall Preston PR1 0LD  (01772) 532109	Area Education Office 44 Union Street Accrington BB5 1PL  01254 220747

### Lancashire County Council - DfE Free School Meals Eligibility Checker

By sharing your information with us, you agree to the LA accessing the DfE Eligibility checker on your behalf.

#### Data Protection Act 2018 and General Data Protection Regulation 2018 (GDPR)

The Data Protection Act 2018 and GDPR are laws that are designed to protect and maintain personal identifiable information. When we are in possession of personal information we will protect it and aim to keep service user information safe, abide by the law in respect of handling personally identifiable information, and respect the wishes of service users who do not want us to share their information. Unidentifiable service user data may also be used to aid service development. Lancashire County Council holds personal data about the people/children to whom we provide services. There is more information about your rights and how the Council uses and stores data:

<http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/data-protection>. To request a copy of the information we hold about you, contact The County Council's Data Protection Officer, PO Box 78, County Hall, Preston PR1 8XJ



**1. PARENT / GUARDIAN DETAILS – these should be the details relating to the person who is claiming the benefits and where the pupil resides.**

	Parent / Guardian 1				Parent / Guardian 2			
Title								
First name								
Last name								
Date of birth	DD	MM	YYYY		DD	MM	YYYY	
Relationship to pupil								
National Insurance Number*								
National Asylum Support Service (NASS) Number*			/			/		
Daytime telephone number								
Email address								
	Parent / Guardian 1				Parent / Guardian 2			
Address								
	Postcode:				Postcode:			
Previous address if you have moved in the last year								
	Postcode:				Postcode:			

\*Complete as appropriate

**2. CHILD / CHILDREN DETAILS**

Child's last name	Child's first name	Date of birth	Male / Female	Name of school attending	Year Group

**DECLARATION**

The information I have given on this form is complete and accurate. I understand that my personal information is held securely and will be used only for local authority purposes. **I agree to LCC checking my details with relevant Government Departments or other agencies to assess my initial and ongoing entitlement to Free School Meals, Free Travel to School and Free School Milk.** I also agree to notify the local authority in writing of any change in my family's financial circumstances as set out in this form.

**Signature of parent / guardian:** .....

**Date:** .....

**FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**

Outcome		Checked by	
Date		Household ID	