



Mrs McKeown's Message

I just wanted to take this opportunity as the Autumn term draws to a close, to wish you all a fantastic and very Happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year!! I also wanted to thank you for the incredible support you have offered us once again this year, it is as always very much appreciated.

Wishing you all the very best.

Mrs McKeown

AFTER CHRISTMAS

School returns after Christmas on **Monday 8th January 2024**, with school starting at **8.55am**.

YEAR 5 ART

Year 5 need some magazines for their next art topic. If you have any old ones that we could use we would be very grateful of them, please send any that you are able to donate into school in a clearly labelled bag after the Christmas holidays.

Thank you from Year 5!

CHANGES TO PE POLICY

Last week we attached the changes to our PE policy to the Longsands Link. We have attached this again this week, please take the time to read through this document, so you are fully aware of the changes.

COOL MILK

If your child would like milk in school after Christmas, this will need to be ordered directly from Cool Milk by **5.00pm** on **Tuesday 2nd January 2024**. If you order after this time, then your child's milk will begin the following week.

www.coolmilk.com



Merry Christmas Everyone!



EARLIER FINISH

School finishes for the Christmas holidays **tomorrow, Thursday 21st December at 2.00pm**.

Please ensure that any parents, carers, grandparents, friends etc who collect on your behalf are aware of this early finish, then we do not have anyone left uncollected at the **2.00pm** home time.

LONGSANDS PTFA

We have attached the PTFA's newsletter which has lots of updates for us. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our PTFA members for all of their hard work and commitment so far this year.

RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2

On **Thursday 21st December** it is party day for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

The children may come into school in their own party clothes.

YEAR 3 AND YEAR 4 DATES

Thursday 21st: DVD Morning, the film will be provided by school but children may bring in a snack and a drink but no items containing nuts or fizzy drinks please.

On this day, the children may also come to school in their own clothes for a £2.00 donation (please send in a clearly labelled and sealed envelope).

YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 DATES

Thursday 21st: Year 5 Toy Day.

On this day children may come into school in their own clothes for a £2.00 donation (please send this in a clearly marked and sealed envelope).

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. For more information contact the Area Education Department on **01772 531809**

NEW RECEPTION INTAKE SEPTEMBER 2024

The deadline for all Reception September 2024 applications is **11.59pm** on **Monday 15th January 2024**.

Remember you still need to make an application even if you already have a child already at Longsands.

Click here to apply online.

FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS

Free school meal vouchers for those entitled to the free school meal benefit will be ordered this week to the value of £30 per eligible pupil. Please check your spam and junk mail if you have not received your voucher code by Saturday.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU WC 08/01/2024 – WEEK 2

Happy Birthday

RIVER, ADAM, THEO, JIA, MAX, JEMIMAH, GEORGE and JAMIE.



Every student. Every day.

Our target attendance is **96%**.

RECEPTION: 95.27%

YEAR 1: 94.74%

YEAR 2: 95.84%

YEAR 3: 96.14%

YEAR 4: 94.87%

YEAR 5: 92.65%

YEAR 6: 93.60%

Current Overall = 94.73%

We will be again reviewing pupil attendance for this Autumn term and issuing updates to parents in the new year if necessary.



TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS

2023 – 2024

Autumn Term 2023

INSET DAY 1

Friday 1st September 2023

School Returns

Monday 4th September 2023

Half Term Holidays

Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October 2023

Closure after school

Thursday 21st December 2023 at **2.00pm**

INSET DAY 2

Friday 22nd December 2023

Spring Term 2024

School Returns

Monday 8th January 2024

Half Term Holidays

Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February 2024

Closure after school

Thursday 28th March 2024 at **2.00pm**

Summer Term 2024

School Returns

Monday 15th April 2024

May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 6th May 2024

Half Term Holidays

Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024

INSET DAY 3

Monday 3rd June 2024

INSET DAY 4

Tuesday 4th June 2024

School Returns

Wednesday 5th June 2024

Closure after school

Friday 19th July 2024 at **2.00pm**

INSET DAY 5

Monday 22nd July 2024



Longsands C.P. School
Longsands Lane
Fulwood
Preston
Lancashire
PR2 9PS

Tel: 01772 795676

Headteacher: Mrs S McKeown

Dear Parents / Carers

We are writing to you following our planned update to our PE Policy and would ask that you take time to read the following information regarding PE lessons. Our policy follows Lancashire County Council guidelines and is in place to keep your child safe. Please ensure that all of these points are being followed from January.

Ear-rings

- All ear-rings should be removed for PE lessons.
- If your child cannot remove their own ear-rings we suggest that ear-rings are best left at home on PE days.
- Staff / other children are not allowed to remove or help to remove your child's ear-rings.
- The only exception to this is for the first 6 weeks after piercing. During this time ear-rings may be taped using ear-ring cover up tape (not plasters) This should be applied before your child comes to school, otherwise we will ask you to come into school during the day to do this.
- After the 6 week healing time, it will be expected that the ear-rings will be removed for PE.

This is a link to tape recommended by the Lancashire PE advisor.

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/JFA-Supplies-Microporous-Earring-1->

PE kit

Children will continue to come to school in their PE kits on their PE days.

Exceptions to this will be in the Summer term for Reception and Year 6. You will be informed about this at the time.

Our PE kit comprises:

- Royal blue shorts / plain navy blue jogging pants
- Lemon Longsands polo shirt
- Plain navy blue zip through hoodie
- Trainers with light coloured soles (Velcro fasteners for Reception /KS1)

Hoodies and jogging pants should be the correct colour with no logo or decoration.

Footwear

For outdoor PE lessons children should wear trainers. For Gymnastics / Dance lessons children will be barefoot.

Long hair

Long hair should always be tied back to prevent entanglement with equipment and to not obscure vision.

Personal effects, including jewellery and cultural or religious adornments

- Personal effects, such as jewellery, religious artefacts, watches, hair slides, and sensory aids including glasses, should ideally always be removed to establish a safe working environment.
- Wristbands / watches monitoring physical activity may be worn in outdoor PE lessons if they are covered with a fabric sports wristband which should be provided by parents / carers.
- Wrist adornments worn for religious reasons may also be covered with a fabric sports wristband if they cannot be removed.

Nails

Nails should be kept suitably short to avoid injury to self and others.

We thank you for your support in keeping everyone at school safe during PE lessons.

Mrs. A. Taylor & Mrs. J. Barton
Longsands P.E. Leads.

WOW!

113

People participated in our
Design Project

£178

5

People took one of our
Photo Shoot Voucher

£100

35

People participated in our **Make
Your Own Christmas Wreath**

£540



Sales from our **Christmas
Jumper/Second-Hand Uniform**

£28

**KS1 Christmas Performance
Raffles**

£369

£1,215

We have raised an amazing amount of money this term. Thank you so much to everyone who has participated and contributed.

Special thanks goes to Mrs Wilds, Lucy Pocock and Natalie Fitzpatrick for their raffle donations. And to Mrs Tipping who gave her skills and time generously so we could host our first (very successful) wreath making event.

And to Marie Seddon who kindly donated some of our Christmas gifts to the children this year. All the children will be coming home with a little gingerbread man this week.



Easyfundraising
It's even easier to donate using
the donation reminder – look
out for more details!

www.stikins.co.uk - 35371

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM LONGSANDS PTFA**

longsandspfta@gmail.com / FB page @longsandscpschoolPTFA

Parentkind
Member Association



CIRCUS SKILLS

Thursday 28th December, 10:00-3:00pm.
Moor Nook Children and Family Wellbeing
Services, Burholme Road, Ribbleson, Preston
PR2 6HN.

Please visit <https://getstuckin.org.uk/> to book your place! (Booking goes live 1st December)



Winter WONDERLAND Activities

Lancashire
County
Council



Thursday 4th January

10:00am- 3:00pm

Preston Central Neighbourhood Centre

Brieryfield Road, Preston, PR1 8SR

Please call 01772 531948 or email

cfwprestongroups@lancashire.gov.uk to book

your place!