



## LONGSANDS LINK – 9th February 2024

### Mrs McKeown's Message

Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended our parents evenings this week. It was lovely to see you all and I am glad some of you were able to meet Mrs Lang the new Headteacher. Please do not forget staff are always available to catch up with you at a mutual time throughout the year. Have a lovely break and have a look at the half term activities attached to this newsletter including Martin Mere Mud festival. *Mrs McKeown*

### MOVING ON

Mrs Worden, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Gillgrass will be leaving us at the end of this term. Mrs Worden has been at Longsands for almost 26 years, Mrs Taylor has been with us for 22 years and Mrs Gillgrass for almost 20. All three will be sorely missed with all their experience and their commitment to educating and nurturing your children through their primary years. I am sure you will join me in wishing them all the best for their future and thank them for their dedication and contribution to the Longsands family over the years.

### BREAKFAST DANCE CLUB

Miss Sally is running her fabulous dance club on Thursday's from 8.00am to 8.45am for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. If your child would like to join this exciting club please see the attached letter. Payment should be made directly to Miss Sally and **not left** at the school office.

### Pupils of the Week

**RECEPTION:** LOUIS  
**YEAR 1:** GEORGIE  
**YEAR 2:** JAC  
**YEAR 3:** ELLIS  
**YEAR 4:** HUGO  
**YEAR 5:** UMAIMAH  
**YEAR 6:** JAMES

### Dinner Time Stars

**RECEPTION:** JACK  
**YEAR 1:** HONEY  
**YEAR 2:** HARPER  
**YEAR 3:** DOUGIE  
**YEAR 4:** HASINI  
**YEAR 5:** ALICE  
**YEAR 6:** STANLEY

### HALF TERM

School finishes today for the half term. We will return back ready for an 8.55am start to the day, on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February**.

### TIPPYTOES DONATIONS

Mrs Oldfield would like to thank everyone for their very generous donations to Tippytoes, it was very much appreciated. Thank you

### COOL MILK

If your child would like milk in school after half term, this will need to be ordered directly from Cool Milk by **5.00pm** on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024**. If you order after this time, then your child's milk will begin the following week.  
[www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)

### FREE SCHOOL MEALS

#### Click Here To Apply

If you think that you may be entitled to receive the benefit for Free School Meals, please apply online by clicking the above link or by telephoning **01772 532109** (Monday to Friday, 9.00am – 5.00pm). This is different to the 'Universal Free School Meals' that children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive. It is always worth applying just in case you do make the criteria, and as well as being entitled to free school meals all the way through school, you will also be entitled to free school milk (you will just need to mention this when ordering from Cool Milk). Even if your child would still like to bring a packed lunch each day this is fine, but by having the free school meal eligibility, school will receive extra Pupil Premium Funding which will make a big difference to us.

### Happy Birthday

AISHA, ANAM, HARPER, MOHAMMED and JAKE.

### Longsands Values

**RECEPTION:** AWAIS  
**YEAR 1:** ARTHUR  
**YEAR 2:** OPHELIA  
**YEAR 3:** HAWAA  
**YEAR 4:** ALIYAH  
**YEAR 5:** OLIVER  
**YEAR 6:** HOLLY

### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February

- Back to School

### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February

- Coach Gunn Club 8am
- Tag Rugby Tournament

### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February

- Rocksteady

### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

- Zumba Club 8.00am
- Enzo Martial Arts 3.20pm

### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

- Rev Chris Assembly
- Samba
- Church Club

### SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

WC 19/02/24 – **WEEK 2**

**Please ensure that you have pre-selected your meal choice in advance.**

### ATTENDANCE

Our target attendance is **96%**.

**RECEPTION:** 94.42%

**YEAR 1:** 95.14%

**YEAR 2:** 95.47%

**YEAR 3:** 95.38%

**YEAR 4:** 94.96%

**YEAR 5:** 93.10%

**YEAR 6:** 93.81%

**Current Overall = 94.61%**

### GIRLS FOOTBALL

Girls Football will begin again on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** for girls in Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6. The sessions will be after school and will finish at **4.15pm**.

### KS1 ZUMBA CLUB

#### Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

Our very popular Zumba club is back! Start the day with a fun and active Zumba session before school on Thursday's. Please see the attached letter for more details, payments should not be sent into school but brought on the day of the session.

### FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS

These have been ordered for those entitled and should arrive in your inbox on Saturday. Don't forget to check junk mail.

## Groups for February Half Term 2024

Day	Group	Time	Venue
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Family Development Matters – Messy Play	9:30 – 11:30am	Ribbleton Family Hub, Ribbleton Hall Drive. PR2 6EE
	Family Stay and Play	9:30 – 11:30am	Preston West, Ashton Primary School Site, Ainsdale Drive PR2 1TU
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Family Stay and Play	9:30 – 11:30am	Preston East, Brookfield Primary School, Watling Steet Road, PR2 6TU
	Family Inside Out	2:30 – 4:30pm	Moor Nook, Burholme Road, Ribbleton, PR2 6HN
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Teddy Bears Picnic	9:30 – 11:30am	Preston Central, Brieryfield Road, PR1 8SR
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	No Groups Running		
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Teddy Bears Picnic	9:30 – 11:30am	Preston East, Brookfield Primary School, Watling Steet Road, PR2 6TU
	Family Inside Out	1:00 – 3:00pm	Ribbleton Family Hub, Ribbleton Hall Drive, PR2 6EE
	Development Matters – Messy Play	1:00 – 3:00pm	Preston Central, Brieryfield Road, PR1 8SR

Booking Not Required

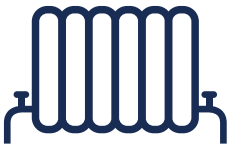
# Are you struggling due to the increase in the cost of living?



- ✓ **Struggling with bills?**
- ✓ **Worried about putting the heating on?**
- ✓ **Choosing between food or fuel?**

**YES**

Did you know that the  
**Household Support Fund**  
can help with fuel, food, clothes, furniture,  
white goods etc. No reasonable request refused!



**But I'm not on Benefits and  
can't afford to pay it back.**

**Awards from the  
Household Support Fund**  
are available to **EVERYONE**  
and are **NOT REPAYABLE**.

**Fantastic! How do I apply?**

**You can apply online at  
[preston.gov.uk/householdsupportfund](https://preston.gov.uk/householdsupportfund)  
or call  
**01772 906777****

**Will I need to provide anything?**

**You will be asked to send in your  
recent bank statements.**



**Preston**  
City Council



Department  
for Work &  
Pensions

7<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents

There will be a Dance Club starting every Friday morning from 8.00am to 8.45am for KS1 children. The club will run for 6 weeks (21/02/24 – 27/03/24), this will be a great chance for your child to build confidence, have fun and learn a new skill.

The cost is £30.00 for the 6 weeks dance course. If your child wishes to attend this club please complete the form below, and bring together with your payment on the first day of the club.

You can also register your child in advance at **office@longsands.lancsngfl.ac.uk** but no payments should be sent in advance to the school office.

Yours sincerely

*Sally Whitaker*

Dance Teacher

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**KS1 DANCE CLUB**  
(Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

**Childs Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Year Group:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Name & Contact Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical Conditions:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

## KS1 ZUMBA BREAKFAST CLUB

### LONGSANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

**22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> February & 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> March**

**8:00am - 8:45am (Thursdays)**

### ONLY £20 PER CHILD

Each class will involve:

- Warm up games
- Fun variety of zumba dances
- Cool down games
- Certificates to be given out on the last week!



**PLACES FILL UP VERY QUICKLY SO SIGN UP ASAP TO AVOID  
DISAPPOINTMENT!**

**To book or for any further queries please contact me on 07752 307913**



Please fill in the details below/cut & hand directly to the first session  
and not to the school office. Cash Only Please

Childs Name:	Medical Info:
Age:	Contact no: