



LONGSANDS LINK – 27th March 2024

Mrs McKeown's Message

This is my last message to you all and I would like to thank everyone past and present for your support over the years and the recent messages of goodwill. It has been an absolute pleasure being part of the Longsands family over the last 28 years and I'm sure the school will continue to go from strength to strength. Have a fabulous Easter break and hopefully the weather will become warmer so Summer uniforms can be worn next term.

Mrs McKeown



GOODBYE

As you will know, tomorrow we say goodbye to Mrs McKeown, Mrs Gillgrass, Mrs Buck, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Worden. We will miss you all very much, it will not be the same without you. Thank you for all of the contributions you have made to make our school the special place that it is.

PTFA

We would like to thank our PTFA for all of their effort and hard work organising the recent Easter raffle, eggy events and chocolate treat for the children.

KS1 BREAKFAST ZUMBA

Zumba will continue on Thursday's after Easter for KS1. Look out for details after the holidays.

KS2 BREAKFAST DANCE CLUB

Miss Sally will be running her breakfast dance club for KS2 after Easter. Please look out for more details after the holidays.

GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY SERVICE

Please see the attached poster for the Good Friday Family Service at Ribbleton Parish. It is all free and there are lots of activities and fish finger sandwiches for lunch! Everyone is welcome to attend.

FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS

For those children on Free School Meals, your vouchers covering the Easter holidays have been ordered, and are due to be delivered to your nominated email address on Friday 29th March. Remember to check your junk mail or spam folders.

Dear Friends of Longsands

As we reach the end of the Spring Term it is with sadness that we say farewell to several of the staff. From Year 2 Mrs Gillgrass will be retiring, she has worked at Longsands since 2001 and will be greatly missed. We wish her every happiness in her future.

From Year 4, Mrs Buck will also be retiring after many faithful years working at Longsands. She will be missed by many and we are grateful for her contributions to many areas of life at school. Mrs Taylor will be leaving as one of the teachers in Year 5.

Her contributions to sport at Longsands have been extensive she has also achieved much as a dedicated class teacher. Mrs Worden will be leaving as the teacher in Year 6 and as the Lead in Key Stage 2. Her work in preparing Year 6 pupils for their end of year examinations has, quite rightly, always been highly praised and appreciated. She leaves a huge legacy behind her. Finally, after working at Longsands for almost 29 years, we now wave farewell to Mrs McKeown. She has had a variety of roles in the school, but will be mostly known now as the Headteacher who has helped the school to continue to progress during her leadership. We wish her a long and happy retirement, and hope that she might now be able to enjoy some of the things she has had to put to one side for a while. I have worked with all of these superb teachers and staff members for a number of years. I know they leave Longsands in a very strong position and we are grateful for their many contributions and sacrifices over many years. We wish them all well, as they proceed with the next phases of their lives.

Stephen Hall

Chair of Governors

THURSDAY 28th MARCH

School will finish for Easter at 2.00pm tomorrow (Thursday 28th March).

Please ensure that if you have friends or family who collect on your behalf, that they are aware of the earlier home time collection time.

A NEW TERM AHEAD

We return after the Easter holidays on **Monday 15th April** with school starting at **8.55am**. On this day we will also be welcoming **Mrs Lang** to Longsands as our new Headteacher.

NEW SCHOOL LUNCH MENU AFTER EASTER WC 15/04/24 – WEEK 1

Mr Coyne will be adding details on ParentPay over Easter. Please ensure you have chosen your child's meal choices before they start they return after Easter break.



COOL MILK

If you would like your child to have milk in school after the holidays, then you will need to have ordered this via Cool Milk by **5.00pm** on

Tuesday 9th April.

COOL MILK - CLICK HERE

Happy Birthday

AYDA, JACK, OSCAR, MAAHI, ASEEL, MAX, FRANKIE, ALIYAH, CARTER and MIA.



ATTENDANCE

Our target attendance is **96%**.

RECEPTION: 94.73%

YEAR 1: 94.99%

YEAR 2: 95.42%

YEAR 3: 95.50%

YEAR 4: 94.78%

YEAR 5: 93.14%

YEAR 6: 94.11%

Current Overall = 94.67%

LONGSANDS PTFA NEWSLETTER

March/April 2024



MAKE THE RULES DAY

Thank you to all those who took part in our Make the Rules Day event on Friday 9th February. The children really enjoyed it!

We raised **£285!!**

THE GREAT BIG EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you to all who bought tickets for our Great Big Easter Raffle that took place on Friday 22nd March.

There were 24 prizes up for grabs. If you're a winner, please collect your prize before school finishes tomorrow, 2pm.

We raised **£719!!**

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

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

www.stikins.co.uk

IN THE DIARY

WEDNESDAY 17TH JULY 2024

END OF TERM DISCO

KS1 5.30pm–6.15pm

(Reception children need an adult to attend)

KS2 6.30pm–7.30pm

COMING UP...

The PTFA are going to host their first **Colour Run** on Saturday 18th May 2024, 2pm–4pm.

It will be open to parents, children and the community.

The event will take place at Longsands School.

Tickets will be on sale just after the Easter holidays where you can sign up and book online. We are looking into package deals for the best price.

There will be an obstacle course on the run to make it more fun!

Before the run takes place there will be some refreshments and games available.

The run will be organised in waves according to ages.

Younger ones under school age **MUST** run with an adult.

Old clothes need to be worn and a white t-shirt for the best effect 😊

Glasses for eye protection **MUST** be worn on the course. If you're not wearing them at the start line, you won't be able to run (H&S requirement).

More details available soon!

VOLUNTEERS

We're in search of volunteers to help on the day of our colour run to help with the games and throwing the colour.

You will be able to put your name down as a volunteer using the same online site as our booking system.



GOODBYE



Longsands School say a fond farewell to their headteacher, Mrs McKeown, this term.

Thank you for being our PTFA President.

We have enjoyed working with you to make our fundraising events so successful over the years. We will miss you!

We wish you a long, healthy and happy retirement.



School also say a fond farewell this term to Mrs Worden, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Buck Miss Dabell, Mrs Gillgrass

The PTFA would like to thank you all very much for your help and support throughout the years.

Come back and visit our events some time!



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

Love Dance Easter Club

📍 LONGSANDS COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Week 1 : 2nd - 5th April
Week 2 : 8th - 12th April

Ages 4-12 years

My Holiday club is
designed to:

- Learn to dance
- Make new friends
- Build confidence

8.30am

9am to 4pm

4.30pm

Early drop off and Late collections

Please DM for more details
or to make a booking,

£100 per week

Thanks
Sally x

Mobile: 07791317619

Email: sally1active@outlook.Com

Year 2 - Year 6

Our instructors visited **Longsands Primary School** back in September to give the children an opportunity to take part in an exciting **Ju Jitsu** taster class. Enso Martial Arts would like to invite your child to join our after school club, which will run on **Mondays, 3.20pm - 4.30pm for 5 weeks** (excluding Bank Hols). The first lesson will be **15th April 2024**. Please see below for details of how to register your child.

Who are Enso?

Our talented team of instructors have taught thousands of children in hundreds of schools and venues across the North West for over 25 years.

Our mission is to encourage our students, whatever their age or ability, to gain confidence, empowering them to push themselves further than they ever imagined. Using fun and teamwork to engage students, giving them the physical skills and mental toughness to take on any challenge they set themselves.

All of our instructors are fully insured, have an enhanced DBS check and are trained in Ofsted compliant paediatric first aid. They are also trained in the safeguarding of children and adults.

What are the costs?

The 5 week course is **£35**. You will be emailed an invoice with the details before the half term starts.

Thank you for taking part!

If you have any questions regarding our classes, you can contact our office for further information on the details below.

Call free on **0800 688 9963** email us nicky@ensomartialarts.co.uk or you can send us a message via our social media pages.

What happens next?

If you would like your child to secure a place on our Ju Jitsu class, email nicky@ensomartialarts.co.uk with '**Longsands**' as the subject. Please include your child's name and a contact number. Places are limited as our classes are very popular, so students will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

If numbers exceed our maximum levels then your child will be put on a reserve list for the class as places can become available during the academic year.

For those students who cannot attend this regular class due to prior commitments but are still interested in learning Ju Jitsu, we also run several junior and senior evening classes in Preston, please get in touch for details.



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HOLIDAY

ACTIVITIES

2ND APRIL
TEAM GAMES
SLIME
JUNIORS
4-8PM

3RD APRIL
ESCAPE ROOMS
SENIORS
4.30-8.30 PM

4TH APRIL
JUNIORS
FLOWER POTS
MOVIE & PYJAMA
NIGHT
4-8PM

8TH APRIL
SENIORS
SPORTS DAY/PICNIC
AT SMITH'S REC
4.30-8.30PM

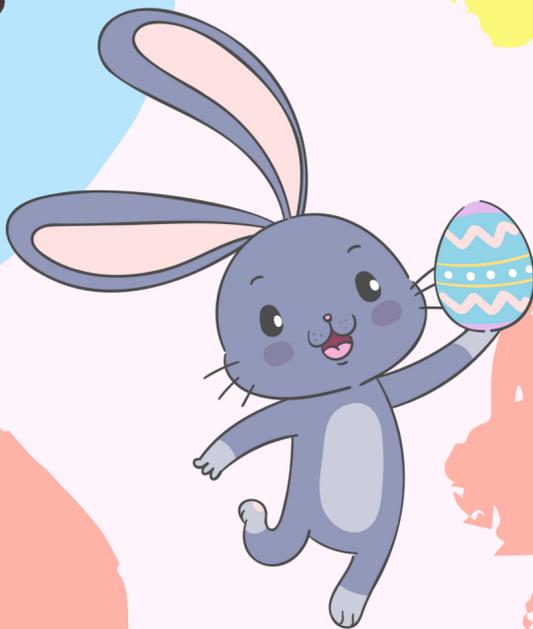
9TH APRIL
JUNIORS
WACKY WORLD
4-8PM

10TH APRIL
SENIORS
TRESURE HUNT
BAKING
4.30-8.30 PM

11TH APRIL
JUNIORS
TREASURE HUNT
BAKING
4-8PM

12TH APRIL
FAMILY
BREAKFAST
SMITH'S REC
(DEPENDING ON WEATHER)
10.00-12.00 AM

THE FOXTON CENTRE
UNITS 10-12, OAKHAM COURT
AVENHAM, PR13XP
01772555925
OPTION 3



My Name is..... Contact details:

Competition runs from
30th of March
to
13th of April.



The Great Preston Fairtrade Egg Hunt.

Go to the * marked shops to pick up a map, find the knitted eggs on display in windows or on counters. Each egg has a letter. Write down the letter and find what word (s) they make. Drop off your finished sheet at Central Methodist's Letter Box or to the Guild Hall Library for the chance to win some eggcellent prizes in our chocolatey draw!

	Shop Name	Letter
1	Lush *	
2	Holland and Barrett *	
3	Greggs	
4	St Wilfrid's	
5	Central Methodists-Drop Off point Letter box	No letter.
6	Sainsburys	
7	Greggs	
8	Body Shop*	
9	Holland and Barrett *	
10	Greggs	
11	Oxfam *	
12	Climate Emergency Centre	
13	Preston Health Food Shop	
14	Waterstones *	
15	Co-op Bank	
16	Guild Hall Library * Drop Off point	

Fairtrade is about better prices, working conditions and fair terms of trade for the people who grow the products we love (coffee, tea, cocoa, bananas). It also ensures high environmental standards - all guaranteed by the Fairtrade Mark. Fairtrade products exploit neither the environment nor the people who produce them and buying them has a direct impact on the lives and well being of producers and their communities. www.fairtrade.org.uk



Now you have all the letters, see if you can work out the eggcellent word[s] that they make and write it in the space below.



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Do you know a child aged 4-6 years old who loves singing and acting?

Do you know a child who needs more confidence and self-belief?

Is your child the next YouTube star or Tik Tok sensation?

If the answer to any of those questions is yes, then apply now for a FREE TRIAL LESSON at Little Voices!

Taught in small classes, with highly trained tutors, we build a child's confidence whilst teaching performance skills and valuable life skills all whilst having lots of fun!

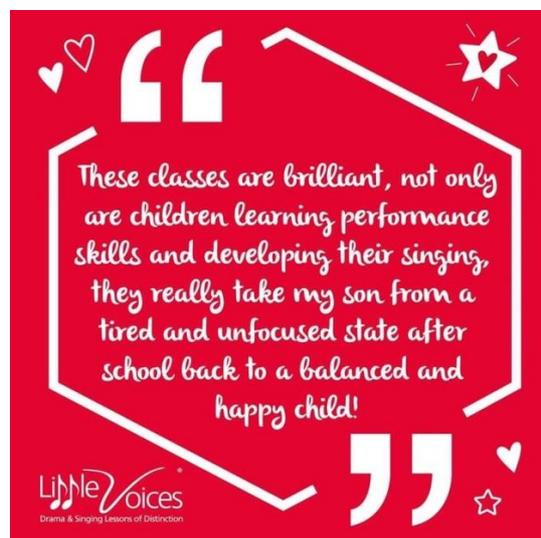
With venues in:

- Bamber Bridge
- Chorley
- Fulwood
- Leyland

We are currently recruiting for our Minis classes – limited time only! (Join our waiting list for our other classes)

Apply now by clicking on the link and one of the team will be in touch:

https://www.thinksmartsoftwareuk.com/ocr/lesson_booking.php?t=7jpibos2qAeG9ruRDgkv2A%3D%3D&u=L3qDI8J7MABeE59obquzZQ%3D%3D&p_id=4





WELCOME TO OUR

HOMEWORK CLUB

HOMEWORK AND REVISION

Every Monday 5.30PM-6.30PM

FREE TAKEAWAY EACH WEEK

A FREE SAFE SPACE TO ACCESS

SUPPORT

AGES: 11-16



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The Great Fairtrade Easter Egg Hunt

Celebrating 20 years of Fairtrade in Preston



Preston has been recognised as a Fairtrade City for 20 years. To celebrate come and join our great Fairtrade Easter Egg hunt and win some Fairtrade chocolate.

- There are 15 knitted Easter eggs located at different businesses in the city centre - all businesses that support Fairtrade. A knitted egg will be on display at each of these - either visible from outside in the window or inside in the counter area. Each egg will display a letter.
- First collect a map/entry form from the Library in the Guild Hall or from one of the following: Oxfam, Lush, Holland & Barrett, Waterstones, Body Shop.
- Then write the letter found at each location on your entry form.
- When you have found all the letters, use them to find the hidden word(s).
- Finally leave your completed form at the Library and wait to hear if you have won some tasty Fairtrade chocolate.

You can do this any time between Saturday 30th March and Saturday 13th April. Have a Happy Fairtrade Easter!

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