



LONGSANDS LINK – 19th July 2019

School finishes for the Summer holidays at **2.00pm** on **Tuesday 23rd July**.

This will be the last Longsands Link before we finish for the Summer holidays. We hope that you all have a fabulous time and enjoy the rest. We return back to school on **Monday 2nd September**.

YEAR 6

Sadly, we will say a final farewell to our Year 6 children on Tuesday 23rd July. In September, they will be starting their new onward journey to High School. We wish them all the very best of luck and success in Year 7.



GOODBYE

On Tuesday we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Smith, Mr Cunningham and Mrs Rasool. We would like to thank them for all of their hard work and wish them all the very best for the future.

SEPTEMBER SCHOOL LUNCHES

When we return in September school lunches will be £11.50 per week (£2.30 per day), or if you wish to pay in full for the half term (2nd September to 18th October) it will be **£80.50**.

Favourite Friday lunches are payable in advance wc 2nd September and will be **£16.10** up to Friday 18th October.

Mr Coyne will be sending home letters to parents through the Summer about the new ParentPay system which we will be introducing in September. This is a cashless online system which allows parents to pay online for lunches, trips and events and has proved to be a helpful and convenient resource for both parents and schools to use.

RECEPTION CLASS

In September we will be welcoming Mrs Fenton to Longsands who will be the new class teacher in Reception.

WELL DONE

Congratulations to all of the children in Year 6, your performances of Ali Baba and The Bongo Bandits this week were fantastic!! Well done.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS ASSEMBLY

Our Year 6 leaver's assembly will take place on **Tuesday 23rd July at 9.30am**.

All Year 6 parents, carers and grandparents are very welcome to come along and celebrate the end of a successful time at Longsands. This will be standing room only, but please let us know if anyone has a medical condition that will require a seat by Monday, and we will try to accommodate this.

STIKINS CLOTHES & PROPERTY LABELS

If anyone wishes to buy any labels for uniform and personal possessions, they can be purchased from STIKINS and if the PTFA school number is used (**35371**) Longsands PTFA will receive commission. The website is **www.stikins.co.uk** all orders placed in July and August will usually be sent the same day.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

When the Year 6 children leave Longsands at the end of this term, or if you no longer wish to receive the Longsands Link newsletter, please just **unsubscribe** on the school website **www.longsandscp.org.uk**
Thank you

VOLUNTEERS, PARENT HELPERS AND SPORTS COACHES

Thank you to everyone who has given up their time this year to assist with activities in school, listening to children read, swimming lessons, helping to mend and assemble equipment, sports clubs and assisting with transport to events. We really do appreciate your help!

LONGSANDS PTFA

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of our PTFA for all of their hard work, dedication and continued enthusiasm in raising funds to benefit the children at Longsands.

BOOKS & SPORTS KITS

If anyone has any school books or sports kits at home, please bring them back into school on Monday. Thank you

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

The PTFA will gratefully accept any school uniform donations. They would contribute to the second-hand uniform stall that the PTFA runs throughout the year.

Don't Forget

MONDAY 22nd JULY

- KS1 DVD Morning
- Year 3 DVD Day
- Year 4 Toy & DVD Day
- KS1 Disco with DJ Slug
- KS2 Disco with DJ Slug
- Year 5 DVD Morning
- Year 6 Toy & DVD Day

TUESDAY 23rd JULY

- 9.30am - Year 6 Leavers Assembly.
- Leavers Lunch
- School closes at **2pm** for the Summer.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

WC 22/07/19

WEEK 3

WC 02/09/19

WEEK 3

Happy Birthday

Oliver, Phoebe, Evie, Lily, Maximillian, Bryony, Toby, Katie, Connor, Eden, Evelyn, Kayden, Skye, Lola, Eloise, Ellie, Mia, Ross, Jack, Samara and Lily.

COOL MILK

If you would like your child to have milk in school please contact Cool Milk to arrange this. For your child to receive milk in school the week we return, you will need to have contacted Cool Milk directly by **5.00pm** on

Tuesday 27th August.

If you contact them after this, it will commence the week after.

www.coolmilk.com

PE KITS

PE kits will be sent home by the end of term to be washed. Please would you send these back into school on the first day of term in September.



Longsands PTFA Newsletter

2018/2019

Our Year

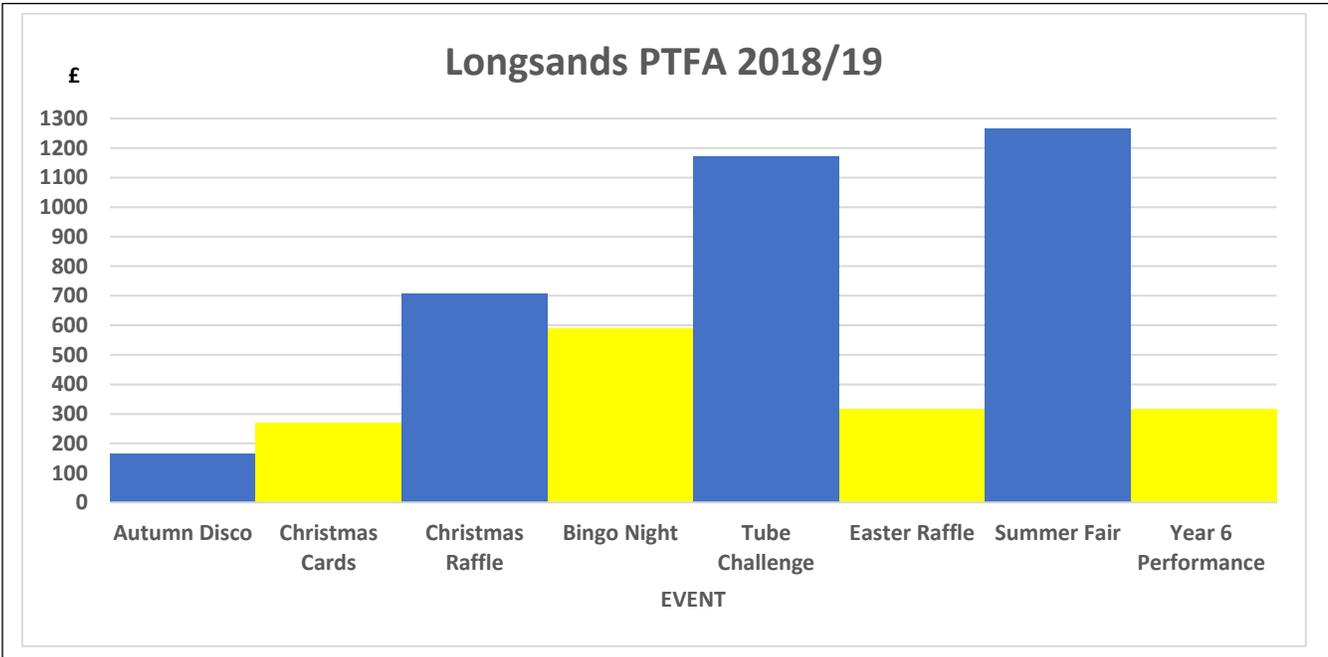
Longsands PTFA have had a very good year of fundraising. We are truly grateful to everyone who has supported and helped us throughout the year.

Special thanks this term

Mr Mason – collection and delivery of bags of soil donated by B&Q Community Re-use Scheme (classes have been able to plant many different seeds for the outdoor garden)
Mrs Woods & Mrs Riley – Easter egg donations
Mrs West – providing the ambulance at the Summer Fair
Mrs McKeown, Mr Coyne, Mrs Wilds, the teaching staff at Longsands, Mrs Wahi, Mrs Clark, Mrs Oates, Mrs Hutchinson, Mr P Anderson, Mr & Mrs N Anderson, Mr Skelding, Mrs Woods, Miss Buck, Mr Parkinson, Key Supplies, First Kick and all the children's classes - helping with many different things for the summer fair
PTFA committee members – working hard throughout the year to raise funds for the school.

Monies raised

Below is a summary of our events and how much we raised at each:



In total, we have raised £4,802.43 this year - a fantastic amount!

So, where is this money going?

£1172 is from the silver change tube challenge. This money will not go into PTFA funds for anything we wish to purchase because each class has kept their raised amount to spend on what they chose as a class. Thanks to your previous donations, we were able to purchase the tubes and coordinate the project. To recap on what the classes wanted:

Reception – role play resources

Y1 – resources for the little outdoor area

Y2 – books; 3 x Twits, 2x Magic Finger, 4x Fantastic Mr fox, The Pelly & Me, 4x James and the Giant Peach

Y3 – class book sets of The Twits and Stig of the Dump and new headphones for iPads

Y4 – headphones for listening station

Y5 – headphones and audio books for listening station

Y6 – a mini laptop

In the [Link](#) on Friday 28th June, Mrs Calvert gave us pictures of her transformed outdoor area.

The teachers are in the process of purchasing the items for the class. Any money that hasn't been spent yet in each class will move up with them next term, so that they continue to reap the benefit of what they saved for the challenge.

This leaves £3,630.43. The majority of this money will go towards new benches for the KS2 playground (see example in the picture below). They will be used for seating at playtimes and for outside class time.

Funding that your contributions have allowed us to provide this year

Times Table Rock Stars (big hit with the children!)

Christmas gifts and parties

Tubes for the Silver Change Tube Challenge

Able writer's day

Books

Art supplies

Spring disco

Year 6 performance material

Donation to Year 6 leavers meal



To recap on a few events

Bingo Night

Our family bingo night took place on Friday 8th February 2019. A very big thanks to Mr Anderson who stepped in to call a few rounds for us due to the original caller being ill, and the lady caller understanding it was not her calling in life to be a bingo caller. Lots of prizes were won and the pies were tasty. The kids had fun with beat the box, guess the age of the lion and guess how many lollipops were in the jar, too!

Easter Raffle

Thank you to all those who purchased Easter raffle tickets. The children who had a winning ticket had fun choosing their prize when the tickets were drawn on Friday 5th April 2019. The adult winners were:

- 1st Prize of £50 - E. Mastoi
- 2nd Prize of £25 – D. Duckworth
- 3rd Prize of £20 – M. Tonarelli

Summer Fair

Our summer fair took place on Friday 28th June 2019, and we had glorious weather for it! This year we had a few more stalls and also had an ambulance to visit. Lots of children were seen with bandages on various parts of their body after visiting Mrs West in the vehicle! We also introduced a Lego competition for the budding builders at school. Harvey Tunbridge was the master builder in KS1 and Michael Tonarelli was the master builder in KS2. Grace Alty was the lucky winner of our lollipop jar, guessing just two off the actual total! And Lewis in Year 6 turned out to be the best netball shooter. First Kick ran our penalty shootout for us, and Key Supplies were there for anyone wishing to purchase school uniform. As well as our bar and BBQ, we ran a very successful ice cream stall this year.



Key Supplies have actually introduced a new online ordering system, making it easier and quicker to place any orders. Please visit their website for [more details](#).

DIRECT REQUEST FOR YOUR TIME

Unfortunately, we have not seen any increase to the education budget so schools continue to need outside resources to help them boost funds. If the PTFA can keep raising money for the extras, this gives every child the possibility to have the best experiences possible at school.

The PTFA is enthusiastic to run fun and worthwhile events to let everyone participate and raise as much money as we can for reinvestment. There are many ideas and things we could do: a Christmas craft afternoon, a Christmas games afternoon, discos, a ladies' night, a family bingo night, a race night, another tube challenge, a treasure hunt, a sausage sizzle . . . the list is endless!!

However, some of these things may not get organised because we don't have enough manpower or the commitment from enough people to help it all happen. Fundraising events may have to be scaled down and perhaps not even run in the future.

Everyone, parents/teachers/carers, etc, deserves to know about this situation. We are currently looking for a new treasurer and secretary. These roles are a mandatory requirement as part of the guidelines set by the Charity Commission, which every PTFA must follow.

There are only six parents who are due to continue on the PTFA in 2019/20. With every current member working and having other commitments, it will be very difficult to keep functioning on such a small team. It is a commitment to volunteer, but it is to help your child at their school. If the PTFA had to scale down their activities, the school would miss out on **£3k to £5k extra funding every year**.

The children would not be able to have the extras, for example:

- Digital education programmes like Times Table Rock Stars
- Christmas entertainment
- Outdoor play equipment / furniture
- Additional supplies for classrooms
- Discos
- Subsidy for trips/events

We have received queries on whether the PTFA could do more for the children. The simple answer is 'yes'. But we need your time to achieve more, either by coming on as a committee member, or by pledging your support to give us your time at one or two of our next events.

See below for details of our next two meetings. Please come along and see what we do.

Art Project

The PTFA are hoping to fundraise by getting the children to make art work for items such as Christmas cards. We use a company that produce the products for us. Art work will be done by the children in school week commencing **7th October 2019**, then parents will be able to select from an array of products, such as cards, gift tags, and mugs. There will also be time for the children to do any extra art work at home that week.

As the cards are blank inside, the design can be anything so cards can be made for other occasions such as Eid or Easter.

Designs and forms will be collated in school on **Monday 14th October**, along with payment for what you would like to purchase. The company we are using also offers the chance to purchase online should you miss the date for submission into school. The only additional cost for this is the p&p to yourself. More details will follow.

Autumn Disco

The autumn disco will take place on **Friday 18th October 2019** in school. KS1 will have their disco first, with parents of Reception children being asked to attend the disco also. KS2 disco will follow. More information on times will be in the next newsletter.

Second-Hand School Uniforms

Throughout the year, the PTFA run a second-hand school uniform rail where all uniform items are £1. If you wish to purchase anything, please email longsandsptfa@gmail.com.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PTFA Meeting – Wednesday 11th September 2019 at 7.30pm in school

PTFA AGM – Wednesday 2nd October 2019 at 7.30pm in school

Next newsletter will be issued September/October at the start of the term



Longsands PTFA wish you a very happy summer holiday
and look forward to seeing you next term.

