



LONGSANDS LINK – 6th December 2019

KS1 PERFORMANCE TICKETS

All tickets for each of the KS1 performances have now been allocated. As there are parents on a waiting list for tickets for each showing, please let us know if there are any tickets that you have been allocated but will not be using, so that we can offer these to other parents.

GIRLS FOOTBALL

Girls football with Mrs Buck will not be taking place now until the New Year. We will update you with the exact start date in January.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Christmas Jumper Day this year will be held on **Friday 13th December**. Children may come to school in their Christmas jumpers and own clothes in return for a suggested £1.00 donation towards Save the Children.

YEAR 5 - LONGRIDGE HIGH TASTER DAY

If you haven't already done so, don't forget to return your permission slip for the Year 5 Taster Day at Longridge High School on **Friday 13th December**. Longridge High School are kindly providing a free lunch and transport on the day, but Year 5 must be at school early that day in time to be on the bus ready to leave at **8.40am**. The children must wear their outdoor school PE kit and trainers but may bring their Christmas jumpers and own clothes to change into on their return to school after lunch.

YEAR 6

On **Monday 9th December**, Year 6 will be making cushions as part of their DT activities in class. The children will need to bring in toy or cushion stuffing to pop inside their cushion on the day. They will also be making an advent ring on **Tuesday 17th December** and should bring in greenery items to decorate it with. Why not take a walk in the woods together as a family and see if there are any pine cones, holly, fernery etc which you can collect. Please only bring these items into school on 17th December, as they will probably dry up if brought in too early. If you have any questions please drop Mrs Worden an email at:

d.worden@longsands.lancsngfl.ac.uk

BIKEABILITY

The Bikeability cycling tutors will be back in school on **Monday 9th December** to finish off the **Group 2** session that was postponed on 7th November due to bad weather. The children that were in Group 2 will need to bring their bikes and cycling helmets, and wear warm weatherproof clothing.

STAFF CAR PARK

Please remember not to walk through the school staff car park to drop off and collect children.

Even if you are in a rush please use the pathways provided. Thank you

Mrs McKeown's Message

Reception Class and KS1 children are very busy practicing Hey Ewe! Can I thank you for your understanding on our limit of tickets due to LCC fire regulations in relation to the size of our hall.

This year there are three performances as opposed to our usual two, to accommodate our numbers. KS2 are enjoying traditional Carols which they are looking forward to sharing with family on the KS2 playground this year. The open invitation for family to come into school to look at Christmas art with your child will be extended to Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th December between 3.30pm and 4.00pm. Have a lovely weekend.

NUTS

Could we remind parents and carers that we are a nut free school, and do have pupils within school with severe nut allergies. Please do not send nuts or nut based products into school as either a snack or within a packed lunch.

THANK YOU!

Mrs Ramalli and the children in Year 2 would like to thank Mrs Hawkshaw for coming to speak to them about medicine safety this week. The children learnt about how to recognise different medicines, how they should be stored safely and their dangers if taken incorrectly.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

The children in Year 1 and Year 2 are collecting toiletries for the homeless in Preston for the Foxton Centre. One small gift per child can make a huge difference to someone else less fortunate. Suggested items are new and unused toothbrushes, toothpaste, a comb, shower gel, flannel, bar of soap, deodorant etc. Thank you so much to those who have contributed already, and donations will be taken on Friday 13th December.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

School will finish for the Christmas holidays at **2.00pm on Friday 20th December**.

We will return back to school on Monday 6th January 2020.

PRIMARY ADMISSION SEPTEMBER 2020

If you have a child who has their 4th birthday between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020, you must now apply for their place in Primary School. You still need to make an application even if they have a brother or sister at your chosen school. Applications should be made online to Lancashire County Council at **www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools** It is quick and easy to do and you will receive an email confirmation of your application. The deadline for all September 2020 applications is 11.59pm on **15th January 2020**

Don't Forget

MONDAY 9th DECEMBER

- Group 2 Bikeability Catch Up Session
- KS1 Dress Rehearsal (am)
- Last Spanish Club (3.20pm – 4.20pm)
- No Ballet

TUESDAY 10th DECEMBER

- No Ballet
- KS2 Lunchtime Singing Club with Mrs Eaves
- No Boys Football Training
- Recorder Club
- KS2 Carol Singing at 2.45pm on KS2 playground.
- KS1 Performance of Hey Ewe! at 6.30pm (Ticket only).

WEDNESDAY 11th DECEMBER

- KS1 Performance of Hey Ewe! at 2.00pm (Ticket only).
- Back Up Day for KS2 Carol Singing if Tuesday doesn't go ahead due to weather.
- Mad Science Club 3.20pm - 4.20pm (to be held in Y3)

THURSDAY 12th DECEMBER

- KS1 Performance of Hey Ewe! at 2.00pm (Ticket only).
- Boys Football Match v Queens Drive. (Away match being held at UCLAN).
- Sally Howard Dance Catch up
- No Computer Club (Finished for this term).

FRIDAY 13th DECEMBER

- Christmas Jumper Day (£1.00 donation via ParentPay)
- No Girls Football
- Year 5 Taster Day at Longridge High School **8.40am**
- Rewards Assembly 9.15
- Last Church Club 3.20pm to 4.00pm



RECEPTION: 94.23%

YEAR 1: 96.74%

YEAR 2: 96.15%

YEAR 3: 97.60%

YEAR 4: 97.58%

YEAR 5: 96.24%

YEAR 6: 97.14%

KS1 COSTUMES

If you haven't already done so, please bring in your costume items by Monday 9th December, as the children will be having a dress rehearsal of their show in the morning. Thank you

TOY DAYS

The children may bring in toys to play with on their respective toy days. Please do not send in mobile phones, or anything which is delicate and could get broken.

Reception: Tuesday 17th December

Year 1: Tuesday 17th December

Year 2: Tuesday 17th December

Year 3: Details will be sent home soon

Year 4: Details will be sent home soon

Year 5: Wed 18th Dec (am) & Fri 20th Dec (pm)

Year 6: Thursday 19th December

DVD DAYS

The children will have a class DVD day on the dates detailed below, they may bring in a DVD from home and the class will choose which one everyone would prefer to watch. Please label your DVD in case others bring in the same film, and ensure that these are U rated.

Reception: Thursday 19th December

Year 1: Thursday 19th December

Year 2: Thursday 19th December

Year 3: Details will be sent home soon

Year 4: Details will be sent home soon

Year 5: Tues 17th Dec (pm) & Thurs 19th (am)

Year 6: Tues 17th Dec (pm) & Fri 20th Dec (am)

Pupils of the Week

RECEPTION: LOGAN

YEAR 1: LILLY

YEAR 2: GEORGE

YEAR 3: NATHAN

YEAR 4: LEXI

YEAR 5: YUSHA

YEAR 6: GRACE

KS2 CAROL SINGING

The children in KS2 will be performing carols on their playground at **2.45pm** on **Tuesday 10th December**. Parents are welcome to come along. If the weather is against us, the reserve day for the carol singing is Wednesday 11th December at 2.45pm.

PARTY DAYS

The children may come to school dressed in their party clothes on their class party day.

Reception: Thursday 19th December

Year 1: Thursday 19th December

Year 2: Thursday 19th December

Year 3: Tuesday 17th December

Year 4: Tuesday 17th December

Year 5: Wednesday 18th December

Year 6: Wednesday 18th December

COMPUTER CLUB

Computing club sessions for this half term have now finished, and bookings will soon be available on ParentPay for Years 4 to Year 6 for the new term next year. Thank you

Dinner Table Stars

Jack, Usman and Lily

Longsands Values

RECEPTION: MAISIE

YEAR 1: GRACE

YEAR 2: JAMIE

YEAR 3: BAXTER

YEAR 4: HARRY

YEAR 5: LILY

YEAR 6: AMELIA

CHRISTMAS FLUMPS

We have had a small restock of the Christmas Flumps and now have the robins, reindeer and penguins available at the office. They are £2.00 each and all proceeds go to Derian House Children's Hospice.

YEAR 4 CHRISTINGLES

As part of the Christianity topic of RE, Year 4 will be making Christingles on Wednesday 18th December. Please would you send in an orange (not a satsuma or clementine) for the lesson, all other materials will be provided. Please bring the oranges in from Monday 16th December. Thank you

LONGSANDS MEDICAL CENTRE

We have received another complaint from the medical centre regarding non-patients using their car park. If you have been using their parking spaces, or are the owner of the white van blocking their entrance please use the other available spaces. Thank you

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

WC 09/12/19 - **WEEK 2**

Happy Birthday

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CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

Events held

Asda Green Tokens

We came second and received a cheque for £200. We missed out on first place by 30 tokens. Many parents commented that the green tokens were not always available when they shopped, so we've passed this feedback onto Asda.

Autumn Disco

The Autumn disco was a great success with all the kids having a great time with DJ Slug. A big thank you to all the parents and teachers who helped.

Events ongoing

Easyfundraising.org.uk

If you shop online, you can raise FREE donations for Longsands School PTFA. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use #easyfundraising to shop with them! Please get involved! Visit

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/longsandsschoolptfa/?utm_campaign=raise-more

A tech sheet to help is included in this week's link to show you how easy it is! **AND DID YOU KNOW** . . . any business can register and help us raise funds through their everyday office purchases, e.g. stationery. Would your firm be willing to sign up and help us?

Refreshments at Carol Singing

The PTFA will be providing tea/coffee and a mince pie/biscuit whilst we listen to the KS2 choir on **Tuesday 10th December** (weather permitting!). All we ask for is a donation (suggested minimum £1).

Letters to Santa

For any children wishing to send a letter to Father Christmas, the PTFA have secured an elf collection in December. If letters can be posted through the PTFA Post Box (beside the main office) by **Friday 13th December**, then replies can be returned before the close of school on 20th December. Each child must remember to put their **NAME** and **CLASS** on their letter.


Silver Change Tube Challenge

Only a few weeks to go now until the end of our silver change tube challenge. We hope that the children have had fun collecting their silver change. Remember to bring in your tubes (however full they are – every bit is welcome into their class, and people just donate what they can) on **Friday 13th December** – and you can wear your Christmas Jumper Day on that day, too!

Christmas Raffles

If anyone has any unwanted gifts that they would like to donate to our Christmas raffle this year, they would be gratefully received. Our three raffles will take place on **Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th** and **Thursday 12th December** at the end of the KS1 Christmas Performances. Tickets are £1 for a strip (5 tickets), or £5 for 5 strips (30 tickets), and will be sold on entry at each performance.

Christmas Puddings

Little Christmas pudding decorations will be available to buy from the school office from **Monday 2nd December**. They are £1 each and contain a little treat. 

Artwork Project

Many thanks to all those who participated in our artwork project to help us raise funds. At this time of year, most of the themes are for Christmas, thank you, Eid and Diwali as well. If you still haven't ordered any artwork products, there is still time! Go to the website myartproject.co.uk and key in your unique user number that is on your order form, then just start shopping! It will be delivered direct to your door (p&p to be paid).

Foreign Coins

We are continuing to collect any unwanted foreign coins. If we can collect enough, we can send to a company who can convert it into a donation for us. Please keep checking at the back of your chest of drawers:-)

My Own Tutor Club

If anyone is interested in getting an online tutor, this may be worth checking out: <https://www.facebook.com/myowntutorclub18143/> or email at myowntutorclub@outlook.com.

Second-hand Uniform

Any items from our second-hand uniform are available all year round. Contact one of the PTFA members if you require anything. Every uniform item is £1.

Stikins Labels

For anyone buying Stikins labels (www.stikins.co.uk), please use our code - **35371**. The PTFA receive 30% commission on orders, which is very beneficial to keep funds coming in.

Events coming up

Family Quiz Night

We are hoping to host a family quiz night in February/March time next year. Adult and children's rounds will be done, so everyone can get involved and have fun! More details to follow.

Easter Bonnet/Cap Competition

For Easter time next year, as well as our raffle, we will be holding an Easter Bonnet/Cap Competition. Instead of an 'egg for an egg' it will be a 'hat for an egg'. A hat parade for all the children in their assembly will be held the same day as our raffle will be draw, which is proposed for **Friday 3rd April 2020**.

Wacky Hair Day

Coming soon . . . watch out for details!

Next Meeting

The PTFA will be holding a Special General Meeting in January prior to our usual term meeting. The proposed date is **Monday 20th January 2020** at **7pm** in **school**. This announcement complies with the days' notice required for this type of meeting. The purpose of it is to update our Constitution, and then carry on with ordinary business. All members are welcome to attend.

HOW TO SIGN UP TO EASYFUNDRAISING (PC)

1. Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk and search for Longsands School PTFA



2. Choose to support this cause by clicking here



3. Register by creating your own account

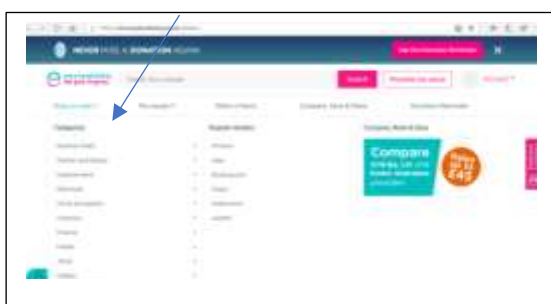


4. Once you're registered you can start shopping!



5. There are hundreds of retailers to choose from.

Browse the retailers



Or use the A-Z feature



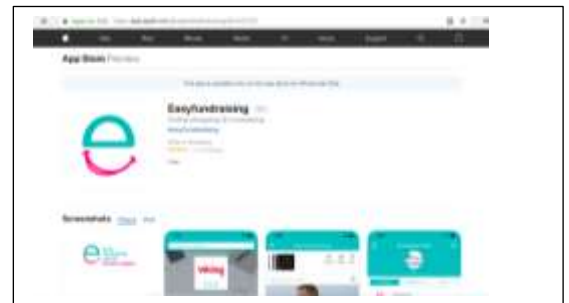
6. Once you've found the retailer, click on it and then click on 'shop now'



7. Then start shopping!



8. If you prefer, you can also download an Easyfundraising App on your Android or IOS Mobile and register to shop that way.



9. There is also a donation reminder you can set up so that it reminds you to go through Easyfundraising (please note this is only available for PCs at the minute - Easyfundraising are working on a donation reminder app for IOS and Android)

