



## LONGSANDS LINK – 3rd September 2021

### Mrs McKeown's Message

Welcome back everyone!! I hope you all had a good break and by listening to the children you have been doing some very exciting activities and visits. The school day times are back to an **8.55am** start and **3.20pm** finish for children in Year 1 to Year 6. During the day we are continuing to keep to the good practices of handwashing on a very regular basis, windows and doors are open and those lessons where the outside can be used we are making the best of. As it gets cooler, we will continue to keep school well ventilated so your child may wear a warmer under layer with their uniform and/or their PE zip top on non PE days. Thank you to those parents who are continuing to keep their distances on school site and wearing masks. Please remember only one adult to drop off and pick up children. Our OFSTED report is due to be published in 8 days, there has been a delay as due to the timing of our inspection and the summer break OFSTED will only release it after planned school holidays . Have a lovely weekend and stay in touch through Seesaw or email or a phone call.

#### UNIFORM

It is lovely seeing the children looking so smart in their uniforms around school. Don't forget to make sure that all items of clothing, shoes, ties, PE kits, trainers etc have the children's names inside either with pen or a label. Great quality labels can be ordered from Stikins and if you quote this fundraising number **35371**, our PTFA will raise commission on each order placed.

**Stikins Website**

#### NUTS

Don't forget that we are a nut free school as there are children within school with nut allergies. Please do not send nuts or nut-based products into school for break time snacks or within packed lunches.

Thank you

#### SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

WC 06/09/21 – **WEEK 3**

#### LONGSANDS WEBSITE

[www.longsandscp.org.uk](http://www.longsandscp.org.uk)

#### ADMISSIONS TO PRIMARY SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2022

If you have a child who has their 4<sup>th</sup> birthday between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022, 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

##### **APPLY HERE**

It is quick and easy to do, and you will receive an email confirmation of your application. The deadline for all September 2022 applications is 11.59pm on **15<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

#### ADMISSION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

If your child is in Year 6, it is now time to apply for their place in High School. You must still 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

##### **HIGH SCHOOLS - APPLY HERE**

The deadline for all applications is 11.59pm on **31<sup>st</sup> October 2021**

#### ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

If your child is unable to attend school for whatever reason, please contact school as soon as possible, and ideally by **9.00am.**

##### **You can do this in the following ways:**

- Telephoning school: 01772 795676.
- Contacting the school office by email.
- Sending a text, we are able to see replies to text messages from the school text service.
- Completing a Pupil Absence Form on the school website.

##### **School office email**

[office@longsands.lancsngfl.ac.uk](mailto:office@longsands.lancsngfl.ac.uk)

#### PE – EARRINGS

If your child wears earrings, on the days that they have PE in school, please would you either remove earrings for that particular day, or have the earrings covered with tape such as micropore or a plaster.

### Happy Birthday

IMAN, SAM and HANNAH

#### DATA COLLECTION SHEETS

The children in Year 1 to Year 6 will bring home a data collection sheet next week. Please would you check that all of the details and contact numbers are correct, update any missing information, add any medical or dietary requirements, and then sign and return this form back to school. We will then update our records accordingly. Thank you



#### COOL MILK

If you would like your child to have milk in school, please contact Cool Milk directly to order this. You must order by **5.00pm Tuesday** of the week before you wish milk to begin. If you miss that deadline it will begin the following week.

**Cool Milk Website**

#### HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

As we have new parents to school who may not be aware of the process, please could we remind everyone that leave within school term time will not be authorised by Mrs McKeown, unless the reason is for an exceptional circumstance. A term time leave form should be completed and submitted to school as soon as you know that there is a possibility that your child will be absent from school. If the absence isn't authorised, it will be recorded as unauthorised term time leave. If the amount of days taken hits the threshold for a penalty notice from the Local Education Authority, these are £120 per parent, per child. If these penalties are paid within 21 days of the issue date, the charges will reduce to £60 per parent, per child.

### Welcome Back!