

Longsands PTFA Newsletter



November - December 2018

Welcome!

The PTFA would like to introduce you to their newsletter.

It will detail all what the PTFA have been up to in the last few months, give you all the current news and tell you what's coming up in the next few months.

Our aim is to make the PTFA more transparent and accessible to you, the parent/grandparent/carer. It will show you where the money we raise from your support goes. Without your support, the PTFA would not be able to provide the children with the 'extras' at school.

Can you help?

We are always looking for help at our events. Even if it's just fifteen minutes to help sell raffle tickets at our Christmas performance, or man a stall for an hour at our Summer Fair. If we have enough volunteers, then we could set up a parent rota, which means you may only need to pick one event to help at in the academic year.

Get in touch with us at LongsandsPTFA@gmail.com
Tell us what you think!

You can also find out our news from:

Our Facebook page [Longsands PTFA](#) – follow us as we'll be looking for your input on things, e.g. our polls.

The school's website – we have our own dedicated PTFA section coming soon!

The Longsands PTFA would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year when it comes!

Lesley Cooper
Chair

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 26th November – Friday 14th December	Santa's Magic Postbox All letters to Father Christmas can be posted through his red postbox
Tuesday 11th December	PTFA Raffle at REC/KS1 Christmas Performance – 2pm
Tuesday 11th December	PTFA Raffle at KS2 Christmas Performance – 6.30pm
Wednesday 12th December	PTFA Raffle at KS2 Christmas Performance – 2pm
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Friday 21st December	Launch of the Silver Change Tube Challenge!

What we've been up to

Autumn 2018

Autumn Disco

Our autumn disco was a great success and very well supported, so thank you. Many children had fun as DJ Slug took them through some current numbers. We did raise some money from it (£160), but our aim for doing the discos is more about giving the kids something fun. Watch out for our Spring Disco in 2019!

What's happening now

November – December 2018-19

Santa's Magic Postbox

Father Christmas will be sending his magic postbox to Longsands School. He'd like to invite all children to post their letters to him through his **magic red postbox** that will be situated at the school office.

The magic postbox will be there from **Monday 26th November 2018 – Friday 14th December 2018**. He will then collect the letters and will make sure he replies before the end of the school term. All replies will be sent to the children via school as it makes it easier on his Elf post people if they deliver all the letters to one place.

Christmas Performances

At each Christmas performance, the PTFA will be selling raffle tickets. Look out for some nice stuff to try and win!

We sell our tickets at £1 for one strip (five tickets in a strip), or £5 for six strips.

The Longsands PTFA Silver Change Tube Challenge

At the end of term, **Friday 21st December 2018**, we will be launching our **Longsands PTFA Silver Change Tube Challenge**.

Each child will get a tube with their name and class on it. They can enjoy the sweets for Christmas, then the challenge is to collect any silver change in their tube (5ps, 10ps, 20ps, 50ps). Each class will try and raise as much money as possible for their class. The tube will also be labelled with what the class would like to spend the money on.

The winner will be the class who has raised the most money. This will be decided on **Friday 29th March 2019**. And the prize will be a 'Choosy' day, where for an afternoon, the children in the winning class can decide to spend their time how they wish.

What's coming up

January – April 2019

Family Bingo Night

The Lonsdale Club will host our family bingo night on **Friday 8th February 2019**. Look out for more information and tickets on sale in the New Year.

Book Donation Project

An idea has been put forward for teachers to make a 'wish list' of books to see if any parents/grandparents/carers could donate them to school. They can be new or second-hand in good condition. We have already some parents and grandparents kindly donate some books in already. Watch this space for details.

Easter Raffle

Our Easter raffle will take place on **Friday 5th April 2019**. More details will follow nearer the time.

Fun Family Event

We are going to try and organise a family fun event for the end of April. We'll keep you posted!