



## LONGSANDS LINK – 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Mrs McKeown's Message

Happy New Year and welcome back to the Spring term 2024!!! I hope all the coughs and germs that seem to have been prevalent in most households over the break have now gone and we can start the new year fresh and ready. The children have been settled across school this week and it has been lovely to see them all back. This half term we will have parents evening so please keep a look out for the dates and times. If you have any trouble accessing Seesaw please contact your class teacher and they will sort it out for you. Have a lovely weekend and keep warm. If you have any questions, you know where we are.

*Mrs McKeown*

#### BACK TO SCHOOL ADVICE

Please click on the link below to read the recommended back to school advice for parents from the UK Health Security Agency.

[Click here to read](#)

#### KS2 DANCE BREAKFAST CLUB

Miss Whitaker is back! She will be starting her fantastic dance club on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January** which will run until half term. This club is always fun, energetic and a great way to start the day. Please see the attached letter for further details.

#### PRIMARY ADMISSIONS 2024

If you have a child who has their 4<sup>th</sup> birthday between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024, you must apply for their place in Primary School. You still need to make an application even if they have a sibling at your chosen school.

#### [CLICK HERE TO APPLY](#)

It is quick and easy to do, and you will receive an email confirmation of your application. The deadline for all September 2024 applications is **11.59pm on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January.**

Dear Parents

#### **Retirement of Mrs McKeown**

Most of you will now be aware that after a long period of faithful service to Longsands Community Primary School of over 27 years, Mrs McKeown will be retiring from her post as Head teacher this coming Easter. We all wish her an equally long and happy retirement and I will have more to say on this nearer the time before she leaves.

Over the past few months, the governing body of the school have been undertaking various activities to secure and appoint the best possible replacement we can find to continue to take the school forward.

I would now like to take this opportunity to announce, formally, that following an intensive and detailed interview process, Mrs Caroline Lang has been appointed to take over the role of Head Teacher of Longsands Community Primary School this coming Easter time.

Mrs Lang comes to us with vast teaching experience, she has taught extensively in the Fylde area and joins us as a very successful Assistant Head Teacher.

As a governing body, we look forward to working with Mrs Lang, and feel that the school will continue to be well led in the coming years. We hope you will join with us in welcoming Mrs Lang and wish her every success in her new role as Head of Longsands.

Yours sincerely

*Stephen Hall*

**Chair of Governors  
Longsands Community Primary School**

#### SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

WC 15/01/24 – WEEK 3

### Happy Birthday

CASPER, ARCHIE, BEA, ARIA  
and SEBASTIAN.

## Welcome Back

#### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January

- Deadline for all 2024 Reception Applications.

#### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January

- Coach Gunn's Breakfast Club 8.00am
- Kurling Competition (selected children).

#### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January

- Rocksteady Lesson

#### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January

- KS2 Dance Club 8.00am
- Rewards Assembly
- Year 3 Samba

#### PARENTS EVENING

Parents evenings will take place this half term on the following dates:

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February**  
(3.45pm- 5.15pm)

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February**  
(5.00pm – 6.00pm).

More details about parents evening and booking a time slot will be made available closer to the time. Thank you



Every student. Every day.

#### ATTENDANCE

Our target attendance is **96%**.

**RECEPTION:** 95.19%

**YEAR 1:** 94.80%

**YEAR 2:** 95.69%

**YEAR 3:** 95.81%

**YEAR 4:** 94.82%

**YEAR 5:** 92.58%

**YEAR 6:** 93.48%

**Current Overall = 94.62%**



**CHRIST CHURCH**  
FULWOOD, PRESTON



*Connecting people to **Jesus Christ** and each other.*

**Church Club**  
**at Longsands School**  
**Fridays 3.30 - 4.15pm**  
**12th & 26th January**  
**9th & 23th February**  
**8th and 22nd March**

## **Songs—Craft—Activities**

**A simple worship service, suitable for families. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.**

**Christ Church on Victoria Road**  
**Email: [christchurchpreston@gmail.com](mailto:christchurchpreston@gmail.com)**

**Phone: 01772 715202**

# Preston Football Development



At Preston College (Sports Hall)  
St Vincent's Road, Fulwood, PR2 8RA  
Starting on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2024



## In association with First Kick Football

School years - Reception	9:00am - 9:45am
School years - Year 1	9:45am - 10:30am
School years - Year 2 and Year 3	10:30am - 11:30am
School years - Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6	11:30am - 12:30pm

Dear Parents,

Places are now available to join a new **12-week football course every Saturday at Preston College, starting 3<sup>rd</sup> February**, which is open to both boys and girls.

Our courses teach children correct football techniques by FA qualified coaches who have full DBS (CRB) clearance to work with children. The structure for the course is 'FUN through Football,' building confidence for total beginners and moving onto more complex sessions for experienced players.

We provide a **ball per player** for the majority of our drills ensuring children get more touches of the ball and improve quicker than conventional coaching where children are waiting around to have a turn. The sessions are held in the fantastic sports hall so trainers should be worn. Players are also advised to bring a still drink for the session.

**The club has links to local junior teams of which players will be able to play for at the weekend. Players who show advanced ability on the course will be recommended for trials at professional academies. Players who have previously attended courses are currently playing for Blackburn Rovers, Preston North End, Manchester United, Liverpool, Blackpool, Everton, Burnley, Bolton, Oldham, Rochdale and Wigan.**

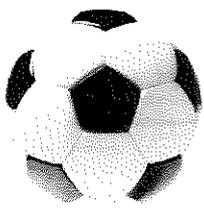
The cost of the course is just over £5 per week, which is payable in two instalments. The first payment of £30 is due when booking your child on and the second payment of £40 due at the first session. Parents are encouraged to watch the sessions but are welcome to leave children, as every session is fully supervised.

### **\*\*NEW TOURNAMENT FORMAT\*\***

**Every four weeks we have a tournament in order for the children to put their new-found skills into practice with medals and trophies awarded at the end of the course for various categories.**

**ALL PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY & A MEDAL** at the presentation, which is held on the final week of the course. Additional trophies will also be awarded in each group from categories including; Best Attitude, Star Player, Most Improved Player, Most Promising Player and Hardest Working Player.

**To book a place for your child please telephone the number below as soon as possible as a high response is expected.**



**Cory**

**TO BOOK PLEASE TELEPHONE**

**01772 428 086 or 07514 316 534**



We cannot guarantee that the course will run in consecutive weeks.  
Please note we have a strict no refund policy once the course has been booked.

# FEBRUARY



# HOLIDAY CLUB

AT ST MARIA GORETTI PRIMARY, PR2 6SJ.

12th Feb  
UNTIL  
16th Feb

8:30am  
UNTIL  
4:00pm

AGES  
4-11



**£20 PER DAY • £80 PER WEEK**

**Inflatables • Multi Sports • UV Dodgeball • Football • Laser Tag  
Dodgeball • Archery • Tri-Golf • Dance • Ultimate Frisbee**



To book on, head to [sportscool.schoolipal.co.uk](https://sportscool.schoolipal.co.uk) or scan the QR code



1. Sign in or create a parent account.
2. Ensure your child is added to your account.
3. Go to Book a course and find Holiday Clubs.
4. Select the Holiday Club you would like.
5. Follow the boxes and make payment.

**0845 094 2290**

# Longsands Community Primary School Spring Term 1 & 2 2024 Tuesdays Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 #FUNwithCoachGunn Before School Club

*Organised and led by Coach Gunn providing ACTIVE TRUSTED CHILDCARE*

**Spring Term 1 & 2 2024 TUESDAYS 8am-8:50am #FUNwithCoachGunn Y3/4/5/6 Before School Club**



**Spring 1** = Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Jan to Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024  
(5 weeks)  
**Spring 2** = Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Feb to Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Mar 2024  
(6 weeks)  
£49.50 per Y3-Y6 child  
Includes a **FREE** attendance reward treat!!!

**Please complete and return the below slip directly to:**

Coach Gunn at  
[coachmarkgunn@gmail.com](mailto:coachmarkgunn@gmail.com)  
07912 178917



**Multi Sports  
Tag Games  
Detective Games  
Floor Surfing  
Archery  
Creative Play  
FUN Activities**

## Come and JOIN IN the #FUNwithCoachGunn Tuesdays 8am-8:50am

The club will be led by Coach Gunn using the school hall as a base but with use of the Junior Playground and Field in good weather featuring various activities over the weeks the attending children will get to choose from encouraging ALL the children to have lots of #FUNwithFriends!!! Following the club each week Coach Gunn will ensure all the attending children go to their classes to start the school day.

Name of Child..... Longsands Y3 / Y4 / Y5 / Y6

Parental Name..... Mobile.....

Parental Email.....

Medical Information, please give details of any important medical information that we should be aware of:  
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I would like my child to attend **Longsands CP School Spring Term 1 & 2 2024 Tuesdays #FUNwithCoachGunn Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Before School Club** and will make payment of £49.50 in advance per child via...

**Payment Method** = Direct Transfer to Coach Gunn Limited (Santander) 09-01-29 67809950  
PayPal (*via friends & family to avoid fees*) to coachmarkgunn@gmail.com  
Cheque (*Coach Gunn Limited*) or Cash in person to **Coach Gunn at the club**

I agree / don't agree to the publication of images of my son/daughter in the media.

Signed ..... Date .....

6th January 2024

Dear Parents

There will be a Dance Club starting every Friday morning from 8.00am to 8.45am for KS2 children. The club will run for 4 weeks (19/01/24 – 09/02/24), this will be a great chance for your child to build confidence, have fun and learn a new skill.

The cost is £20.00 for the 4 weeks dance course. If your child wishes to attend this club please complete the form below, and bring together with your payment on the first day of the club.

You can also register your child in advance at **office@longsands.lancsngfl.ac.uk** but no payments should be sent in advance to the school office.

Yours sincerely

*Sally Whitaker*

Dance Teacher

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## **KS2 DANCE CLUB**

(Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6)

**Childs Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Year Group:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Name & Contact Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Medical Conditions:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_