

Menston Mail - Number 12



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A warm welcome back to all our families. We would like to wish you all the very best for a happy and healthy New Year.

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 8th January - Parents Evening - 3.30pm-5.30pm

Thursday 11th January - Parents Evening - 3.30pm-8.00pm

Please see your Year Group Newsletters for Key Stage specific diary dates

Parents' Evenings.

Parents' meetings take place this week. These meetings will give you chance to discuss your children's progress in the autumn term and to find out about the work they will be doing this term. You will have an opportunity to see your children's books and to celebrate the progress they are making.

In Key Stage 2 (years 3-6) children are invited to attend along with parents and carers, although families can decide whether to do this. We like to involve the older children in these meetings as part of our work to develop their understanding of the learning situation and their role within it. It also prepares them for the way that these meetings are carried out in many high schools.

If for any reason you have been unable to make an appointment, please contact the office and they will be able to help you.

School Meals

Please note that from 1st January 2018, the cost of school meals have increased by 5p per day. Cost is now:

£1.70 per day £8.50 per week. £47.60 per half term £96.90 per full term.

Please make cheques payable to 'BMC School Meals'.

Work to improve the Security and Safety of the School Site.

For some time now we have had concerns over the safety of children who enter the school site via the Co-op gate. The lack of a crossing patrol, combined with some dangerous parking, means that our children are not as safe as we would like. We have been working with the council to find a solution for this, firstly by trying to recruit a new crossing patrol person and secondly by considering making alterations which would allow children to enter the site via a different entrance on Main Street further away from the Co-op traffic. We are very hopeful that these alterations will be completed by half term and will inform you as soon as we get the go ahead.

Visitors to school will also notice that a new lockable gate is being installed to replace the yellow gate between Care Club and the climbing wall shelter. This is part of a bigger piece of work to help keep all our Care Club children safe. For several reasons it was not possible to install an identical gate and so the contractors have had to alter the opening. It is now a little narrower and to be honest is not as easy to pass through with buggies etc. Please help us to make this work. We will monitor the situation during this term before carrying out any further work.

Extra Curricular

Fisical Football will not be running in school this year. We apologise for any disappointment that this may cause but will look for alternative provision.

Details of the latest Cross Country event on 20th January have been sent via SchoolComms and hard copies are available from Reception.

FoMPS YOMP

The Men's FoMPS Yomp is taking place on Saturday 21 April 2018. This is an iconic annual event in the FoMPS diary and is an excellent opportunity for the dads to spend some quality time together whilst walking from Burnstall to Menston. This has always been incredibly well attended and we are calling on previous attendees and new attendees to make the 2018 Yomp another day to remember. Spaces on the coach to Burnstall are limited, so book on as soon as possible via the link on the Fomps website (<https://fomps.org.uk/>) or contact Matt Snow (07824 411970) with any queries.