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Thank you to all our families and all our children for helping us to complete a very successful year for the school.

Any success we celebrate today is the result of the partnership between children, teachers and families.

We wish all our year 6 children the very best as they move on to high school and we wish everybody a safe and happy summer.

Mr Jones

NSPCC

NSPCC 'Sponsored Skipathon'

Thank you again to everyone who took part in the 'Sponsored Skipathon' to raise money for the NSPCC following our Speak Out, Stay Safe assemblies.

We raised grand total of £2410 to support the vital work that the NSPCC do to keep children safe.



THE READING AGENCY AND LIBRARIES PRESENT

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SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2018

Summer Reading Challenge

Don't forget to sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge at Menston Community Library.

As well as reading books you can sign up for a Comic Art and Design workshop with Dr Simpo from 10 till 3.30 on Thursday 9th August and a Superhero Story Writing workshop with Explore from 11.30 to 12.30 on Thursday 23rd August.

On all other Thursdays please come along at 3.30 for stories and activities. On Thursday 30th August we will be dressing up as pirates for some end of holiday party games so do get your stripy tea shirts and cutlasses out and come and join us.

Late/Forgotten Items

Please be aware that from September there will be a 'Drop Box' for late/forgotten items, such as packed lunches or P.E. Kit, at the Main Office. Items will be held here until there is a convenient time to deliver them to children without disturbing classes.

Happy Lunchtimes

Thank you to everyone who donated toys, games, comics and books following our appeal for lunchtime activities and equipment. We are building up a good bank of 'calmer' equipment that children can play with, as well as choosing to borrow active kit such as skipping ropes and bean bags. Our appeal for the following items is ongoing, so please think of us when sorting through your pre-loved things:

- Top-trumps and other similar card games.
- Magazines and comics that children will enjoy reading.
- Small world toys such as animals and people that children can borrow in sets.
- Colouring books and pens/pencils.

Farewell to Year 6



We would like to wish our Year 6 Leavers a fond farewell! We hope you have enjoyed your time at Menston Primary and are looking forward to the next phase of your education, wherever that may be.

School Lunches

Please note, the cost of school meals will continue to be £8.50 per week next year.



Please make cheques payable to 'BMC School Meals'.



Dogs on School Site

An increasing number of parents/carers have been bringing dogs onto our school site when they collect/drop off children, sometimes tying their leads to our school inner gates (where children can stroke them through the bars).

Please may we respectfully remind everyone that our whole school policy is to not allow dogs on site. Thank you.

Key Dates For Your Diary!

Tuesday 24th July: School closes for Summer

Tuesday 4th September: School opens for the new school year

Thursday 18th October: School closes for Half Term

Monday 29th October: School opens

Friday 21st December: School closed for Christmas

Monday 7th January: School opens

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

FoMPS

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported FOMPS this year. We have had an amazing year and we couldn't do it without everyone's support and time.

Summer Fete

Thank you so much to everyone who worked so hard to make the summer fete such a success. Thank you to everyone who joined in the fun—a good time was had by all and we raised over £1,500!



Dates for your diary:

After the success of the 2016 Treasure Hunt, it's back for 2018; a scavenger hunt for all the family around Menston on Saturday 29th September.

Follow the link for further information:

<https://fomps.org.uk/2016/05/08/saturday-29th-september-treasure-hunt-and-picnic-in-the-park/>

Look out for more information for all events on the FoMPS tree notice boards in the coming weeks in the school playgrounds. Updates will also be sent via the year group messenger apps.

Woodwind Tuition in September

Our woodwind teacher, Miss Kitson, currently has some places available for lessons starting in September. If your son or daughter will be in year 3 to year 6 and would like to learn an instrument such as the flute, clarinet or saxophone, please get in touch with the school office who will have application forms available for lessons. Alternatively please visit the Music & Arts Service website to submit an online application form - <https://www.bradfordmusiconline.co.uk/site/pupils/small-group-individual-instrumental-vocal-lessons-application/>

News from the Governing Body

The Governing Body has recently appointed two new co-opted Governors, Julie Wilson and Jonathan Gadd, and also welcomed a new Clerk, Julie Alvin.

At our most recent meeting we reviewed the responses to Ofsted's Parent View questionnaire, which showed that 100% of respondents agreed that their child felt happy and safe in school, and 98% of parents reported that their child was well looked after. Following previous surveys work has been done to improve the information to parents about their child's progress, and this year's responses show that this has been effective. Governors are also meeting with a sample of children from each year group to gather their feedback on their experience in school.

Governors wish all children, staff and parents a happy summer holiday.

Annet Nottingham, Chair of Governors

