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We have had a great start to the year, making the most of our school grounds - and the mild weather - with lots of outdoor learning. The children have really enjoyed the new track and are feeling more energetic! All the new children have settled in well and our Year 6 children are currently enjoying their residential to Robinwood. Looking forward to another great half term. Mr Jones

The Daily Mile

We have been making great use of our fantastic new track around the field by completing The Daily Mile.



How The Daily Mile Works:

- It takes place in 15 minutes, with most children averaging a mile, or more, each day.
- Children run outside in the fresh air - and the weather is a benefit, not a barrier.
- Children run in their uniforms so no kit is needed.
- It's social, non-competitive and fun.
- The children return to class ready to learn.
- It helps to improve fitness and achieve a healthy weight.
- It encourages children to be aware of their health.
- It's fully inclusive; every child, whatever their circumstances, age or ability, succeeds at The Daily Mile.

We hope all children have been enjoying this chance to get outside and be active!



School Lunches

School meals are free for children in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2. For Years 3 to 6, please note the cost of school meals is £8.50 per week:

Half Term to Christmas, 29th Oct - 21st Dec, is £68.00.

Please make cheques payable to '**BMC School Meals**'.

This year we will be running 'themed' lunches to mark certain events.

The themed lunches for this half term are:

Wednesday 7th November:

WW1/Remembrance

Friday 30th November:

St Andrew's Day

Friday 14th December:

Christmas Dinner

Menus will be sent out in advance for each event and all children will have the option to book a meal in advance for that day at a cost of £1.70.

We're supporting Children in Need



BBC
Children in Need

On Friday 16th November we will be showing our support for Children in Need by wearing something spotty. Children should come in school uniform as normal but can 'accessorise' with something spotty, such as a pair of spotty socks or a spotty headband. We are asking

children to bring in a donation of £1 for this.

Minibeast Week

The week of 24th September was 'Minibeast Week'. All classes had the opportunity to work outside with Ruth McBain from Nell Bank to search for and find out about the minibeasts we have in our school grounds. As you can see, we found a few!



Music Lessons & Band—W/C 17th December

Please note there will be no music lessons, Choir or Band the week of 17th December due to Bradford Music & Art's holidays.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 7th November: WWI/Remembrance themed school dinner

Friday 9th November: Power of One: Anti-Bullying Performances

Monday 12th to Thursday 15th November: Book Fair in KS2 Hall (before & after school)

Tuesday 13th November: Open Morning for Foundation 2019, 9:30-11am

Friday 16th November: BBC Children in Need, wear something spotty

Friday 23rd November: Non-uniform Day, bring a prize for the Tombola stall at the Christmas Fayre

Friday 30th November: St Andrew's Day themed school dinner

Monday 10th December: Flu Immunisations for Year 1, Year 4 (except Ash) and Year 5

Friday 14th December: 'Save The Children' Christmas Jumper Day/School Christmas Dinner

Friday 21st December: School closes for Christmas

Monday 7th January: School opens

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

FOMPS

FOMPs Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre is fast approaching. It's on Saturday 1st December 2018, starting at 3pm through to 5pm.

We will have all the usual favourite stalls including the ever-popular Tombola, the Christmas Raffle, Jolly Jam Jars, and a cake stall, plus of course the chance to meet Santa! Our café will be serving hot pork rolls, mulled wine and hot chocolate.

This year the Shopping Alley is back along with Otley Junior Brass Band playing a short set.

If you can spare an hour or two on the day to help to run a stall or help with any preparation work prior to the fayre please contact any member of the FoMPS committee or email: admin@fomps.org.uk We couldn't put on any events without our lovely parent helpers!

Follow the link for further information:

<https://fomps.org.uk/2017/11/03/http-fomps-org-uk-2018-09-10-fomps-christmas-fayre-saturday-2nd-december-2018-3-5pm/>

Fundraising Update

Did you know that FoMPS raised over **£6,300** for our school in 2017/18? The Christmas Fayre raised over £2,400 and the Yomp raised over £1,200. We also introduced some new ideas including a Traditional Summer Fayre, school disco and the return of the quiz night with a fish supper. These events raised over £2200.

We donated over £2,500 towards new cross country bibs, wet play time equipment, Story Teller, back packs for new foundation children and of course the Year 6 Leavers' Party.

Thanks to everyone who organised, took part in or attended our events last year. Your help and support is always appreciated.

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.

News from the Governing Body

At last week's Governing Body meeting we discussed, among other matters, the outcomes of informal interviews two of our governors conducted in July with children from each year group. This is part of governors' commitment to seek regular feedback from all members of our school community. A few issues were raised but overall children are happy at school, they feel supported, know who to talk to if they are worried and like their teachers. Governors were particularly struck by the imaginative suggestions for playground activities to enhance the already extensive provision. Children also expressed a keen interest in extra-curricular activities. Annet Nottingham, Chair of Governors

We currently have vacancies for Casual Lunchtime Supervisors. If you or anyone you know is interested in applying, please visit the website for more information:

<https://menstonprimary.co.uk/vacancies/>

