

# Menston Mail—Number 4

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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.

Mr Jones

## Adverse Weather

As winter weather is upon us I would like to clarify our snow procedures. We will always aim to remain open, but in severe weather many staff will struggle to reach school. We also need to make a sensible decision which takes into consideration the dangers families and children may face in travelling to school in exceptional weather conditions. If the school is closed a message will be placed on the school website and Twitter. We will also contact registered Schoolcomms users via text message. We realise that families want an early decision to be made. On snow affected days, I aim to have a message on the website by 7.30am under '**Important Announcements**'. If school is closed Care Club will also be closed.

Last year we had several snow interrupted days, some of which we opted for a later start time of 10.00am. This allows families and staff extra travelling time. Again the website/Schoolcomms would be the place to check each day for this information.

If weather deteriorates during the school day we would ask parents **NOT** to come early for children as this is very disruptive for learning and stops the good work of the school. It is therefore the decision of the school whether children need to be picked up before 3.15pm and if this unusual decision is made, parents will be informed via the website and Schoolcomms.

**It is very helpful if parents use the website, Twitter and Schoolcomms for all updates, rather than ring the school directly.**

Please ensure we have your up to date mobile phone number and email address for Schoolcomms.

## Christmas Card Recycling



Please remember we are taking part in the 'Woodland Trust Christmas Card Recycling Project'. Bring in old Christmas cards by **Friday 18th January 2019**. These will be recycled as part of our school recycling system and will help our school to achieve the 'Woodland Trust Green Tree Award'.

Thank you for your support!

## Poppy Appeal

We have been notified that a total of £320.59 was raised for The Royal British Legion in November through the Poppy Appeal.

Thank you to everyone who donated.



## 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 increased to £1.80 per day/ £9 per week from 1st January 2019.

The total for this Half Term up to Friday 15th February is £54.00.

The total for the full Term up to Friday 12th April is £117.00.

We have now moved to a 'cashless' payment system. All school meals must be paid through this new system. You should have received an activation letter to set up your account.

The themed lunches for this term are:

### **Tuesday 5th February:**

Chinese New Year

### **Friday 1st March:**

St David's Day

### **Thursday 7th March**

World Book Day

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 £1.80.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Monday 4th February:** Parents Evening

**Thursday 7th February:** Parents Evening

**Saturday 9th February:** Wharfedale Primary Schools Cross-Country League

**Friday 15th February:** School closes for Half Term

**Monday 25th February:** School opens

**Saturday 2nd March:** Wharfedale Primary Schools Cross-Country League

**Thursday 7th March:** World Book Day

**Friday 12th April:** School closes for Easter break

**Monday 29th April:** School opens

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

# FoMPS

## Co-Op Good Cause

Did you know we are registered with the Co-Op to raise money for FoMPS? We want to improve the pedestrian crossing outside school and teach the children the valuable lesson of crossing the road safely.

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/23697>

## Talent Show and Disco

Save the Date—Saturday 16th March at Kirklands. Details to be confirmed...watch this space!

## FoMPS Yomp

The FoMPS Yomp is our annual Dad's fundraiser/social event; a walk from Burnshall to Menston (approx. 32km/20 miles) taking in a few pubs along the way.

This year's event is on Saturday 18th May 2019. Meet at the school at 7:45am for an 8:15am departure.

Places cost £25 per person which covers the coach from the school gates to the starting point, breakfast and a meal.

The event gets more popular every year, so secure your place today.

[Click here](#) or visit the website for more information.

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.

## Communication

This term we are trialling the Schoolcoms system to send electronic messages to families when children show exceptional learning behaviour and effort. We hope that this system for sharing and celebrating children's achievements, effort and behaviour will encourage and guide the children in positive ways. If you haven't already done so, please download the School Gateway App which will enable you to receive the messages quickly. You will need the email address and mobile phone number registered with school to do so.

## Apprenticeship Teaching Assistant

The Governors seek to appoint an enthusiastic and caring Apprentice Teaching Assistant to undertake an apprenticeship for one year. Please see the school website for more information:

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

## Football



Congratulations to our Year 6 boys who have won the Wharfedale Schools' Astro Turf Football League! Thank you to all parents who have transported the boys to and from matches, and a special thank you to Mr Gibson who has coached the team. This is the 2nd consecutive year that Menston boys have been champions—and the 3rd in the last 5 years!!

