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

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



Sports Days

After weeks of rain, we were pleased that the sun made an appearance for all of our Sports Days! The children had a great time. A huge 'thank you' to all our families who were able to come and support the children.



Staffing Update

Today we said goodbye to Mrs Wagstaff who, after 20 years at Menston Primary, is retiring. Mrs Kenyon is also leaving today, after 6 years, for a full time post at Silsden Primary. Mr Gibson, who has worked as a Sports Coach and run after school clubs and teams for several year, is leaving to take a promotion to a full time post in another school.

I hope you join us in thanking them for their hard work over the years and wish them all the best in their future ventures.

In September, Miss Copson will join Menston Primary as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant supporting classes in Year 3—6 and Miss Bevan will take on the role of class teacher in Key Stage 2.



We are delighted to be able to support a new Lottery funded initiative within the village, the Friends and Family Hub. The Hub is an education, information and support group for parents of children with a disability or learning difficulty. The group will provide speakers, a greater awareness of services and opportunities for parents to support their children and open discussion sessions. By bringing families waiting for, or encountering, a new diagnosis together, stronger communities of support can be built to address issues and help with the diverse challenges faced. It will meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Email Sarah at menstonhub@gmail.com for further details.

Year 6 Leavers

We often get asked which secondary school do we feed into so have provided you with the data from the last 3 years for your information.

SCHOOL	2017	2018	2019
Total pupils in year:	44	64	57
Otley Prince Henry's Grammar School	19	36	25
Ilkley Grammar School	7	6	19
St Mary's Menston	4	7	7
Guiselley School	8	12	4
Other	6	3	2



School Lunches

School meals are free for children in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2. For Years 3 to 6, the cost of school meals will continue to be £1.80 per day/ £9 per week next year.

Please ensure your ParentPay account is in credit prior to meals being taken by children.

The current menu can be found on the school website:

<https://menstonprimary.co.uk/our-school/school-meals/>

Please note: if you have any questions relating to payment for school meals you need to contact Facilities Management on 07973 841632.

Scholastic Book Fair



Thank you to everyone who came and supported our Book Fair. We raised a total of £721.00 to spend on books for school!

Enterprise Afternoon

Years 5 & 6 raised a fantastic £792.27 on their stalls - an amazing achievement! Well done!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 3rd September: School opens for the new school year

Tuesday 8th October: Whole school flu immunisations

Thursday 24th October: School closed for Half Term

Friday 25th October: Training Day - school closed

Monday 4th November: School opens for Autumn Term 2

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



Summer Fete

We are pleased to announce our best ever fundraising total from this year's summer fete which took place on Saturday 6th July - a figure of £2,218.64! This was an increase of nearly £700 compared to the fete in 2018. Thank you to all parents and teachers who volunteered their time on the day and beforehand, those who baked scones (including the foundation children!) and those that donated prizes and performed.

We are now looking for anyone with a connection to the school who works for a bank who might be interested in applying for match funding! If you, or someone you know can help, please get in touch.

Future Event Dates for your Diary

Friday 20th Sept - AGM & Bingo night. To book your place for the Bingo, please follow the link of the FoMPS website or on event on the Facebook page. The AGM is open to all. Bar and stacks available to purchase plus there will be a raffle on the night. We welcome you to come along and have your say in the plans for the coming year.

Friday 18th October - Quiz night

Look out for more information for all events on the FoMPS tree notice boards in the coming weeks in the school playgrounds or visit <https://fomps.org.uk/>.

Uniform Reminders

An excellent standard of uniform supports excellent standards of behaviour.

Hair - Hair must be neat and tidy at all times. Hair accessories should be plain, practical and either neutral or in the school colours. No novelty or fashion items.

Jewellery - Watches and one pair of small stud earrings may be worn. Earrings must be removed for PE and swimming. No other jewellery may be worn.

Make up and Cosmetics - Children are not allowed to wear make up to school. Nails should be of a suitable length for school and not decorated.

Footwear - Children do need to have an appropriate pair of black school shoes. Trainers are not acceptable school shoes.

Naming Uniform

If you are purchasing new uniform for children over the summer, please make sure you name it - we have over 400 children in school with similar attire. Names written in pen on labels either wash off or become illegible. We have partnered with STIKINS who provide labels that simply stick to clothing and require no sewing or ironing, and they offer up to 30% commission to help fundraising. To order your name labels, please go to their website www.stikins.co.uk and enter the fundraising code **13253**.



News from the Governing Body

At our meeting earlier this week, we reviewed the responses to the parent questionnaire, which showed that 98% of respondents agreed that their child felt happy and safe in school, and are taught well. 96% of respondents would recommend our school to another parent. The survey has not brought out any issues for particular concern, but has highlighted some areas where further improvements could be made. Some parents commented that they would welcome more information about their child's progress, and some thought that there was too much homework in KS1. Governors have also conducted interviews with children from all year groups. Their comments confirm the overall positive picture that children are happy to be at school and enjoy their learning. These results are extremely encouraging for all staff who put so much hard work in to achieving this.

The Governing Body is in the process of appointing a new co-opted governor following the resignation of Julie Wilson. We will also be looking for a new parent governor in the new school year as the term of office of Shain Wells has come to an end. We like to thank them both for their valuable contributions.

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

Annet Nottingham, Chair of Governors

