

# Menston Mail—Number 1

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# WELCOME BACK

We would like to say a warm welcome back to all our Year 1 to Year 6 children and families, and a huge welcome to all our new Foundation children and families!

We are looking forward to another enjoyable year, full of exciting learning opportunities.  
Mr Jones

## Summer Works

You may have noticed some changes around school since the end of the last school year. Over the summer we have made improvements to several areas around school.



We have a fantastic new Clamber Stack in the KS2 middle playground. The children have really enjoyed playing on it this week.

The entrance to the Victorian Building and the Year 5 and Year 6 classrooms in the Victorian Building have been renovated, as well as the cloakrooms in the Link building for Years 3 and 4.

We have also installed new 'Welly Banks' for Years 1 - 6 and packed lunch storage for KS2.



## 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 total for the Half Term from Tuesday 3rd September to Thursday 24th October is £68.40. The total for the Term from Tuesday 3rd September to Friday 20th December is £131.40.

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.

## Celebrating Learning and Behaviour

Last year we introduced 'Hot Chocolate Friday' to recognise and celebrate exceptional learning behaviour of children throughout school. This year we will continue with the celebration but this will happen on a Monday now due to Mrs Wilson teaching on a Friday. Parents will receive notification on the Friday if their child has been recognised and children will be invited to have a hot chocolate with Mr Jones, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Ellis in the Staffroom the following Monday.



## Fluoride Varnish Programme

We have been notified that the Fluoride Varnish Programme has been discontinued in school. If you wish to continue with the fluoride varnish applications, please speak with your family dentist.



We have been busy developing a new look website over the summer. We hope to launch this soon so watch this space....

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Tuesday 17th September:** Individual Photos, Foundation to Year 5

**Monday 23rd September:** Year 6 Individual Photos

**Tuesday 24th September:** Foundation Curriculum Evening

**Monday 30th September & Thursday 3rd October:** Parents' Evening, Year 1 - 6

**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**

## FOMPS

### Future Event Dates for your Diary

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept** – AGM & Bingo night. To book your place for the Bingo, please follow the link on the FOMPS website or on event on the Facebook page. The AGM is open to all. Bar and snacks 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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/>.**

### Menston Junior Football Club

Menston Junior Football Club would like to invite children in Foundation and Year 1 to join us for training on Saturday mornings, 9-10am, at St Mary's School. All abilities, and both boys and girls, are welcome.

For further details, please meet us at St Mary's on Saturday 7th September at 9am.

For any questions, please contact Andrew Langton on 07815 499044.



### Vacancies

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/>

### Morning Routines and School Uniform

Mr Jones has sent out an accompanying letter regarding changes to the morning routine for Years 3 to 6 and a reminder of uniform standards.

### A Message from Mrs Wagstaff

"I would like to thank everyone who sent me cards with lovely messages, flowers, gifts and those who contributed to a collection. I did not manage to speak to many people at the Leaver's Assembly and I know this message will not reach everyone but, for those who are still involved with the school, thank you!

My final day was emotional (for all ages!) but it was one I thoroughly enjoyed. I have some wonderful memories from the year and my class were just great. I hope they are settling well into their secondary environment and that I see some in the future. Please speak if you see me out and about; I love to hear how the children are getting on in the world and I don't always recognise them!"

### News from the Governing Body

Governors welcome all new and returning pupils and their parents and wish all a happy and productive year.

There will be an election for a new parent governor and we would encourage parents to consider being part of the board. If you would like to find out more about the role, please feel free to contact me through the school office.

Annet Nottingham, Chair of Governors

