

Menston Mail—Number 2

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What a busy first half term we've had! Year 6 have been to Windermere on residential where they were spared the rain for 3 days, unlike Year 5 who had a very wet (but authentic) Trench Day. Year 4 have had their water safety presentation from Bradford Aquatics. Year 3 have started their Linking Schools partnership with St Matthews C of E and are looking forward to their Nell Bank trip and Year 2 have been learning about different habitats in the UK and around the world. Year 1 have had a wonderful trip to Abbey House and our Foundation children have settled in fantastically. We wish you all a wonderful half term break. Mr Jones

Menston Primary School Open Mornings **OPEN MORNING**

We are holding Open Mornings on Thursday 7th and Tuesday 12th November for the Foundation September 2020 intake. Each morning will start at 9:30am with a welcome from Mr Jones and a tour of the school and grounds.

If you have a child due to start school in September, we would encourage you to come along to one of the sessions.



School Lunches

School meals are free for all 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.

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

The total for the Half Term from Monday 4th November to Friday 20th December is £63.

The current menu can be found on the school website:

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

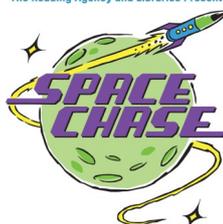
Please note: if you have any questions relating to payment for school meals you need to contact Facilities Management on 07973 841632.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to all the Year 1 & 2 parents and grandparents who came along to support our 'Juice & Cake' morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. We had some amazing cakes, biscuits and buns which the children (and adults) thoroughly enjoyed! Alongside the cake sale in the staffroom, we raised a fantastic £594.96 on the day so thank you again!

The Reading Agency and Libraries Present



Summer Reading Challenge 2019

Space Chase Summer Reading Challenge 2019

Well done to all the children who participated and completed the summer ready challenge this year. As a school, we were recognized for being one of the top primary schools in Bradford with the highest completion numbers.

Congratulations to Max B in Year 6 who has been selected to play football for the Bradford Boys U11 representative team. After attending trials over the summer, Max was recognised as one of the best footballing talents in the City of Bradford and will have the opportunity to play against other cities all over the country in the 2019/20 season. Well done Max!!



Have you seen our new website?
We're very excited about it!
www.menstonprimary.co.uk

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 4th November: School opens for Autumn Term 2

Monday 4th November: Road Safety Day

Thursday 7th November: Open Morning for Foundation 2020, 9:30am

Tuesday 12th November: Open Morning for Foundation 2020, 9:30am

Tuesday 26th - Thursday 28th November: Tom Palmer author visit

Friday 13th December: Christmas Jumper Day & School Christmas Dinner

Friday 20th December: School closes for Christmas Holiday

Monday 6th January: School opens for Spring Term 1

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

FoMPS

Future Event Dates for your Diary

Raffle tickets have been sent home this week. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Saturday 7th December – Christmas Fayre (a joint event with Menston Village Christmas Light-Up) 4-6 pm at Kirklands Community Centre. Please speak to someone from FoMPS if you would like to help on the day.

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/>.

Parent Governor Election

Thank you to those parents who nominated themselves for the vacancy of Parent Governor. We are pleased to announce that Mr Adam Croot has been voted in as our new Parent Governor.



Harvest Appeal 2019

Thank you to everyone who donated items to our Harvest Appeal. We have had a fantastic response. All donations have now been collected by the Bradford North Foodbank, run by the Trussell Trust Foodbank Network. Your donations will help care for local people in crisis through the cold winter months.

www.bradfordnorth.foodbank.org.uk

Children in Need

We will be participating in this year's Children in Need. On Friday 15th November, children are invited to wear something spotty with their uniform in return for a donation of £1.



Named Clothing

Please make sure all uniform, PE kits and coats are named. We already have a box full of unnamed clothing including several coats.



News from the Governing Body

We have been fortunate to welcome two new governors onto our board this year: Sarah Turner as co-opted governor and Adam Croot as parent governor. Sarah Turner is Named Nurse for Safeguarding Adults with Bradford Teaching Hospitals and Adam Croot is a parent of a year 4 child with a background in insurance.

We are pleased with the ongoing refurbishment work carried out over the summer and the further improvement of the playground. More work needs to be carried out in the Victorian building, but of course this can only be done during the holiday periods. A planning application to erect a polytunnel in the KS1 field has been submitted which will increase our options for outdoor learning.

Annet Nottingham, Chair of Governors

