



Menston Primary School Newsletter

Friday 16th September 2022

Weekly Roundup

In response to feedback about communication, we will be sending out a weekly newsletter every Friday rather than smaller pieces of information throughout the week. Class teachers will send out their weekly letters in addition to this and, at times, smaller pieces of information may be sent around urgent matters.

It has been lovely to see how well everyone has settled into the new term. Classrooms are purposeful and children are showing really positive attitudes to their learning. We are looking forward to welcoming families in to classrooms on Monday 26 and Thursday 29 September to give you an overview of what the children will be learning this year and some of the ways in which you can support children's learning at home. It will be a great opportunity to ask any questions that you have about the curriculum and the year ahead.

Following our completion of the Anti-Bullying Alliance United Against Bullying programme, I am extremely pleased to inform you that we have been awarded Silver School status. For context, 217 schools completed the programme with 4% achieving Gold, 32% Silver, 49% Bronze and 15% a certificate of participation. To be able to achieve this, we have worked hard to review our anti-bullying policies and procedures as well as working closely with the children to look at ways that we can support them. The wellbeing of our children is paramount to everything that we do at Menston Primary School and a big part of this is helping to ensure that all children understand why bullying is not acceptable and that they feel safe and happy in school.

When you are passing, please have a look at the terracotta planter at the front of school. It was planted with bulbs and pansies by two children in Year 5. We think it looks great and it is part of our commitment to making our school site look beautiful all year round.

As you know, there will be a national bank holiday on Monday. As a school community we have allowed the children time to talk about the death of Queen Elizabeth and this significant period in history that we are living through. We are focusing on the British values of democracy, rule of law, mutual respect, individual liberty and tolerance in our assemblies this half term. Our 'composer of the month' is George Gershwin. We are listening to music composed by George Gershwin in classrooms and assemblies. As well as finding out a little about him as a composer.



This Week's Hot Chocolate Heroes:

Y1 Elm: Thomas W

Y1 Willow: Teddy M

Y2 Lime: Freddie L

Y2 Maple: Zachary T

Y3 Cherry: Finlay C

Y3 Holly: Elsa H

Y4 Alder: Mitchell B

Y4 Ash: Emma N

Y5 Hazel: Rosie J

Y5 Rowen: Henry I

Y6 Birch: Megan S

Y6 Sycamore: Holly G

These children were chosen for their fantastic attitudes to learning and enjoyed a drink in the staff room with school leaders on Monday afternoon.

Music Lessons

Music lessons in school have started again this week. Music lessons are offered through Bradford Music & Arts Service. They offer a range of music lessons which take place within the school day including individual and group piano, keyboard, brass, woodwind, upper strings, and guitar. If your child is interested in learning a musical instrument, please contact Bradford Music & Arts Service via their website by clicking [here](#).

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was **98.3%**

All children have an attendance target of at least 97%. Attendance that is lower than this will be investigated.

Did you know?

Children with an attendance of 95% will have missed 2 whole weeks of school over the year.

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 is £1.95 per day / £9.75 per week.

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

If you have any questions relating to payment for school meals please contact Facilities

Management on 07973 841632.



Next Week's Menu

Monday: BANK HOLIDAY—SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday: Sausage in a Roll or Halal Rogan Josh/Cheese and Onion Pasty/Jacket Potato or Sandwiches

Wednesday: Roast Gammon or Halal Chicken Roll/Quorn Fillets/Panini or Wraps

Thursday: Ham & Cheese Pizza/Cheese Pizza/Jacket Potato or Sandwiches

Friday: Fish Finger Sandwich/Cheese Pasta Bake/Paninis or Wraps

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 19 September: Bank Holiday-School closed

Mon 26 September: Curriculum Evening Y1-6, 4:30pm to 5:30pm (drop in session)

Tues 27 September: Individual pupil photos

Tues 27 September: Foundation Curriculum Evening, 6-7pm

Thurs 29 September: Curriculum Evening Y1-6, 4:00pm to 4:30pm (drop in session)

Fri 30 September: KS1 McMillan Coffee Morning

Fri 7 October: Whole school flu vaccinations

Mon 17 October: Parents Evening, 3:30pm to 6:30pm

Thurs 20 October: Parents Evening, 3:30pm to 6:30pm

Fri 21 October: School closes for Half Term

Please see Year Group Newsletters for Key Stage specific diary dates

FoMPS

FoMPS has a very affordable and sustainable second-hand uniform selection. We have uniform and PE kit in most sizes including some new with tags, so please get in touch at fompsuniform@gmail.com. All items are priced at £1-£2 each.

FoMPS dates for your diary:

Friday 23 September – Movie at Kirklands

Friday 14 October – Quiz night! Our Annual General Meeting (open to all) will be held, very briefly, at the Quiz night on 14th Oct at Kirklands, Main St.

Extra Curricular Clubs

This week we have sent out communication to parents for all after school clubs that are currently available to book.

We are pleased to be able to offer a range of activities for children this year. Letters will be sent out with more information about after school clubs including how to sign up and any associated costs. Additional extra-curricular clubs will be on offer throughout the year. More information will be sent out as these clubs are organised.

A copy of the overview of current extra-curricular clubs is available on our website:

<https://menstonprimary.co.uk/parents/extra-curricular/>



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