



Menston Primary School Newsletter

Friday 23rd September 2022

Weekly Roundup

Our new Foundation children have had their first week of full days and have been brilliant! Their Year 6 buddies have been fantastic in supporting them in the lunch hall and playground. It has been so pleasing to see the care and kindness that our oldest children continue to show towards the youngest children in school.

This term's topic in Foundation is Superheroes. The children have spotted two superhero squirrels, Super Squirrel and Speedy Squirrel, in the courtyard. The children love looking out for them and are amazed at how skilfully they can scale fences and jump from tree to tree. The children have also been collecting, studying and planting acorns from the oak tree in the courtyard.

Homework consistency

We have reviewed our homework procedures so that we have a more consistent approach. Weekly year group homework letters will now be sent out on Fridays along with this newsletter and the half-termly homework menu will be sent out at the start of each half-term in paper form as well as electronically. The weekly newsletter will be sent via email, but please let the office team know if you would prefer to receive printed copies instead.

Year 5 children have been inspired to create some fantastic work from the homework menu linked to their Rainforest topic. Children have created models, PowerPoint presentations and even their own board games!



Curriculum Evenings

We look forward to welcoming you into school for our curriculum evenings next week. The Monday and Thursday sessions are for Y1—Y6 and are a chance for you to drop in to see your child's classroom, find out more about the curriculum and ask teachers any questions. The Foundation curriculum evening on Tuesday will start with a presentation in the Key Stage 1 hall followed by a chance to visit the classrooms and ask questions.

Music Lessons

Peripatetic music lessons have started again this week. Music lessons are offered through Bradford Music & Arts Service, who employ specialist music teachers to deliver a wide range of lessons in schools across the district. Lessons, which take place within the school day, include individual and group piano, keyboard, brass, woodwind, upper strings, and guitar. If your child is in Year 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 and interested in learning a musical instrument, please contact Bradford Music & Arts Service via their website by clicking [here](#).

You can find out more about our music curriculum by visiting the Curriculum page of our school website [here](#) and clicking on *Music curriculum overview*.

School band, which runs on Tuesdays after school, is open to all children from Y3—Y6. Anyone still interested in joining band should contact Mrs Smitheringale in the school office.

Harvest Appeal

We will be collecting donations of food and toiletries for the Bradford North Foodbank Harvest Appeal again this year. An up-to-date shopping list of items urgently needed can be found [here](#).

We will send more information about the appeal in the next newsletter and we will be collecting donations in the last two weeks of this half term.

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was **97.78%**

The classes with the highest attendance this week were Oak (F) and Birch (Y6) with 100% attendance.

All children have an attendance target of at least 97% and attendance that falls below 95% will be investigated.

All children should arrive at school by 08:55 am please.

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: Macaroni Cheese/ Vegetarian Spaghetti Bolognese/ Panini or Wraps

Tuesday: Homemade Beef or Quorn Burger/ Cheese and Broccoli Quiche/ Jacket Potato or Sandwiches

Wednesday: BBQ Chicken or Halal Chicken Tikka Masala/ Quorn Balls in Tomato Sauce/ Panini or Wraps

Thursday: Cheese Pizza or Halal Keema Roll/ Cheese Pizza/ Jacket Potato or Sandwiches

Friday: Fish Fingers/ Vegetarian Quesadillas/ Paninis or Wraps

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 26 September: Curriculum Evening Years 1-6, 4:30-5:30pm (drop in session)

Tues 27 September: Individual pupil photos

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

Thurs 29 September: Curriculum Evening Years 1-6, 4-4:30pm (drop in session)

Fri 30 September: KS1 MacMillan Coffee Morning

Sat 1 October: Siblings Photos with Karen Ross on school grounds (please contact Karen directly on 01943 968332 to book a slot)

Fri 7 October: Whole school flu vaccinations

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

Mon 17 October: KS1 Harvest Festival 2:30 pm (collect items for the Trussell Trust)

Tues 18 October: KS1 Harvest Festival 2:30 pm (collect items for the Trussell Trust)

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

Fri 21 October: School closes for Half Term

Mon 31 October: School reopens for Autumn 2

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 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.

Friday 11 November – FoMPS film night at Kirklands

Reading Volunteers Needed

Could you spare two hours a week one afternoon on a regular basis to help with reading at school? We need volunteers to read with children, help to organise books and help to re-establish our school library.

Anyone interested should complete this short [Google Form](#) and we will then get back to you about safeguarding checks and training.

Ideally any volunteers would be able to commit to the same afternoon slot each week for at least two terms.



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