



Menston Primary School Newsletter

Friday 09 December 2022

Dogs Trust Visit

Pupils in Years 1, 2 and 3 enjoyed an informative visit from the Dogs Trust. They learned how to look after dogs and stay safe around them. Children learned the happy dog rules to keep dogs safe and happy!



Greta and the Giants

Year 2 children have been thinking about the environment in English. They read the book, Greta and the Giants, which was inspired by Greta Thunberg's stand to save the world. They wrote letters to the 'giants' to persuade them to stop destroying the forests.



Ilkley Cinema Visit

As part of our learning about journeys, Foundation went on a train journey to Ilkley Cinema. We looked at the route first on Google Maps and talked about keeping safe on pavements, at the station and on trains. We watched a festive film and were treated to lots of popcorn. It was a fantastic adventure!



Christmas Jumper Day

Today we supported Save the Children by holding our annual Christmas Jumper Day in school. Thank you to everyone that has donated for this event, it was fabulous to see all our children and staff in their Christmas finery! If you would still like to donate please click on the link to our [JustGiving page](#).

Christmas Lunch

Our wonderful kitchen team provided the whole school with a delicious Christmas Lunch today. Staff and children enjoyed a festive feast of turkey and all the trimmings whilst listening to some lovely seasonal music.



Bradford North Foodbank

Following on from the wonderful generosity shown at the Harvest Festival collection, Bradford North Foodbank would really appreciate our support again this Christmas. If you would like to make a donation in the run up to Christmas, a very busy time for the foodbank, please [click here](#).



This Week's Hot Chocolate Heroes:

R Acorn: Evangeline R

R Oak: Alfie P

Y1 Elm: Eddy C

Y1 Willow: Zach C

Y2 Lime: Freddie L

Y2 Lime: Ivy P

Y3 Cherry: Eleanor M

Y3 Holly: Verity R

Y4 Alder: Leila R

Y4 Ash: Hal L

Y5 Hazel: Eva L

Y5 Rowan: Anna C

Y6 Birch: Sophie W

Y6 Sycamore: Luke T



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

Early Help Coffee Morning

We are holding an Early Help coffee morning in school on Thursday 12 January from 9—10am in the library. The friendly coordinators from the Bradford District Early Help team will be on hand to talk about any worries parents may have. They will help find the right support for you and your family for issues such as benefits, housing, parenting/behaviour, healthy relationships, mental health, education or domestic abuse.



Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was **95.68%**

The class with the highest attendance this week is **Cherry** with **100%** attendance!

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



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 £2 per day / £10 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.

School Lunches—w/c 12 December 2022 Menu—Week 1

Monday: **Mascarpone Pasta**; **Vegetarian Chilli & Nachos**; **Panini or Wraps**

Tuesday: **Mild Chicken Curry or Halal Keema & Peas**; **Vegetarian Quesadillas**; **Jacket Potato or Sandwiches**

Wednesday: **Roast Chicken or Halal Chicken Tikka Roast**; **Vegan Cottage Pie**; **Panini or Wraps**

Thursday: **Cheese and Tomato Pizza or Ham and Cheese Pizza**; **Garlic Vegetable Noodles**; **Jacket Potato or Sandwiches**

Friday: **Battered Fillet of Fish**; **Savoury Roll**; **Panini or Wraps**

For details of the full new menu please [click here](#) for our school meals web page.

FOOD FOR FAMILIES

Since 2020 kidfit have been working with schools and local communities with the help of Bradford councils Holiday Activities and Food program, funded by the department of education, to provide food to families in need.

We have now delivered over 10,000 meals!

Huge thank you to all involved with this project.

GET IN TOUCH

For more information on how to access this support please do not hesitate to get in touch.

kidfitcamp@aol.co.uk
 07932540167



Job Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor. The hours of work are 11:45am to 12:45pm, Monday to Friday, term time only.

If you are interested in applying, or know someone who might be interested, please visit our website:

<https://menstonprimary.co.uk/about-us/vacancies/>



Christmas Fair—Thank you

Saturday 3rd December was the FoMPS Christmas fair at Kirklands, as part of the Menston village Christmas light up. It was a really lovely community event, with a great atmosphere. We would like to thank everyone for the donations they brought into school, the children, parents and teachers that volunteered on the Friday and Saturday, and everybody who came and supported the event.

All the cakes and mince pies not sold on the day were donated to Homeless Hampers, so no food went to waste.

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.

Please support us wherever you can by volunteering to help at events and just coming along and spending your money. Please get in touch via our [website](#) if you would like to join us.

Dates to Remember:

Fri 16 December: School closes for Christmas

Tues 3 January: School reopens for Spring term 1

Mon 9 January: Foundation Sight Tests

Thurs 12 January: Early Help Drop-in

Mon 30 January: Parents' Evening

Thurs 2 February: Parents' Evening

Fri 10 February: School closes for half term

Mon 20 February: School reopens for Spring Term 2

Please see Year Group Newsletters for Key Stage specific diary dates



MENSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
Making Our World A Better Place