



Menston Primary School Newsletter

Friday 6 January 2023

Welcome Back

Welcome back to school for the new term everyone! We all hope that everyone had an enjoyable break and we would like to wish all of our families a happy and healthy 2023. The children have come back to school with positive attitudes and have made a great start with their learning in their new topics so far. Detailed long-term plans can be found on the class pages of our school website, so please have a look at these if you can. Please hover on the **Class Info** menu on the [home page](#) and click on the year group headings.

Online Safety Acceptable Use Agreements

As you will have read on Mrs Wilson's letter earlier this week, we have written and published an updated Online Safety policy. Paper copies of the Acceptable Use Agreements should be coming home today. We would appreciate it if you could read these through with your child(ren) and return a signed copy to school next week. We know that parents will be interested to find out more about the ways in which we can all help to protect our children online. Advice for parents from Chilnet is available [here](#) and the UK Safer Internet Centre [here](#). There are also links to other useful websites on the [online safety page](#) of our school website.

Specialist Support for SEND

At MPS, we believe passionately in inclusion for all and we are constantly looking for ways in which we can further improve our offer for all children. This year, we have been lucky enough to secure some additional support from two specialist teachers who work as part of Bradford's Social, Communication, Interaction and Learning (SCIL) Team. Fiona Whitaker is a specialist teacher for cognition and learning and will be supporting staff and children with additional strategies for learning needs such as dyslexia and processing difficulties. Sharon Carr is a specialist teacher for Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs. Sharon will be supporting us in continuing to develop our provision for children who may be struggling with areas such as self-regulation, emotional literacy, anxiety and worry. If you would like to know more about this team and what they do, you can access their webpage [here](#) or please feel free to contact Mrs Gilmour.



School Council

Our Smart School Council will be continuing this term with lots of new and exciting ideas coming from our Communication Team and various Action Teams. Our next meeting will be Wednesday 11 January and we look forward to updating you after this.



Lost Property

Our lost property box at the school office is almost full already. There are coats, hats, water bottles, PE uniform, jumpers and cardigans; all unnamed. Can we please remind you to name all uniform, coats and water bottles brought into school so they can be reunited with their owners.



Parent Consultations

Our next Parent Consultations will be held on Monday 30 January and Thursday 2 February. Please book your appointment through the Arbor portal. The booking system will open on Sunday 8 January at 10am and will close at midnight on Sunday 29 January. Please [click here](#) for guidance on how to make a booking. If you require assistance with access to Arbor, please contact the admin team on the office email or by calling 01943 873180.

Early Help Coffee Morning

We are holding an Early Help coffee morning in school on **Thursday 12 January from 9—10am** in the library. 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, mental health or domestic abuse.



Christmas Reading Challenge

Well done to all the children in KS1 who completed our Christmas Reading Challenge. Your wonderful work has been added to our celebration of reading book!



Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was **95.2%**

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 Lunches—w/c 9 January 2023 Menu—Week 2

Monday: **Meat Lasagne or Halal Lasagne**; **Vegetable Lasagne**; **Jacket Potato or Sandwiches**
Tuesday: **Meat Chilli Taco Boat or Halal Chilli Taco Boat**; **Cheese Pasta Bake**; **Panini or Wraps**
Wednesday: **Roast Pork Loin or Halal Roast Chicken Breast**; **Vegetable Roll**; **Savoury Roll or Sandwiches**
Thursday: **Cheese and Tomato Pizza**; **Sweet Potato & Lentil Curry**; **Jacket Potato or Sandwiches**
Friday: **Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers**; **Vegetable Pakora**; **Panini or Wraps**

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

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.



Parent Support Group—[Raising Yorkshire Puddings](#)

Raising Yorkshire Puddings is an online support group, facilitated by NHS mental health practitioners. The group is a safe space for parents to get together, share their experiences and build positive relationships. A different subject is discussed each month and parents will receive useful information and strategies around the chosen monthly topic. For an invite, please email: mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com

Next Parent Support Group details: Tuesday 17 January 2023

Topic: “Supporting your child: Making sense of the senses”



Job Vacancies

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

We also have a Teaching Assistant vacancy, either 1 x full time role or 2 x part time roles, Monday to Friday, term time only.

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

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



DATES TO REMEMBER

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

FoMPS

The FoMPS team would like to wish all our families a Happy New Year! Please watch this space for some fun events to come in 2023.



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.

We are really grateful for donations of good, clean used uniform but please note that we are only taking school logo items currently. Thank you for your support with this.

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



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