



Menston Primary School Newsletter

Friday 13 January 2023

School Council

Hello from the Communication Team! This week, more requests for Action Teams have come in and there are so many great ideas about how to change our school for the better. The new teams we are setting up this half term are: • A chess club • A fundraising team • A lunchtime drama club



All of these ideas are being approved and should be up and running by half term. The Newspaper Team are working very hard on their paper and will soon be releasing their first complete issue! The Fundraising Team's goal will be decided in an upcoming class meeting question. The drama club have emailed staff members to find a staff sponsor. They are aiming to have a complete play by the end of the term (just before Easter). The Chess Club will also run at lunchtimes and the team are just finalising the details of this. We all look forward to these exciting new Action Teams! Many Thanks, The Communication Team.

Online Safety Acceptable Use Agreements - reminder

As you will have read on Mrs Wilson's letter last week, we have written and published an updated Online Safety policy. Paper copies of the Acceptable Use Agreements came home with children last week. If you haven't already, please could you read these through with your child(ren) and return a signed copy to school as soon as possible. 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.

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.



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



This Week's Hot Chocolate Heroes:

R Acorn: Ivy P

Y3 Cherry: Katie M

Y5 Rowan: Hollie C

R Oak: Elsie A

Y3 Holly: Iris R

Y6 Birch: Isabella H

Y1 Elm: William W

Y4 Alder: Samuel T

Y6 Sycamore: Oliver H

Y1 Willow: Isobelle R

Y4 Alder: Samuel 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.

Y2 Lime: Emily S

Y4 Ash: Tom R

Y2 Maple: Hamish H

Y5 Hazel: Daniel W



Foundation Reading

In Foundation this term we are learning about the amazing stories and songs of Julia Donaldson.



Some footprints were spotted in the Foundation courtyard. The children followed them and some clues into the woods. There they found... a Gruffalo and the creatures in this great story. The woods made a perfect place to hear our new book.

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was **97.21%**

The classes with the highest attendance this week are **Acorn, Oak and Elm** 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 16 January 2023 Menu—Week 3

Monday: Sausage in a bun or Halal Sheesh Kebab; Mexican Burrito; Panini or Wraps
Tuesday: Cheese and Onion Pasty; Italian Tomato Pasta; Jacket Potato or Sandwiches
Wednesday: Roast Chicken or Halal Chicken Pie; Quorn Meatballs in Gravy; Panini or Wraps
Thursday: Sticky Chicken Pizza; Cheese and Tomato Pizza; Jacket Potato or Sandwiches
Friday: Fish Fingers; Southern Fried Quorn Burger; 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.

We Love Writing

Be sure to look at children's amazing writing the next time you are in school. We have a display board, opposite the office, celebrating children's work from Foundation through to Year 6. What super progression!



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"

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Raising Yorkshire Puddings
Parent Support Group

Tuesday 17th Jan 10:30am or 7:30pm Zoom
Email the address below for the link.

THIS MONTH'S TOPIC:
SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD: MAKING SENSE OF THE SENSES

In this month's Parent Support Group we will be looking at senses. We will be covering what senses are and how these may affect our thoughts, emotions and behaviours

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 30 January: Parents' Evening
Thurs 2 February: Parents' Evening
Fri 3 February: Foundation Sight Tests (re-arranged date)
Fri 10 February: Foundation Celebration Assembly
Fri 10 February: School closes for half term
Mon 20 February: School reopens for Spring Term 2
Mon 27 March: KS1 Easter Performance 14.30pm
Tues 28 March: KS1 Easter Performance 14.30pm
Fri 31 March: School closes for Easter
Mon 17 April: School reopens for Summer Term 1
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.

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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