



Menston Primary School Newsletter

Friday 20 January 2023

Attendance

We are delighted to have been awarded an attendance certificate by Fischer Family Trust (FFT) - a registered charity that supports a range of UK-based education and health projects. Our attendance data for the autumn term for Key Stage 2 children was in the top 10% of FFT schools nationally, including those schools with similar characteristics to ours. As you know, we strive for excellent attendance for all of our children and this award is testament to the commitment of our families to support us with this. We will be proudly displaying our certificate in our main reception area and will aim to achieve the same accolade in every term going forward.

SEND update

Just before the Christmas break, the teaching staff received some training from the Speech and Language Team at Airedale around selective mutism. If you are concerned about your child being a reluctant communicator, please read the helpful guide which has been uploaded to our website [here](#). As part of the support from the Social Communication Interaction & Learning (SCIL) Team which was detailed in last week's newsletter, we have also had some updated dyslexia awareness training. If you have any concerns regarding this, do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher or to Mrs Gilmour. You may also wish to watch this emotive [video](#) about seeing dyslexia differently.

Tree planting

This week Year 3 children along with volunteers from the Menston Area Nature Trust, planted some tree saplings along the edge of Porritts Field. It was a very cold morning but everyone had a great time digging and planting the saplings. The children have been working towards the Junior Forester award and this activity means they have now completed the award. Well done Year 3 and Mrs Meakin!



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.

Parents Evening

This Week's Hot Chocolate Heroes:

R Acorn: Clemmie T

Y3 Cherry: Emilia B

Y6 Birch: Aliffe H

R Oak: Olive B

Y3 Holly: Ilaria S

Y6 Sycamore: Hugo G

Y1 Elm: William W

Y4 Alder: Lydia P-D

Y1 Willow: George W

Y4 Ash: Sophie 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.

Y2 Lime: Lewis S

Y5 Hazel: Ava N

Y2 Maple: Isobel M

Y5 Rowan: Heather C



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/>



Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was **96.82%**

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 23 January 2023 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.

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.

Wear Red Day—Friday 3 February

Wear Red Day is a fantastic annual event that generates vital, life-saving income for the [Children's Heart Surgery Fund](#) charity, to support the Leeds Congenital Heart Unit, its patients and their families. 1 in every 100 children are born with congenital heart disease - around 4 to 5 children in each primary school.

Children can wear something red along with their normal school uniform in return for a suggested donation of £1 to this worthwhile cause. This could be red socks or another item of red clothing, a red hair accessory etc.

This will be a **cash-less** event, please visit our [Just giving page](#) to donate.



Dates to remember

Mon 30 January: Parents' Evening

Thurs 2 February: Parents' Evening

Fri 3 February: Foundation Sight Tests (re-arranged date)

Fri 3 February: Wear Red Day

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

School Council

Hi! This is the Communication Team! We have made plenty of progress in the past week! Firstly, the Drama Club has progressed so much that they will be having a meeting with Mrs Wilson on Monday to finalise the details of their upcoming performance. The Fundraising team have met with Mrs Gilmour and their first event will be a 'wear red day' to support the Children's Heart Surgery Fund. Also keep an eye out for more exciting information about the Leeds Bear Hunt!



School Nursing Service

The School Nursing Service for Bradford is available to support children and young people aged 5 years to their 19th birthday and their parents/carers. Part of the School Nurse Service role is to connect professionals, children, young people and families more directly with the most appropriate source of help or advice. They can help to navigate care and identify local and national services available both in person and/or digitally. Please [click here](#) for more information.

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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