



Menston Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to the new half term. I would like to take this opportunity to share some updates and reminders with you.

Moorlands Learning Trust Presentation

A reminder that we will be holding a parent presentation event on Monday 27 February at 6pm so that parents and carers have the opportunity to meet key staff from the Moorlands Learning Trust along with members of our Governing Body and the Senior Leadership Team. The event will take place in the Key Stage One hall, so please come through the main office on St Peter's Way. Following the presentation, there will be a chance for parents to talk to staff and governors and to ask questions.

Positive Noticing

This week, we have launched a re-focus on positive noticing in line with our three golden rules of **Ready**, **Respectful** and **Safe**. All adults in school have been given guidance on positive noticing and we have introduced some playground incentives to help children to focus on playing safely and respectfully and to take care of their equipment. We will be having a whole-school Positive Noticing Day tomorrow, where every member of our school community will be acknowledging and thanking each other for their ready, respectful and safe conduct. Every week, staff will be sending postcards home to thank children who go over and above in their ready, respectful and safe conduct. To find out more about positive noticing in our school, please visit the [Policies page of our school website](#) and click on the 'Positive Noticing Guide for Adults' link.

Menston Community Fridge

Menston Community Fridge launch event will take place at Kirklands Community Centre from 9:30 – 11:30 this Saturday. School will be supporting the community fridge by having drop-boxes for donations out in the playgrounds and outside our school office. Our children will be finding out how the Community Fridge works and we will be taking donations over to Kirklands when classes have their library visits.

Term dates and attendance

Please see the [Term Dates](#) page of our school website for term and holiday dates. An additional national bank holiday has been announced for Monday 8 May for the King's coronation. This means that Year 6 SATs will now take place from Tuesday 9 May to Friday 12 May. Please can families avoid booking holidays that impact on term-time attendance and learning. Children should only be absent from school if they are too ill to attend or for other truly exceptional circumstances.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs M Wilson

Headteacher