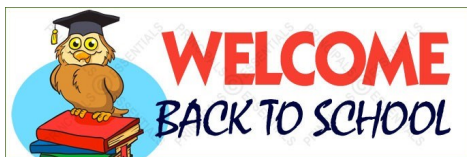




Menston Primary School Newsletter

Friday 8 September



We would like to say a warm welcome back to all our Year 1 to Year 6 children and families, and a huge welcome to all our new children and families in Foundation and throughout the school! I has been wonderful to have all children back in school this week. And we are looking forward to another enjoyable year, full of exciting learning opportunities.

You may have noticed a few new faces this week as we welcome Mrs Crowther, Miss Chana, Mrs Garbutt, Mr Moore, Mrs Riley and Miss Thompson to our teaching support team.

And finally, we would like you to join us in wishing Miss Hodgkinson all the best as she starts her maternity leave next week.

Twitter

Our Menston Primary Twitter / X is a fantastic way to keep up with the amazing activities and achievements that take place in and out of school. Please follow us @menstonprimary.



Menston Village Show



The 46th Anniversary Year of the Menston Village Show will take place on Saturday 9th September at Kirklands Community Centre.

Local growers and crafters will showcase their fruit, veg, produce, flower arrangements, photographs, crafts and more! The show will also include a raffle and an auction.

For more details and the show's schedule please see attached.

Online Parent/Carer Support Group

The Parent Support Group 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 via Zoom and parents will receive useful information and strategies around the chosen monthly topic. To view the poster please see attached.

For an invite, please email: mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com



Macmillan Coffee Morning

KS1 look forward to welcoming parents to their Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 29th September. We are hoping to raise lots of money for this worthwhile cause.

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Extra Curricular Overview



Please see attached the overview of extracurricular activities being offered in autumn term 2023.

Some letters to sign up for these clubs have already been sent out with the others to follow next week.



Leeds Bear Hunt



Woody, our school bear cub, has loved taking part in the Leeds Bear Hunt this summer. He especially enjoyed the visits from Menston Primary families and can't wait to re-join our school at the end of September.

In the meantime, you can still see Woody and the other 82 bears before they go off to find new homes. They will parade through the centre of Leeds on Sunday 17th September, from Briggate at 5pm, and then congregate for the farewell weekend from the 23rd-24th September. More information about these events can be found at <https://leedsbearhunt.co.uk/events/farewell-weekend/>

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was **98.28%**

The class with the highest attendance this week is **Lime** 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 11 September 2023 Menu—Week 2

For details of the updated dates for the 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 £2.10 per day/ £10.50 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.

Monday: **Chicken Meatballs and Rice or Halal Beef Noodles**; **Vegetable Lasagne**; **Cheese Panini or Sandwiches**

Tuesday: **Cheese and Onion Pasty**; **Italian Tomato Pasta**; **Jacket Potatoes or Wraps**

Wednesday: **Roast Pork Loin or Halal Chicken Roll**; **Quorn Roast**; **Cheese Panini or Sandwiches**

Thursday: **Cheese and Tomato Pizza**; **Jacket Potato or Wraps**

Friday: **Battered Fillet of Fish or Salmon Fish Fingers**; **Vegetarian Mexican Burrito**; **Cheese Panini or Sandwiches**

Flu Vaccination



Flu vaccinations help keep your child safe from flu. Flu can be a nasty illness and sometimes causes serious problems such as a chest infection, which can develop into pneumonia.

Giving your child the flu vaccination nose spray stops the spread. Therefore, helps keeps friends and family safe.

To access the online consent form, please see the attached letter and for further information regarding flu immunisation please [click here](#).

The following link is a video to prepare and reassure our children: [Resources to prepare your child for immunisations - Better Lives Healthy Futures \(betterliveshealthyfuturesbw.nhs.uk\)](#)

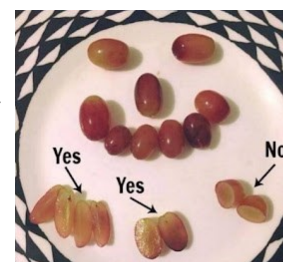


Grapes – a Potential Choking Hazard

Grapes are a good, healthy snack. If you include grapes in your child's packed lunch, please remember to always cut them lengthwise first.

If you would like further information on how to help a child that is choking on an object, please click the link to see the NHS guidance: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/pregnancy-and-baby/helping-choking-baby/>

Although the medical advice is generally for children under the age of five, it can still be a choking hazard for all. Grapes differ quite considerably in size and are always worth cutting up before consuming.



Dates to Remember this Half Term

Tuesday 19 September: New Reception starters curriculum evening 6:00-7:00pm

Monday 25 September: Curriculum evening Y1—Y6: English, maths & science curriculum information

Friday 29 September: Macmillan Coffee Morning—KS1

Saturday 7 October: Cross Country at Ilkley Rugby Club

Saturday 14 October: Cross Country at Addingham Primary School (KS2 only)

Please see Year Group Newsletters for Key Stage specific diary dates.

For further key diary dates please find attached.



FoMPS would like to welcome all our school families into this new academic year, especially those families joining us for the first time. We hope to bring another fun-filled calendar of events to you this year, beginning with Toast and Tea(rs) for our new starter parents next week and our AGM later on this half term.

Our fundraising will initially be used to fund a mental health and well being programme, covered bike and scooter parking and improvements to our school pond.

Don't forget the affordable uniform scheme that we run, with items available for suggested donations of £1-£2. To check for item availability or to donate uniform please email fompsuniform@gmail.com.



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