



Menston Primary School Newsletter

Friday 15 September

It is lovely to see how well the children are settling into their new classes. Children are already becoming more independent in their learning and in remembering our school routines and expectations.

Please can families check the [School Uniform page](#) of our website to ensure that children come to school wearing the correct uniform. This includes PE uniform on children's PE days. We have noticed some children wearing footwear that does not fit with our uniform policy—a copy of which can be downloaded from the [policies page](#) of our website or requested from the school office. School shoes should be plain black shoes or ankle boots suitable for climbing and outdoor activities and PE footwear should be plain dark (navy blue or black) trainers. We encourage our families to donate outgrown uniform that is in excellent condition to our PTA, Friends of Menston Primary School. Parents can then buy high-quality pre-worn uniform items for as little as £1:00. Uniform can be donated/ purchased by contacting the school office or by seeing Mrs Meakin at the gate on St Peter's Way at drop-off and pick-up times. Some families may be eligible for financial support with uniform costs. If you think that this may apply to you, please call our office and ask to speak to Mrs Belinda Smitheringale. All calls will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have access to free fruit every day. Children in KS2 can bring fresh fruit, dried fruit or fresh vegetables for morning snack. We teach children about healthy, balanced diets, so would like to thank families for avoiding sending full-size chocolate bars in children's packed lunches. Thank you also for avoiding sending foods containing nuts and other known allergens into school.

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.



School Photographer

Karen Ross our school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 26 September to take individual photos of all the children.



Look out in future newsletters for information about sibling photos which will take place later this half-term in October.

Menston Village Show

We would like to thank the organisers of the Menston Village Show, who put on another marvellous event last Saturday.

Many of our children took part in a wide variety of categories with some fabulous 1st and 2nd places, commendations and rosettes awarded to them. It was especially lovely to see Heidi, one of our new starters in Foundation, win joint overall 'Best in Show'. Well done everyone.

We are also pleased to say that our school fruit took a 1st place in the 'selection of 3 fruits' category



Asthma Awareness



When children return to school is when they are most likely to have an asthma flare up. Find out how can you help your pupils with asthma child and reduce their chances of an asthma flare up. Click on the link for more information: [Back to school support for parents and carers of](#)

Leeds Bear Hunt.



Woody has now gone into a short hibernation with his fellow bears and cubs before he makes a final appearance. The bears will parade through the centre of Leeds this Sunday, 17th September, from Briggate at 5pm, and then congregate for a special farewell weekend on the 23rd-24th September. Click on the following link for more information: <https://leedsbearhunt.co.uk/events/farewell-weekend/>

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 98.21%
The classes with the highest attendance this week are Willow, Alder and Birch 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 18 September 2023 Menu—Week 3

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: **Chilli and Rice or Halal Keema Pilau**; Cheese Pasta Bake; Cheese Panini or Wraps

Tuesday: **Sausage in a bun**; Cheese and Onion Flan; Jacket Potatoes or Sandwiches

Wednesday: **Beef Cottage Pie**; Soya Mince Cottage Pie; Cheese Panini or Wraps

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

Friday: **Fish Fingers**; Southern Fried Quorn Burger; Cheese Panini or Wraps

Curriculum Evenings

On **Tuesday 19 September**, our new **Reception parents** are invited to attend a curriculum presentation at 6:00pm in the Key Stage 1 hall. Please come into school through the main entrance on St Peter's Way. Staff will give an overview of learning that takes place in children's first year at school.

On **Monday 25 September**, we will be holding curriculum presentations for parents of children from Y1 to Y6.

At **6:00pm**, the Key Stage 1 presentation will take place in the Key Stage 1 hall. Parents should enter through the main entrance on St Peter's Way.

At **6:30pm**, the **KS2** presentation (Y3—Y6) will take place in the KS2 hall. Parents attending the KS1 presentation will be escorted through school to the KS2 hall. Any parents attending just the KS2 presentation should enter through staffed doors on Main Street.

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.

Tuesday 26 September: School Photographer on site

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.

Year 6 Applying for Secondary School

All year 6 pupils should now have brought home a brochure with information on applying to secondary school next year.



Check the websites of the secondary schools you are thinking of applying to for information on open evenings and admission procedures as some schools may have additional documentation you need to complete. Applications for placement at a Leeds school, should still be made via Bradford Council. If you are resident in Leeds however and pay council tax to Leeds City Council you will need to apply via Leeds CC. (Tel Nu: 0113 222 4414, email : startingsecondary@leeds.gov.uk)

FoMPS

As we enter that 'season of mists and mellow fruitfulness', so the FoMPS committee turn our thoughts towards Christmas!

At this stage we are looking for raffle prizes for the school fair, which is part of the village Christmas Lights Switch On event on the 2nd December. If you, or anyone you know, has a business that would be willing to donate a prize to the raffle please get in touch - admin@fomps.org.uk

We are also on the lookout for a new Santa this year, so anyone out there who fancies the role for just an hour or so on the day, please get in touch as well.

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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