



Menston Primary School Newsletter

Friday 22 September

The Singing Children of Africa/ Educate the Kids

On Thursday this week we had a visit from three VIP guests - young people from [The Singing Children of Africa choir](#). The choir, comprised of children and young people from Mombasa, Kenya, is touring the UK performing and raising awareness of the charity [Educate the Kids](#). The choir will be performing at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Burley Road in Menston this evening at 7pm. If you are able to go along, you will be sure to have a highly entertaining evening.

The choir is touring the UK to raise awareness of the charity Educate the Kids and here at MPS we are keen to make an ongoing connection with the charity, whose mission is to provide as many children as possible in Mombasa with the education that they are entitled to with the aim that this helps to free them from poverty. We have donated some uniform and books to the charity in the past, but the cost of transporting physical items between the UK and Kenya is, as you can imagine, ever increasing. We will therefore be committing to sharing a portion of monies raised from any fundraising that we do this year to supporting the charity.

If you would like to support the charity by making a one-off donation or by sponsoring a child's education, please visit the Educate the Kids [donations page](#).



This autumn term all primary school aged children in England (from Reception class to Year 6) will be offered a flu vaccination by the NHS school aged immunisation service. Most children are offered a nasal spray flu vaccine. The NHS team will be at Menston Primary on the 27 September. Please ensure the e consent form has been completed.

School Photographer

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

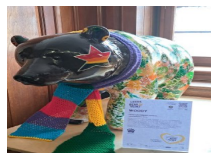
Please can all children wear their normal school uniform on Tuesday rather than their PE uniform.



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

Leeds Bear Hunt

Woody is getting bear-y excited for his final appearance in the Leeds Bear Hunt farewell this weekend. All 83 bears will congregate this Saturday and Sunday 23rd-24th September at the Leeds City Museum. More information about tickets for this event can be found at <https://leedsbearhunt.co.uk/events/farewell-weekend/>



Woody will then be returning to live with us next week, so keep an eye out for him.

Cleaning Assistant Vacancy (546690)

2 x 10 Hours per week

Based in Menston Primary School

Please [click here](#) for more information.

School Pond Update



Thanks to some funding from FOMPS and great enthusiasm from a team of parents, grandparents and children, our school pond has been cleaned, repaired and re-lined. We are grateful for the expert advice from Tom Islip Landscaping. New plants will be added during outdoor learning sessions in October, then we look forward to seeing our pond thrive as a fabulous learning resource once more.

Sleep Tight is a new sleep service offering specialist one-to-one sleep clinics for parents of children, aged 2-11 years old who are experiencing sleep difficulties.

Run by the Together Trust, a charity highly experienced in providing sleep services, their sleep practitioners will work with families to create a personalised sleep plan for children so that everyone can get a good night's sleep.

If you're a parent or carer living in Bradford district or Craven you can find out more about the service and book a free appointment by [clicking here](#). You can also find sleep tips for babies and young children [here](#).

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 97.17%

The classes with the highest attendance this week are Maple, Cherry and Acorn, all with over 99% attendance!

All children have an attendance target of at least 97% and attendance that falls below 95% will be investigated.



School Lunches—w/c 25/09/2023 Week 1

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: Ravioli Hotpot ; Vegetarian Chilli and Nachos; Panini or Ham, Cheese ,or Tuna Wraps

Tuesday: Chicken Pie or Hael Chicken Pie; Cheese and Onion Flan; Jacket Potatoes or Ham, Cheese ,or Tuna Sandwiches

Wednesday: Braised Sausage or Hael Cottage Pie; Braised Quorn Sausages ; Panini or Ham, Cheese ,or Tuna Wraps

Thursday: Cheese and Tomato Pizza; Arrabiata Pasta ; Jacket Potato or Ham, Cheese ,or Tuna Sandwiches

Friday: Fish Fingers; Vegetable Dippers ; Panini or Ham, Cheese ,or Tuna Wraps

Curriculum Evenings

Thank you to all of the parents of our new Reception children who could attend the curriculum evening on Tuesday 19 September. If you were not able to attend, you will have been sent a curriculum information pack. Please speak to the teachers if you have any questions.

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

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

Tuesday 26 September: School Photographs

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)

Thursday 19 October: KS1 Harvest assembly at 2:30pm

Saturday 21 October to Sunday 29 October: Half term break

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.



There are a number of OPEN DAYS coming up soon for schools in the local area.

ST MARYS ACADEMEY 30/09/2023

PRINCE HENRYS ACADEMEY 02/10/2023

ILKLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL 04/10/2023

BRADFORD GRAMMAR 04/10/2023

Please check the schools own websites for full details.

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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