



# Menston Primary School Newsletter

Friday 10th November 2023

## Anti-Bullying Week 2023

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week. The theme for this year is 'Make a Noise About Bullying.' We will be taking parts in lots of activities across school to mark this important week and to continue to develop our children's understanding of bullying and relational conflict and how they can 'make a noise,' if they feel like something isn't right. If you want to find out more about this, the Anti-Bullying Alliance have put together a resource pack for parents and carers, which can be found by clicking [here](#).

We are inviting all children and adults to wear odd socks to school on Monday 13th November to celebrate what makes us all unique.

## School Access for Parents Evenings on Monday 13th and Thursday 16th November

Parent meetings for children in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 will all take place in the KS1 hall. Meetings for children in Y3, 4, 5 and 6 will all take place in the KS2 hall in the Victorian building. Please can we ask that families use the main entrance on St Peter's Way for Foundation & KS1 meetings and the right hand Main Street door (labelled Girls) for KS2 meetings.

## Making our World a Better Place

This week, Esme in Y4, Mitchell in Y5 and Connie in Y2 have brought fantastic posters into school that they have created at home. Mitchell and Connie's poster is all about the My Happy Mind characters and Esme's poster includes a really helpful Anti-Bullying Week poem. Copies of both posters will be displayed around school next week, so please look out for them when you visit for Parents' Evenings.

Children in Foundation and KS1 have been making poppy-related crafts in their outdoor learning sessions this week. They will be displayed on our external fencing this weekend in honour of Remembrance.

## This Week's Hot Chocolate Heroes:

R Acorn: Phoebe M  
Y 1 Elm: Fraser M  
Y 1 Willow: Freddie M  
Y 2 Lime: Sandy H  
Y 2 Maple: Ruben B  
Y 3 Cherry: Frida D  
Y 3 Holly: Daisy J  
Y 4 Alder: Finlay C  
Y 4 Ash: Eloise H  
Y 5 Hazel: Annabelle G  
Y 5 Rowan: Autumn L  
Y 6 Birch: Jack W  
Y 6 Sycamore: Sophie W



**These children have been chosen for their fantastic attitudes to learning and will be enjoying a hot chocolate in the staff room on Monday 13th November with school Leaders.**

A group of KS2 children in Care Club made this beautiful Remembrance wreath to be laid at our village Armistice Day event on Sunday. The children learned the useful skill of sewing on buttons as part of this activity.



## MPS Scholastic Book Fair



Please come along and help raise money for more books for our school!

**Dates:** 21st—23rd November

**Time:** 8:15am—8:40am 3:15am—4pm

**Place:** The Link Corridor (blue building)

**Entrance:** Via KS2 Care Club entrance gate (am)

Children who attend Care Club can purchase books before/after school. Care Club staff will facilitate this. Please note, we will not be accepting cash payments.



## Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 97.55%



The classes with the highest attendance this week are Elm and Lime with 100% attendance!

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

## School Lunches—w/c 13/11/2023 Week 3

Please [click here](#) for updated information and pricing for the school meal menu.

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 £2.20 per day/ £11 per week from Monday 30 October.** 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:** Sticky Mac n Cheese, Halal Pasta Bolognese, Soya Mince Bolognese; Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

**Tuesday:** Mild Chicken Curry, Vegetarian Chilli & Nachos; Jacket Potatoes or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

**Wednesday:** Braised Sausage, Halal Chicken Roll; Braised Quorn Sausage; Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

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

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

### Ghyll Royd School Cross Country



The next cross country race in the Wharfedale Schools Cross Country League is on Saturday 18th November at Ghyll Royd School, Burley in Wharfedale. All children in KS1 and KS2 are welcome to run. For more information about the event please [click here](#).

You can sign your child up to race in the event (if you haven't signed up already), by contacting the school office.

### Children In Need



Next Friday, 17th November, we are asking children to wear something spotty or Pudsey Bear related in order to raise money for BBC Children in Need. If you would like to make a donation, please use this [link](#). This year, we are asking that children do not wear face paint. We look forward to seeing everyone's outfits!

### Dates to Remember next Half Term

**Monday 13 November:** Parents Evening 3:30pm to 6:30 pm

**Thursday 16 November:** Parents Evening 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm

**Saturday 18 November:** Cross Country at Ghyll Royd School

**Saturday 2 December:** Christmas Fair at Kirklands

**Wednesday 6 December:** Christmas Performance Y3 & Y4

**Tuesday 12 & Thursday 14 December:** KS1 Christmas Show

**Wednesday 13 December:** Christmas Performance Y5 & Y6

**Wednesday 13 & Thursday 14 December:** Reception Nativity

**Friday 15 December:** Christmas Jumper Day for 'Save the Children' & whole school Christmas Dinner

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

### Decking the Halls of the District!



**Saturday 11th November:** Festive Launch at The Broadway, Bradford, featuring performances for the whole family.

**Saturday 25th November:** Ilkley & Shipley Christmas Lights Switch On

**Sunday 26th November:** Keighley Christmas Lights Switch On

**Saturday 2nd December:** Bingley Christmas Fayre & Lights Switch On

**Saturday 2nd December:** Light Up Haworth Weekend & Artisan Market

**Sunday 3rd December:** Baildon Christmas Lights Switch On

For more details of festive events in the Bradford district, please [click here](#)



### FoMPS

The postponed FoMPS AGM will take place on Wednesday 22nd November at 3:30pm in school. We have a wonderful committee ready to bring you more fabulous events for the school over the year. We just need you to come along to vote them in so FoMPS can contribute into the new year.

Keep an eye out next week for your Christmas raffle tickets and a letter with details of the Christmas fair taking place on the 2nd December as part of the village Lights Switch On event. Santa bookings open next week as well.

### School Vacancies

Please click on the link below to view our current vacancies.

<https://menstonprimary.co.uk/about-us/vacancies/>



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