



Menston Primary School Newsletter

Friday 24th November 2023

Plumber Drummer Performance

Key Stage Two were excited to again invite into school 'The Plumber Drummer.' With a bespoke musical instrument built out of drain pipes and a steel frame, the Plumber Drummer brought to life some of his own compositions along with classics such as Crazy Frog and Baby Shark!



School Council

Our latest action team is now up and running. Some children in Year 2 wanted to start a games club. Children from Year 6 and Year 4 have helped them to set this up and lots of fun was had by all!



Christmas Events

Whilst it might seem quite early to be thinking about Christmas, we are all aware that we have only three weeks left at school until the holiday. Please look out for letters detailing how to book tickets for our Christmas performances. These letters will be sent out early next week. Dates and times of all Christmas performances are detailed on the second page of this letter.

Our school choir will be performing at two community events this year. They will be singing at Cornerstones Café at a Christmas party for people supported by Home Instead Ilkley and also at the Ilkley Grammar School Christmas concert which will be taking place at St Margaret's Church in Ilkley on the evening of Monday 11 December.



Christmas Jumper Day Fundraiser for 'Save the Children!'



On Friday 15th December, Menston Primary will be taking part in a Christmas Jumper Day in an effort to raise money for the 'Save the Children' charity, who aim to provide children with a brighter future.

If you would like to donate towards this worthy cause please [click here](#) for Menston Primary's fundraising page.

Bradford City Christmas Football Camps



Bradford City is holding football camps during the Christmas holidays, 10:00am-3:00pm. All abilities ages 5-14 years are welcome.

For further details including dates and pricing, please [click here](#).

This Week's Hot Chocolate Heroes:

R Acorn: Amara L
R Oak: Harry G
Y 1 Elm: Venisa W
Y 1 Willow: Sophie W
Y 2 Lime: Theo F
Y 2 Maple: Toby S
Y 3 Cherry: Bremner PD
Y 3 Holly: Olly N
Y 4 Alder: Verity R
Y 4 Ash: Edward D
Y 5 Hazel: Sam T
Y 5 Rowan: Harry C
Y 6 Birch: Daniel W
Y 6 Sycamore: Lottie H



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

Annual SEND Parent/Carer Survey 2023

The Parent Carer Forum for Bradford and Airedale have designed the 2023 Annual Parent Carer Survey for parents and carers to anonymously share their experiences of support for children with SEND throughout the Bradford District.



Complete the 10-minute survey by clicking [here](#).

The Big Ambition Campaign

The Children's Commissioner has launched The Big Ambition survey to understand what children and parents/carers want ahead of the next General Election.

Responses from the survey are anonymous and will be shared with the Government to ensure that children's voices are heard.

To complete the survey please [click here](#) or scan the QR code below.

Further resources are available on The Big Ambition website, which you can access [here](#).



Attendance



This week's whole school attendance was 97.1%

The class with the highest attendance this week is Elm 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 27/11/2023 Week 2

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: Mild Chicken Currito, Mascarpone Pasta; Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

Tuesday: Sausage Lattice, Halal Keema Roll, Mac n Cheese; Jacket Potatoes or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

Wednesday: Roast of the Day, Halal Chicken Hotpot; Soya Mince Cottage Pie; Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

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

Friday: Battered Fillet of Fish, Salmon Fishcakes; Savoury Roll; Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

The Play Station Christmas Holiday Club 2023



The Play Station will be holding an out-of-school club at The Annex, Manley Road, Ben Rhydding, over the Christmas holidays 7:30am-6:00pm.

For bookings & details of dates and pricing please email theplay_station@yahoo.co.uk or call 01943600474

North Halifax Grammar School 'Busting the Myths' Event!

North Halifax Grammar School will be holding a 'Busting the Myths about Grammar Schools' event to provide information to Year 4 and Year 5 parents/carers about the selection process.

The event will take place on Thursday 30th November between 6:00pm and 7:30pm.

For more information and to book tickets, please click the link below: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/nhgs/t-ojgdpn>

Please note that this event is aimed at the parents/carers of Year 4 and Year 5 children only and is not for the children themselves.



Decking the Halls of the District!



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

Saturday 25th November: Nunroyd Christmas Fair 11-3pm

Sunday 26th November: Keighley Christmas Lights Switch On

Saturday 2nd December: Menston Christmas Lights Switch On & FoMPS Christmas Fair at Kirklands 1pm-4:30pm

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

Please [click here](#) for more details of festive events!

FoMPS

Thank you to those who came to or sent a proxy vote for the AGM on Wednesday. We are pleased to say that the committee has been voted in for another year. We have a new chair in Mel Islip, Emma continues as secretary and Steph Dahl joins Kate as co-treasurer alongside ten other committee members. We look forward to bringing you another year full of great events.

The Christmas Fair at Kirklands and the Menston Lights Switch On is just a week away, taking place on the 2nd December 1:00-4:30pm. Santa bookings are now open so get in quick to reserve your magical time in our grotto with Old Saint Nick, limited spaces available. Tombola prizes and raffle ticket stubs with money can be brought to the school gates all next week and the mince pies (Foundation), cakes (KS1) and Jolly Jam Jars (KS2) can be brought in on Friday morning, 1st December. We look forward to seeing you all at the fair next Saturday!

Scan the QR code for Santa bookings!



Dates to Remember next Half Term



Saturday 2 December: Menston Christmas Lights Switch On & FoMPS Christmas Fair at Kirklands 1pm-4pm

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

Saturday 2 December: Menston Christmas Lights Switch On & FoMPS Christmas Fair at Kirklands 1pm-4pm

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.

School Vacancies—Lunchtime Supervisor Position



There is an exciting opportunity to become a Lunchtime Supervisor at Menston Primary. Regular or casual posts are available. If you or anyone you know would be interested in this position, please check the MPS website for more details.

Click below to view our recent vacancies:

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



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