



Menston Primary School Newsletter

Friday 8th December 2023

Christmas Performances

Our Christmas performances began this week with our Year 3 & 4 Christmas shows on Wednesday. We were delighted to invite families to come and support the children after they had worked so hard during rehearsals. We look forward to welcoming families to our Foundation, KS1 and Year 5 & 6 Christmas performances next week!



Cornerstones Café Choir Visit

On Wednesday, our School Choir visited the Cornerstones Café to perform some Christmas songs to a group of Menston residents who are supported by [Home Instead](#). The children loved performing at this local community event and were thrilled when the audience joined in with some of the songs!



Norovirus

We have had several reports of Norovirus this week. Families can access up-to-date NHS advice around managing childhood illnesses on the following websites: [Norovirus](#), [Diarrhoea and vomiting](#) and [Is my child too ill for school](#). In line with NHS guidance, children should stay off school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days.

Arbor App

If you haven't done so already, please download the Arbor App to enable us to send urgent communications to you efficiently. Within the Arbor App you can also update your contact details, add emergency contacts and book afterschool clubs and parents' evening appointments. Please [click here](#) for more information. If you have not yet accessed the Parent Portal or App, please contact the school office to access your user details.

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.

Lost Property



Please could we ask families to ensure all items of clothing are clearly named. We have collected a large amount of unnamed jumpers, coats, hats, scarves and gloves this half term. Any unnamed items that haven't been claimed by the end of Thursday 14th December, will be sent either to FoMPS or local charity shops on Friday 15th December.

Message from Menston Library



It has been lovely welcoming your children on their regular library visits from school, however our shelves are looking a little bare!

Please could you take some time to play 'hunt the book' and pay the library a visit with the books you find during the holidays.

We will be closed on Christmas Day and New Years Day otherwise we are planning to keep our normal opening hours:

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm. Saturdays 10pm till 1pm.

If you're not sure what you're looking for please give us a ring on 01943 876539

Please can I also remind you to make sure your child has their library card on library visit days as it helps the visits run smoothly.

Following on from our very successful Summer Reading Challenge we are promoting the winter mini challenge which can be found at www.wintermini.org.uk

We will have a selection of colouring sheets and word searches available and a nice colour certificate for all finishers.

Message from Bradford District Care Immunisation Team



If you have filled out a consent form for the Flu **injection** for your primary school aged child, we would like to invite you to our drop in clinic, as the flu **injection** is not offered in primary school.

Please note: **if you child has already received the Flu immunisation drops within school, they do not need the Flu injection also.**

The clinic will run on 9th December 2023 at Horton Park Health Centre, 99 Horton Park Avenue, BD7 3EG, 10:00am till 5:00pm.

Alternatively, call the team on 01274 221269 to arrange a clinic appointment if the above date is not convenient.

Bradford District NHS Mental Health Support for Families

Please see the attached newsletter from Bradford's Parent/Carer Support Group. Monthly online support sessions are held over Zoom, facilitated by mental health practitioners. Sessions provide a safe space for parents to share experiences and receive support.

Please email: mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com to find out more about the group and to be invited to the next session, which will be held on Tuesday 19th December.

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 96.42%



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 11/12/2023 Week 1

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: Pork Meatballs, Halal Chicken Meatballs & Rice, Mexican Burrito; Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

Tuesday: Pasta Bolognese, Arrabiata Pasta; Jacket Potatoes or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

Wednesday: Roast of the Day, Halal Roast Chicken Breast; Cheese & Broccoli Quiche; Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

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

Friday: Fish Fingers; Southern Fried Quorn Burger; Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

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 the play_station@yahoo.co.uk or call 01943600474

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](#).

Bradford North Foodbank



Following on from the wonderful generosity shown at the Harvest Festival collection, Bradford North Foodbank would really appreciate our support again this Christmas. If you would like to make a donation in the run up to Christmas, a very busy time for the foodbank, please [click here](#).

FoMPS



Huge thanks to everyone who contributed towards making the FoMPS Christmas Fair such a great success last weekend.

Thanks to the FoMPS members and community volunteers who worked tirelessly to organise and run the event. Thanks to the parents, staff and children who helped to set up, clear up and run stalls and a huge thanks to all of the families who attended the fair and spent their money!

The grand total that was raised for the school will be announced next week.

A focus for fundraising this year is children's mental health and wellbeing. FoMPS donations have part-funded the 'My Happy Mind' programme and we are looking at some other ways in which we can broaden our offer for mental health and wellbeing.

Look out for 2024 FoMPS events on next week's newsletter.



Dates to Remember

Tuesday 12 & Thursday 14 December: KS1 Christmas Performance 2:30pm



Wednesday 13 December: Christmas Performance Y5 & Y6 2:00pm & 6:00pm

Wednesday 13 & Thursday 14 December: Foundation Christmas Show 9:30am



Friday 15 December: Christmas Jumper Day for 'Save the Children' & whole school Christmas Dinner. School closes for the Christmas break.

Tuesday 2 January 2024: School re-opens for the Spring term.

Please see Year Group Newsletters for Key Stage specific

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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