



Menston Primary School Newsletter

Friday 5th January 2024



A warm welcome back to the new term and the new year to all of our children and families. We hope that everyone had a restful break and enjoyed spending time together with loved ones.

As we start the new term, we would like to share a few reminders so that everyone is clear about our school's expectations.

Uniform

- Children should not come to school wearing any make up. This includes eye make up and nail polish. We appreciate that some children have their nails decorated for special occasions, but all nail polish/decorations should be removed for school please.
- Hair accessories should be plain, practical and in school colours and jewellery should not be worn apart from stud earrings.
- Children should come to school wearing P.E. uniform on their P.E. days. Shorts should be appropriate for school and not 'hot pants' style. Trainers should be plain dark blue/ black without logos/ flashing lights etc. Details about school uniform, including P.E. uniform, can be found on our school website [here](#).
- All items of uniform should be clearly labelled with your child's name please.

We encourage our families to donate outgrown uniform that is in excellent condition to our PTA. Parents can then buy high-quality pre-worn uniform items for as little as £1:00 (£2:00 for branded items). Uniform can be donated/ purchased by emailing fompsuniform@gmail.com or by speaking to Mrs Meakin on the Key Stage 1 gate.

Dogs

Please can we request that families avoid bringing dogs into the school grounds unless the dog is carried by the owner and is under very close control.

School day timings

The school day runs from 08:55 to 3:15 currently. Our gates and doors are open between 08:45 and 08:55 in the morning and we request that all children are in school by 08:55.

From September 2024 the Government requires all schools to deliver a 32.5 hour school week. We propose to achieve this by starting our school day at the slightly earlier time of 08:45, which will mean that our drop-off window will be between 08:35 and 08:45 from September. We are letting you know about this now so that you have the opportunity to consider how the change might affect your family and to contact the school with any questions or comments.

This is what the proposed timetable change would look like in practical terms:

Current model		Proposed 32.5-hour week model	
Gates open for children to arrive and settle into class	08:45 – 08:55	Gates open for children to arrive and settle into class	08:35 – 08:45
Registration and morning learning task	08:55 – 09:10	Registration and morning learning task	08:45 – 09:00
Core lessons start	09:10	Core lessons start	09:00
End of the school day	15:15	End of the school day	15:15

Please contact the school with any questions or comments by emailing office@menston.mlt.co.uk and we will get back to you.

This Week's Hot Chocolate Heroes:

R Acorn: Jacob P

Y 4 Ash: Immie C

R Oak: Ezra C

Y 5 Hazel: Sophie S

Y 1 Elm: Fletcher R

Y 5 Rowan: Caleb W

Y 1 Willow: Isla S

Y 6 Birch: Will S

Y 2 Lime: Leo B

Y 6 Sycamore: Oscar P

Y 2 Maple: Matilda S

Y 3 Cherry: Lewis S

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.

Y 3 Holly: Oliver L

Y 4 Alder: Frankie G



Parent Governor Election

You will have received information via email regarding a vacancy for a parent governor earlier this week. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please complete and return the nomination form to the school office by 3:30pm on Monday 15th January. Paper copies of the nomination form are available from the school office, if required.

Attendance

So far this academic year, overall attendance is at 97.3%

This week's whole school attendance was 95.36%

The class with the highest attendance this week is Elm with 98.44% attendance!

School Lunches—w/c 08/01/2024 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 Potatoes or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

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

Arbor App for Parents



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.

Staffing Update



Please join us in welcoming our newly-appointed Teaching Assistant Mrs Turnock! Mrs Turnock completed her Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship with us in March 2022 and we are delighted to have her back on board. Mrs Turnock will be working in KS1, primarily in Year 2.

My Happy Mind



We are all excited to start our new MyHappyMind unit on Monday. The next unit is called 'Celebrate' and it is all about finding our personal characteristics and what makes us special. We have continued to use 'happy breathing' this week to settle us all back in for the new year. Our 'Happiness Heroes' have their first job lined up - finding a special place for our lovely new playground signs.

If you haven't already done so, please remember to download the parent app. Just go to <https://myhappy mind.org/parent-resources> and enter your name, email, and authentication code, which is: **149938**. Or scan this QR code



School Vacancies:

Care Club Playworkers



Permanent playworkers at our very popular before and after school Care Club

We are particularly keen to recruit candidates who are able to work some afternoons from 3.00 to 5.30pm, term-time only, although other positions may be available.

Lunchtime Supervisor

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/>

Dates to Remember for 2024!



Saturday 3 February: [Cross Country at Ben Rhydding Primary School](#)

Monday 5 February: Parent Consultation Evening

Thursday 8 February: Parent Consultation Evening

Friday 9 February: School closes for half-term

Monday 19 February: School re-opens

Saturday 24 February: [Cross Country at Ghyll Royd School](#) ([rearranged date](#))

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



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