



Menston Primary School Newsletter

Friday 19th January 2024

Parent/Carer Online Safety Information Session

In partnership with Knowsley City Learning Centres, parents and carers will have the opportunity to attend an online safety webinar on Wednesday 31st January 2024, 9.30am – 10.15am. We will share the link for this webinar in next week's newsletter, but anticipate that some parents will want to put the date/time into their diaries now.



The webinar will cover the following topics:

- Current trends – what children are doing online and what apps/games are popular amongst children;
- Understanding the risks – a look at the risks associated with using technology, in particular when using social media, online gaming & live streaming;
- What can you do? Suggestions on how you can support your child with their online lives and what parental controls are available to help you;
- Further support – signposting to services that are available to help you.

The session will be recorded and subsequently shared via the Online Safety page of our school website.

Wharfedale Festival of Performing Arts 7th - 10th May 2024

The organisers of the Wharfedale Festival of Performing Arts are planning to run the festival from 7th - 10th May this year. We are sending out a copy of the syllabus and the entry forms along with today's newsletters. Families are welcome to enter children into the festival and absences from school to attend will be authorised. If you enter your child to take part in the festival, please can you let our Parental Involvement Worker, Mrs Belinda Smitheringale, know the date and time of their planned absence from school by emailing office@menstonprimary.co.uk. The closing date for entries is Friday 1st March. Following last year's success at the festival, we are planning to enter our school choir into the 'Junior Choirs' category again this year. We will contact parents of children in the choir separately about this.



This Week's Hot Chocolate Heroes:

R Acorn: Arthur S
R Oak: Nika P
Y 1 Willow: Edie P
Y 1 Elm: Lily W
Y 2 Lime: Sam M
Y 2 Maple: Ether C
Y 3 Cherry: William H
Y 3 Holly: Florence M
Y 4 Ash: Sofia A
Y 4 Alder: Celeste M
Y 5 Rowan: Ezra M
Y 5 Hazel: Hattie F
Y 6 Birch: Gabe M
Y 6 Sycamore: Casper D



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

Parent Consultation Evenings: 5th & 8th February 2024

We will be holding parent consultation evenings in a few weeks on Monday 5th February and Thursday 8th February.



To book an appointment with your child's teacher, please use the Arbor App. The booking window for this opens at 7pm tonight, Friday 19th January, and will remain open until midnight on Sunday 4th February.

If you are making appointments for multiple children in different year groups, please leave at least 10 minutes between appointments to allow time to move from one appointment to the next, especially if you need to move from KS1 to KS2 or vice versa.

NSPCC Number Day

NSPCC

On Friday 2nd February, we will be taking part in [NSPCC Number Day](#). Our children will be doing lots of fun maths activities throughout the day and we will be doing some number-themed fundraising to raise money for the NSPCC. On Number Day we will be asking all children to **dress up in digits!** This could be a football kit with the number of their favourite player, a 'number hat' or other number-themed clothing or accessories. There is no expectation for anyone to buy anything especially for this, but it would be great to see some home-crafted accessories! We are asking for a suggested donation of £1 on the day or [click here](#) to visit our fundraising page to donate online.

In support of the NSPCC, Emeline and Anna in Year 6 will be organising some **fun runs** on our running tracks at lunch times this term. The girls are passionate about running and would love it if as many children as possible can join them in running some laps to help to raise funds for the NSPCC.



Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 96%



The class with the highest attendance this week is **Cherry** 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 22/01/2024 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

Year 2 Outdoor Learning

This week, year 2 have enjoyed making ice decorations in outdoor leaning. They have been investigating: what happens when you put water in a tray and leave it out overnight? What happens when you put water and salt in a tray and leave it out overnight? It has linked nicely to the current weather conditions!



Menston Primary's Communication Team

The Communication Team will have their next meeting next Wednesday to continue to work on their behaviour project. They will also be checking in to see how all of our action teams are getting on. Following the icy conditions this week, they will also be setting a class meeting question to see if anyone has any suggestions for improving indoor playtimes. They are looking forward to updating you next week!



Car Parking Around School

We now have two parking spaces designated for blue badge holders on St Peters Way. Please can we ask that these spaces are only used by families and visitors who are blue badge holders.

A reminder to all families that these parking bays, including the staff parking bays, must be accessible at all times so please do not park along the roadside blocking access.



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.

Adverse Weather

In the event of adverse weather conditions, it may be necessary to have a delayed start to the school day or to close the school for the safety of the staff and children. In the event of significant adverse weather, we will communicate with parents/guardians via Arbor. Please can we ask that you log into the Parent Portal and make sure we have your correct contact details on file. If you haven't done so already, this is a good opportunity to download the Arbor App as vital information is shared here. You can also add emergency contacts and book after school clubs and parents' evening appointments. [Click here](#) for more information on accessing the Arbor App.



Information regarding adverse weather is also published on the [school website](#) and [Bradford Schools Online](#).

School Vacancies:

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/>



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