



Menston Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 12th April 2024

Welcome Back

A warm welcome back to the new term to all of our children and families. We hope that everyone had a restful break over the holidays. We have certainly enjoyed hearing about the many days out, holidays, visits to relatives and fun activities that the children have been doing.

Our staff continue to work hard to plan and deliver interesting, engaging and enjoyable curriculum topics and teachers will be sending home more information about the curriculum for this term in their year group letters. Please visit the 'class info' pages of our school website to access curriculum long-term plans if you would like more information.

I am sorry to say that I have some very sad news to share with families as we start the new term. Valerie Schea, who worked in school as a lunchtime supervisor and Care Club Playworker, passed away earlier this week after a short illness. Val was a warm, kind person who made a big impact on the children in her care and the staff whom she worked alongside. We would ask that you talk to children who knew Val at home about this sad news in the way that you feel is most appropriate. Staff in school and Care Club will, of course, make time to talk to children as appropriate too. If anyone would like to pass on a message of condolence to Val's family, please do so by emailing the school office and we will collate messages and pass them on.

Vivace Choir Visit

On Monday, Key Stage 2 classes were treated to a wonderful performance by the children in our school who are members of the Vivace Youth Choir. The choir are looking to expand their numbers and any child aged eight or over is welcome to join. The choir meets at 6:30pm on Thursdays at Menston Methodist Church. To find out more, please visit the choir website [here](#).

Online Safety Newsletter

The April edition of the online safety newsletter from Knowsley City Learning Centre has been emailed to all parents. The newsletter is also available to view on the Menston Primary website on the 'Online Safety' page each month. [Click here](#) to view the page.

Car Safety

Bradford Council have provided our school with a child measuring guide which provides important advice for parents and children on road safety, child car seats and in-car safety. The measuring guide is located outside the school office on St Peter's Way for children and parents to use.

This Week's Hot Chocolate Heroes:

R Acorn: Elijah T

R Oak: Elle O

Y 1 Willow: Stanley F

Y 1 Elm: Summer C

Y 2 Lime: Jaycee-Violet J

Y 2 Maple: Inka P

Y 3 Cherry: Alfie G

Y 3 Holly: Zachary ST

Y 4 Ash: Katie M

Y 4 Alder: Harriet B

Y 5 Rowan: Betsy E

Y 5 Hazel: Stanley M

Y 6 Birch: Daniel W

Y 6 Sycamore: Ted R



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

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 95.81%

The class with the highest attendance this week is **Alder** with 97.93% attendance! All children have an attendance target of at least 97% and attendance that falls below 95% will be followed up.



FoMPS Yomp

The FOMPS Men's YOMP is back again! On Saturday June 29th, we will once again be setting out from Burnsall, walking back to Menston via various drinking establishments whilst taking in the beautiful Yorkshire countryside.

Often referred to as one of the best days of the year, this is an event not to be missed, and at an inflation busting £25 per ticket, still represents great value which includes a bacon sandwich and a meal deal at the Swan in Addingham. It is also an opportunity to meet new people and catch up with old friends and all for a good cause by raising much needed funds for Menston Primary School.

Tickets are now available via the FoMPS website and the below QR Code, but they are limited so please get yours now to ensure you don't miss out!

Finally, we are looking for Sponsors to support with the cost of the transport in return for some free advertising. If you are interested, please get in touch with Matt Darlington on mattdarlo75@icloud.com.



School Lunch Menu — W/C: 15/04/2024 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 £2.30 per day/ £11.50 per week from Monday 1st April 2024.** Please ensure your Parent Pay 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 on Garlic Bread, Vegetable Cheese Burger; Hot Cheese Baguette or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

Tuesday: Meat Lasagne, Halal Chicken Dopiazza, Soya Mince Bolognese; Jacket Potatoes or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

Wednesday: Savoury Mince in Yorkshire Pudding, Cheese Rolls; Hot Cheese Baguette or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

Thursday: Cheese and Tomato Pizza; Pizza with BBQ Drizzle, Jacket Potatoes or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

Friday: Fish Fingers, Halal Chicken Roll, Vegetable Pakora; Hot Cheese Baguette or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

Attendance

In February, the government updated its guidance 'Working together to improve school attendance' and this guidance will become statutory from 19 August 2024.

It is important that parents have a clear understanding of fining around children missing school for reasons that are classed as unauthorised. Currently, it's the responsibility of the local authority to decide when to issue fines to parents, meaning the process varies from council to council. However, the new framework will ensure greater national consistency. From August 2024 the fine for unauthorised school absences which meet the criteria set out in the guidance will be **£80 per parent per child if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days.**

Information for parents and carers about school attendance from Bradford Council can be found [here](#).

Information from Gov.UK about fining for unauthorised absence can be found [here](#) on the Education Hub website.

[The Education Hub](#) is a site for parents, pupils, education professionals and the media that captures all you need to know about the education system.

Our school term dates are published on our website [here](#). Please check term dates carefully before booking holidays.

FoMPS

We look forward to seeing you at some of our events in the summer term, including the YOMP (men's walk) on the 29th June, the WOMP (women's walk) and the summer fair.

We are looking for a new team to organise the women's walk this year and will be looking for a new secretary to take on the role from September. If you are interested in supporting FoMPS and school or have any questions please contact chair@fomps.org.uk

If you need any uniform for the summer term please email our pre-loved uniform scheme to see what we have in stock: fompsunifom@gmail.com

Dates to Remember for 2024!



Monday 15th - Wednesday 17th April: Y4 Residential Visit

Monday 6th May: May Day Bank Holiday—School Closed

Tuesday 7th May: Class Photographs

Wednesday 8th May: Girls Europa Football at IGS

Monday 13th - Friday 16th May: Y6 SATs Week

Friday 24th May: School Closes for May Half Term

Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th June: School Closed for Teacher Training

Wednesday 5th June: School Reopens

Extra Curricular Clubs

Please see the current weekly schedule for school clubs:

Monday:

KS2 French Club: 8th April-8th July (no French club Monday 15th April), 3:15pm-4:15pm

Y3 Multi Sports: 19th February-15th July, 3:15pm-4:15pm

Tuesday:

KS2 School Band: 9th April-16th July, 3:15pm-4pm



Y3/4 Tag Rugby at IGS: 16th April-14th May

Coding Club: 9th April-2nd July (no Coding club on April 16th & May 14th), 3:15pm-4:15pm



Wednesday:

Y1-6 Dance Club: 10th April-22nd May, 3:15pm-4:15pm

Y2 Art/Craft Club: 10th April-15th May, 3:15pm-4pm

Thursday:

Y2 Multi Sports: 22nd February-18th July, 3:15pm-4:15pm



YR4/5/6 Choir: 11th April-18th July, 3:15pm-3:45pm

Friday:

Foundation Block 1 Multi Sports: 23rd February-3rd May, 3:15pm-4:15pm

Please note: these clubs are currently full. Places are secured by registering your interest *before* a club starts. If your child will not be attending their club, please let us know in advance by emailing office@menston.mlt.co.uk



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