



Menston Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 19th April 2024

Parent Questionnaire

As part of our commitment to continually improving our service to our children and families, governors and school leaders would very much appreciate it if parents could complete a [Google Form questionnaire](#). The form contains questions exactly as they are presented in Ofsted's Parent View questionnaire. There is also a space on the form for constructive written feedback. We would very much appreciate it if parents could find time to complete the questionnaire so that we can gather your views on what is going well and information which will help us to continue to improve. In response to previous parent questionnaires, we have made several improvements around key issues raised including communication, extra-curricular provision and homework. If you have a chance to complete the questionnaire, please can we ask that you complete a separate form for each of your children. The form is open now and will remain open until Friday 26th April. Thank you.

PCSO Presence at School this Week

Families will have noticed that a team of PCSOs was in and around school earlier this week. It is routine practice for the PCSO team and they are visiting all communities in the Shipley neighbourhood area to monitor safe, courteous parking at school drop-off and collection times and to offer school leaders the opportunity to discuss any concerns. We have been made aware that some parents found the police presence a little alarming, as there were a number of vehicles and officers around school. Please be assured that parents will always be informed if there is ever anything of concern relating to school that you need to know about.

Curriculum Enrichment

Children in Year 4 had a wonderful time at Ingleborough Hall on their residential this week. Activities included caving, tree climbing, den building and even country dancing! Children's geographical skills were embedded during the walk to the Norber Erratics and the whole residential visit enhanced children's personal development and social skills. Huge thanks to all the staff and volunteers who made this such a wonderful experience for the children.



This Week's Hot Chocolate Heroes:

- R Acorn: Jasper W
- R Oak: Florence F
- Y 1 Willow: Amaani M
- Y 1 Elm: Evangeline R
- Y 2 Lime: Theo F
- Y 2 Maple: Esme A
- Y 3 Cherry: Tilly W
- Y 3 Holly: James P
- Y 4 Ash: Katie M
- Y 4 Alder: Harriet B
- Y 5 Rowan: Jake S
- Y 5 Hazel: Lehan P
- Y 6 Birch: Amelia J
- Y 6 Sycamore: Ruben P



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 97.28%
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.



Extra-Curricular 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 14th May), 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

Availability Key:

- This club is full.
- This club has spaces available.

If your child would like to attend a club, please email office@menston.mt.co.uk



Vivace Youth Choir

The Vivace Youth Choir is looking for new members! The group meet on Thursdays 6:30-7:30pm at the Methodist Church in Menston. Membership is open to young people from the age of 7 upwards. Please contact 01943 875637 or [click here](#) to view the choir's website.



School Lunch Menu — W/C: 22/04/2024 Week 3

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: Pasta Bolognese, Halal Pasta Bolognese, Cheese Pasta Bake; Hot Cheese Baguette or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

Tuesday: Sausage in a Bun, Savoury Roll; Jacket Potatoes or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

Wednesday: Roast Turkey, Halal Roast Chicken, Quorn Toad in the Hole; Hot Cheese Baguette or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

Thursday: Cheese and Tomato Pizza; Quorn Sausage in a Bun, Jacket Potatoes or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

Friday: Fish Fingers, Cheese & Potato Flan; Hot Cheese Baguette or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

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.

PE People Holiday Clubs

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Looking for an exciting May holiday for your children? Look forward to Mr Langan's May Holiday Clubs, running from May 28th to May 31st. With an exciting mix of sports, games, crafts and more, your children are sure to have a fantastic time. Secure their spot now, while spaces last! Scan the QR code for more information.



Spring Events in the Bradford District



Saturday 20th April 10am-12pm: [Spring Birds Wildlife Walk at Denso Marston Nature Reserve](#)

Sunday 21st April 12pm-3pm: [Spend an afternoon celebrating Cherry Blossom at Cliffe Castle.](#)

Sunday 21st April 10am-3:30pm: [Haworth Artisan Market](#)

Sunday 21st April 11am-4pm: [St George's Day celebrations at Airedale Shopping Centre](#)

Saturday 27th April 11am-11:45am: [Blossom Walks at East Riddlesden Hall](#)

Saturday 27th April 10am-8:45pm: [World Heritage Day at Saltaire Village.](#)

Sunday 28th April 11am-3pm: [Cherry Blossom Festival](#)

Saturday 4th May 11am-1pm: [1,2,3,4 Museums for Play and Growth at Bradford Industrial Museum are free drop-in sessions designed for children 0-5 years old.](#)

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: fompsuniform@gmail.com

Dates to Remember for 2024!



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

FoMPS Yomp

The FOMPS Men's YOMP is back again! On Saturday 29th June, 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.



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