



# Menston Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 6th September 2024

## Welcome to the new academic year

A warm welcome back to all of our families and a special welcome to new families joining our school for the first time this year. It has been fantastic to see how well the children have settled into their new classes and new routines this week. A huge thank you to everyone for making sure that children arrive ready for our earlier start time of 08:45. Starting our school day ten minutes earlier means that children access an additional 50 minutes' learning time every week, which equates to a whole additional week of learning over the academic year. Parents and carers will appreciate that our gates and doors are staffed by teaching support staff who need to be in classrooms as soon as possible to support children's learning. We are therefore very keen to close gates and doors as soon as possible after the drop-off window. You will also appreciate that bringing children to the office late disrupts the work of the school and can make children feel anxious, so we know that you will always aim to make sure that children arrive between 08:35 and 08:45.

## School Crossing Patrol

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Zoey, our school crossing supervisor, will not be on duty after tomorrow morning until further notice. We will send further communication once Zoey is due to return. Please ensure that children, especially those who walk to school without an adult, take extra care when crossing the road during this time. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

## Arbor

Thank you to all those parents who have already downloaded and logged into the Arbor app. If you haven't already done so, please [click here](#) for guidance on how to log in to the Parent Portal. We are beginning to utilise the Arbor app more frequently: we will now be using the app to allow parents to book their child a place on the extra-curricular activities we offer. We will also be using the app to communicate whole-school messages to parents. When a new message is sent, parents should receive a notification asking them to open the app to view the message. If you need any support with logging into the app, please email the school office on [office@menston.mlt.co.uk](mailto:office@menston.mlt.co.uk)



## Medicines

Can we please remind parents and carers that children should **NOT** be sent to school with any medication in their school bag. This includes inhalers, EpiPens, creams, cough sweets and other non-prescribed medications. All medicines must be brought to the school office, where parents **must** complete a medicine form. Paper copies are available from the school office; a PDF version is available on the ['Useful Forms' page of our website under the 'Parents' tab](#). Thank you.

## Medical & Dental Appointments

Due to stricter guidance from Bradford Attendance, we will now be requiring evidence of all medical and dental appointments going forward.

This can be in the form of a screenshot of a confirmation text message or email. If your child needs to attend an appointment in school time, please email [office@menston.mlt.co.uk](mailto:office@menston.mlt.co.uk) to let us know the time and date, along with the evidence.

Appointments should be made, where possible, outside of school time to limit class disruption.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## Secondary School Open Days

**St Mary's Menston:** Saturday 28th September 2024. [Click here](#) for more information.

**Ilkley Grammar School:** Wednesday 2nd October 2024 (not yet published on [their website](#))

**Guiseley School:** Saturday 12th October 2024 (not yet published on [their website](#)).

**Prince Henry's Grammar School:** Monday 7th October 2024. [Click here](#) for more information.

Please [click here](#) to read the updated 2024-25 secondary school parent guidebook from Bradford Admissions.

There is lots of useful information on the [Bradford Admissions website](#) regarding Year 7 applications.

## Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 98.02% The class with the highest attendance this week is **Ash** with 100% attendance! All children have an attendance target of at least 97% and attendance that falls below 95% will be followed up.



## Care Club Notice

At the start of this term we welcomed our new Care Club manager, Michelle Emsley, who has taken over the role from Heather Searle.

Parents who need to get in touch with Care Club can do so by emailing [careclub@menston.mlt.co.uk](mailto:careclub@menston.mlt.co.uk) or calling Care Club directly on **01943 883927** and leaving a message.

If your child will not be attending Care Club on any particular day, please leave a message with Care Club directly using the methods above.

**Morning Care Club:** please note that the drop-off for children attending morning Care Club is via the gate on Main Street by the Victorian building.

## My Happy Mind

We are proud to announce that we are a MyHappyMind Bronze Accredited school!



This means that as a school we consider the mental health and wellbeing of our children as one of our top priorities. We have created a whole school culture that helps build our children's resilience, confidence and self esteem as well as teaching them how to self regulate in those stressful times. This Accreditation badge has been awarded thanks to all the effort our staff, children, governors and parents have put in to bring the lessons of myHappyMind to life all around our school! Don't forget to sign up to the parent app, you can use this QR code to download it.



## School Lunch Menu — W/C: 02/09/2024 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 £2.30 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:** Sausage & Bean Pasta Bake, Vegetarian Chilli & Nachos, Hot Cheese Baguette or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

**Tuesday:** Mild Chicken Curry, Halal Cottage Pie, Soya Mince Cottage Pie, Jacket Potatoes or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

**Wednesday:** Roast Gammon, Halal Roast Chicken, Savoury Roll, Hot Cheese Baguette or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

**Thursday:** Cheese and Tomato Pizza, Loaded Vegetable Pizza, Jacket Potatoes or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

**Friday:** Fish Fingers, Salmon Fishcakes, Vegetable Dippers, Hot Cheese Baguette or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

### Vacancies

We are seeking to appoint an energetic and creative Key Stage 1 class teacher in our high performing, friendly school. Applications from candidates with experience of successfully leading a curriculum subject are particularly welcome. An application pack is available [here](#).

There is also an opportunity to work as a Teaching Assistant at Menston Primary School. Experience of working as a Teaching Assistant is desirable and we are particularly interested in candidates with experience of working in a primary school/early years setting with children in EYFS. An application pack is available [here](#).

Please [click here](#) to visit our website for information about both vacancies. Please note: we cannot accept CVs and will only accept applications using the application packs linked above.

### Open Mornings

We are pleased to announce that our Open Mornings for Prospective September 2025 families will be held on:

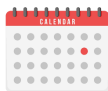
Tuesday 12th November 2024 9:30-11:30am

Wednesday 13th November 2024 9:30-11:30am

Saturday 16th November 2024 10:00-12:00pm

Please [click here](#) to sign up for the open morning you would like to attend.

### Dates for your Diary:



**Saturday 5th October:** Wharfedale Cross Country League at Ilkley Rugby Club

**Friday 25th October:** School closes for October half-term

**Monday 14th October:** Parent Consultation Evening

**Thursday 17th October:** Parent Consultation Evening

**Monday 4th November:** School reopens

**Saturday 9th November:** Wharfedale Cross Country League at Ilkley Swimming Baths

**Tuesday 12th November:** Open Morning Prospective September 2025 Families 9:30-11:30am

**Wednesday 13th November:** Open Morning Prospective September 2025 Families 9:30-11:30am

**Saturday 16th November:** Open Morning Prospective September 2025 Families 10:00-12:00pm

**Friday 20th December:** School closes for Christmas break

**Tuesday 7th January:** School reopens

**Friday 14th February:** School closes for February half-term

**Monday 24th February:** School reopens

### Bradford's Special Education Needs & Disabilities (SEND) Local Offer



The [August SEND Partnership newsletter](#) has just been published and is packed with helpful information and the latest SEND news. Back to school support is also featured this month.

The Local Offer website provides information on services to support children with special educational needs and or disabilities from birth to 25 years of age. Please [click here](#) to view the local offer home page.

### Free Car Seat Checks

Good Egg Safety have teamed up with the West Yorkshire Vision Zero Partnership to provide free car seat checking events across West Yorkshire. Around two thirds of child seats are fitted incorrectly, putting children at risk of harm in a collision. There are two upcoming events in Bradford where you can have your car seat checked, free of charge. There is no need to book, just turn up at one of the venues below between 11am and 4pm and it will take a matter of minutes to have it checked.

**Friday 6th September: 11am - 4pm Asda, Rooley Lane, BD4 7SR**

**Tuesday, 24th September: 11am - 4pm Morrisons, Bradford Road, Idle, BD10 8EG**

Please [click here](#) for Car Seat Safety advice and information.

## FoMPS

FoMPS would like to welcome all our families back to school for the new academic year. An especially warm welcome to all those families joining us for the first time, we hope your journey with Menston Primary is a one of joy as you support your little person/people grow into the best human they can be.

Unfortunately, we said farewell to some long standing committee members at the end of last year as their youngest children finished primary school, so we are looking for new members. We will be particularly keen to recruit a new secretary as, without a core committee, we will be unable to run our events including the Christmas fair that brings in much needed funds for the school. If you are interested in the secretary role or in joining the FoMPS committee in anyway please contact [chair@fomps.org.uk](mailto:chair@fomps.org.uk) Thank you.



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