



Menston Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 13th September 2024

School Crossing Patrol

Zoey, our school crossing supervisor, will return to her duties as normal on Monday 16th September next week. Thank you for taking extra care this week whilst Zoey has been absent.

Late Arrivals

A reminder that the school gates will open on a morning at 08:35am and close PROMPTLY at 08:45am. We have had a significant number of late children this week. Anyone who arrives after 08:45am must report to the office to sign their child in and choose their lunch for the day. Children who enter via the office will receive a late mark for the morning. Children who arrive late miss valuable class input first thing in the morning, and we find children settle a lot better when they arrive in class alongside their peers.



School Photographs

A reminder that Karen Ross will be visiting school on **Tuesday 24th September** to take the individual school photos. Karen will also be visiting school on **Saturday 28th September** at 9:30am to take the sibling photos. If you would like to book a sibling photograph slot for your children, please do so by emailing andrew@rossschoolphoto.com directly. Booking is essential. Sibling photos usually take place outside, weather permitting.



Water Bottles

Please can we make parents aware that children will always be provided with fresh water throughout the school day if they forget to bring their own water bottle. Please be mindful that we aim to limit interruptions to the classroom as much as possible, and so it is not necessary to drop your child's water bottle off later in the school day.



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.mt.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.

Summer Reading Challenge Reminder!

If you signed up for the challenge and have read 6 books over the summer, please don't forget to visit [your local library](#) to collect your certificate and medal! The challenge ends this Saturday 14th September.



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.

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 98.88% The class with the highest attendance this week is **Maple** with 100% attendance! All children have an attendance target of at least 97% and attendance that falls below 95% will be followed up.



ADSA Cash Pot for Schools

Parentkind have teamed up with Asda, to make millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cash pot for Schools' initiative. To support MPS, all you have to do is, download the Asda Rewards app to opt-in, choose Menston Primary School and shop and scan in store or shop online at [Asda.com](https://www.asda.com), until 30th November 2024.

Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to MPS. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cash pot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started. All money raised will be donated to schools to spend on the things they need the most! [Click here](#) to find out more and to download the rewards app.

ASDA

Geography Accreditation

Menston Primary School have been awarded the Silver Primary Geography Quality Mark by the Geographical Association for 2024-27.

The Geography Quality Marks are prestigious awards that recognise and promote quality and progress in geography leadership, curriculum development and learning and teaching in schools. The primary Quality Mark Frameworks supports schools to develop a curriculum with high quality intent, implementation and impact. It is highly valued by school leaders nationally and internationally, allowing the dissemination and celebration of standards and geographical learning.

We are very proud to have earned the Silver accreditation for 2024-2027 and look forward to continuing our journey to develop a fully integrated enquiry led geography curriculum in our pathway to Gold in the next PGQM cycle, commencing 2027. Please [click here](#) to view our submission, showcasing the wonderful geography work that we have undertaken.



School Lunch Menu — W/C: 16/09/2024 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

Vacancies

We are seeking to appoint an energetic and creative Key Stage 1 class teacher in our high performing, friendly school. This is a fixed-term maternity cover post. 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:

Monday 11th November 2024 9:30-11:30am *NEW DATE*

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: check [our website](#) for more!



Saturday 14th September: Annual Menston Village Show

Tuesday 24th September: Individual School Photos

Friday 27th September: KS1 Macmillan Coffee Morning

Saturday 28th September: Sibling Photos

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

Monday 11th 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

PE People Holiday Club

Mr Langan is thrilled to announce that pre-bookings for the October Holiday Club are now open! This time, we're adding some extra fun with an optional Halloween Fancy Dress Day on Thursday 31st October. Children can come dressed in their favourite costumes and enjoy lots of Halloween-themed games and activities!



Spaces are limited, so make sure to book your child's place soon before they fill up!

Scan the QR code to book a place.



Annual Menston Village Show!



The annual Menston village show will take place tomorrow, Saturday 14th September. Exhibit entries open 10am-11:30am. The show opens 2pm-4:30pm. Entry is £1 for adults, accompanied children and show entrants admission is free. The raffle will be drawn at 3:30pm and the auction will be held from 4pm. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Parent/Carer Support Group



The Parent Support Group is an online group, facilitated by NHS mental health practitioners. A different subject is discussed each month and parents will receive useful information and strategies around the chosen monthly topic. Please email: mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com for an invite to the next session on **Tuesday 17th September.**

FoMPS

FoMPS will be hosting 'Coffee and a Chat' and for the parents and carers of our new Foundation children next week. It will take place in the school library straight after school drop off. Come along to meet new friends and chat about the first week of full school days for your little ones. 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 bring in much needed funds for the school. If you are interested in the secretary role or in joining the FoMPS committee in any way please contact chair@fomps.org.uk Thank you.



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