



Menston Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 18th October 2024

School Meal Price Increase

We have been notified by our school meals provider, Facilities Management, that there will be a 5p increase in the price of a school meal which will take effect after the October half-term. From **Monday 4th November 2024**, the price of a school meal will be **£2.35 per day / £11.75 per week**. If you have any questions relating to payment for school meals, please contact Facilities Management on **07973 841632**.

Thank you Sweet Deal Drums!

Many thanks to local business Sweet Deal Drums, who have gifted brand new drumsticks to our school band. If any child in KS2 is interested in joining our after-school band next half term, please email our school office FAO Mrs Smitheringale. Band runs from 3:15—4:00pm on Tuesdays.

Black History Month

October is Black History Month and our phase assemblies this week have focused on this theme. On Tuesday morning, Year 3 classes joined a live assembly with Picture News as part of Black History Month. The special guest was Swarzy Macaly, a presenter on BBC Radio 1 Xtra. She has an amazing multicultural background and the children really enjoyed hearing all about her diverse family traditions. If children would like to find out more about Black History Month at home, [this BBC website](#) is a great place to start. The website includes an information video about trailblazing composer, [Florence Price](#), who is our composer of the month for October.



AWARE Parent Information Event

AWARE (Airedale & Wharfedale Autism Resource) will be hosting their next 'Parent Information Event' via Zoom on **Tuesday 19th November 2024 between 9:30 and 11:30am**. This event is for all families who have children or young people who exhibit traits of autism, whether they have received a diagnosis or not, to help them establish what support is available. Places **MUST** be booked in advance for this event and will be limited. If you would like to attend, please email AWARE on pie@aware-uk.org. Information on how to join the session will be emailed to you soon. **The deadline for bookings for this session is Thursday 7th November 2024.**



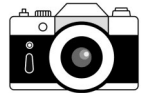
Cool Milk Scheme

Parents and guardians can [click here](#) to view the parent registration letter, which includes everything you need to know about signing your child up to receive milk in school. Children receive free milk until the age of 5. After that, they can continue to receive their mid-morning milk at a subsidised cost.



School Photographs

All children should have been sent home with their school photograph order forms. Each form has a unique access code to allow parents to place an order with [Ross School Photography](#). If you have any questions relating to ordering, please contact Ross School Photography directly. **Phone: 01943 968332**
Email: andrew@rossschoolphoto.co.uk



Flu and Covid-19 Vaccinations

Please [click this link here](#) to see information for families regarding how and where to access the flu and Covid vaccinations in the Bradford area.

Please [click here](#) to see information about the children's flu vaccine.



MyHappyMind

1 more week to go for the parental engagement competition for myHappyMind! We now have 97 parents signed up. Can we add any more? They are offering a fantastic prize to the school with the highest levels of parental engagement via the parent app. The winning school will receive a fully stocked Parent Lending Library containing myHappyMind books and bookmarks to support and inspire us to learn more about myHappyMind. This would be an incredible addition to our school community. If you haven't done so already, please download and start to use the parent app. You can use this QR code and the authentication code is 149938.



Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 97.08%. The class with the highest attendance this week is **Lime** with 100% attendance! All children have an attendance target of at least 97% and attendance that falls below 95% will be followed up.



Year 2's Property Prowess!

Y2 children became budding estate agents when they designed and wrote about their dream houses. Can they persuade you to buy one? Pop into Shankland Barraclough Estate Agents in Otley, where Y2 work is being showcased.



Year 4 Outdoor Day

Our Year 4 classes this week enjoyed an outdoor day based around our Geography unit on mountains. We did a range of activities, including a walk through the village to sketch the surrounding valleys (although the misty weather hampered us), creating and labelling mountain ranges from sand, tippee making, mud mountains and making mountain silhouettes with charcoal! We also taste-tested mountaineering food packs and got hands-on with some of the equipment needed to survive endurance walks.



School Lunch Menu — W/C: 21/10/2024 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**

Week 2:

Monday: Pork Meatballs on Garlic Bread, Vegetable Cheese Burger, Cheese Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

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

Wednesday: Savoury Mince in Yorkshire Pudding, Cheese Rolls, Cheese Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

Thursday: Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Pizza with BBQ Drizzle, Jacket Potato or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

Friday: Fish Fingers, Halal Chicken Roll, Vegetable Pakora, Cheese Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

Vacancies

We are seeking to appoint a temporary Level 2 Teaching Assistant to support a child with an EHCP. This is a fixed-term post to 31st August 2025, 20 hours per week. Please [click here](#) to view the application pack.

We recommend candidates take a tour of our website at <https://menstonprimary.co.uk/>

The closing date for this post is midnight on Sunday 20th October 2024.

Please note: we're unable to accept CVs

If you have any questions about any of our vacancies, please email recruitment@menston.mt.co.uk

Please [click here](#) to visit our website for information about all our vacancies.

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

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!



Thursday 24th October: KS1 Harvest Festival at 2:40pm

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

Monday 4th November: School reopens

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

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Monday 18th November: Scholastic Book Fair Week

Saturday 7th December: FoMPS Christmas Fair at 1pm

Friday 20th December: School closes for Christmas break

PE People Holiday Club



Mr Langan is thrilled to announce that pre-bookings for his October Holiday Club are now open! This time, he's 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, or [click here](#) to fill in the Goggle form.



Rugby Tots



Rugby Tots currently offers classes for boys and girls aged 2-7 years on a weekend. This weekend they will be holding free taster sessions for anyone that would like to try them. The session on Saturday 19th will be held at Menston Methodist Church and the session on Sunday 20th October will be held at Ghyll Royd School, Burley in Wharfedale. For more information, please [click here](#) to view the Rugby Tots website. Email: james@rugbytots.co.uk

Halloween Fun!



- ◆ Half-term pumpkin trail at East Riddlesden Hall, Keighley. Free for National Trust members. [Click here](#) for more information.
- ◆ Boiling Hall's Ghostly Tour. £5 per ticket. [Click here](#) for more information.
- ◆ Take 'The Spooky Express' along the Worth Valley Railway for a Halloween adventure this October. [Click here](#) for ticket prices.
- ◆ Take part in a spine-chilling exclusive evening tour of the Bradford Police Museum, through the Victorian Court and Cells. [Click here](#) for more information.

FoMPS

The FoMPS Christmas fair will take place on Saturday 7th December as part of the village Light Switch On event. We are currently looking for some great raffle prizes for the event so, if you work for/run a company that could donate a prize, then please get in touch fompsinfo@gmail.com All raffle prizes will have the donor company named for a bit of free advertising.

The FoMPS uniform recycling scheme is temporarily suspending collection of uniform into school as we have had a fantastic number of donations over the past few weeks. If you are looking to buy some of the uniform (or have a donation of logo items only) please email fompsuniform@gmail.com



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