



Menston Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 25th October 2024

KS1 Harvest Festival

The KS1 Harvest Festival was a great success and the children were all amazing! Thank you for the kind donations of food. These will be delivered to The Trussell Trust Food Bank in Bradford.



Halloween & Bonfire Night Safety Advice

West Yorkshire Police Force have published advice on their website in an effort to keep people safe during this year's Halloween and Bonfire Night festivities. Please [click here](#) for more information. We have sent out a letter to parents from West Yorkshire Police to outline the current firework safety guidelines.

School Meal Pricing

A reminder that the cost of a school meal will increase to £2.35 per day / £11.75 per week from **Monday 4th November 2024**. If you have any questions relating to payment for school meals, please contact Facilities Management on 07973 841632. The new school meal menu can be found on [our website](#) on the 'School Meals' page under the 'Parents' tab.

School Council

This week, our class meeting was about how many action teams we think should be running each half-term. The most popular answer was no more than 10 so we will be sticking to this. Key Stage One also mentioned that they need some more help in understanding how action teams work, so our liaison officers have planned an assembly to deliver to KS1 after the holidays. This week we have had a hard time choosing our first action teams (there were so many applications!) but we have chosen drawing club, story club, skipping club, sewing club, football and dodgeball and chess club. Well done to everyone who applied for action teams and we have kept all forms so we can choose more after Christmas! Thank you, The Communication Team.



Reading Buddies

This week, year 2 and year 5 teamed up and enjoyed reading books together. Each year group has a 'Buddy Class' and will be sharing texts from next half-term.



This Week's Hot Chocolate Heroes:

R Acorn: Freddie B

R Oak: Elsie M

Y 1 Willow: Ezra P & Cleo C

Y 1 Elm: Lottie I & Haider A

Y 2 Lime: Henry S & Ivy P

Y 2 Maple: Freddie C & Freddie M

Y 3 Cherry: Mia U

Y 3 Holly: Hannah I

Y 4 Ash: Elliot G

Y 4 Alder: Hetty T

Y 5 Rowan: Alexa H

Y 5 Hazel: Emilia B





Y 6 Birch: Samuel W

Y 6 Sycamore: Thomas D



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

Halloween Activities!

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Pick your own pumpkin at Brookleigh Farm in Menston and set off on their Halloween trail with surprises around every corner. Book your tickets now by [clicking here](#). 
- ◆ Halloween at Ilkley Manor House: spread some mischief on Saturday 26th October 11am-4pm. Carve a pumpkin and enjoy some Halloween crafting. Free entry, £3 per child for craft sessions. [Click here](#) to book your slot. 

Care Club

We have a small number of places available at our before and after school Care Club. Please contact careclub@menston.mt.co.uk for more information.

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 94.59%. The class with the highest attendance this week is **Alder** with 98.33% attendance! All children have an attendance target of at least 97% and attendance that falls below 95% will be followed up.



Poppy Appeal

We are pleased to be supporting the Poppy Appeal in school again this year. From **Monday 4th November**, we will be selling poppies, snap bands and keyrings to children of all year groups for a small donation. Suggested donation for poppies is 20p and £1 for all other products.



School Lunch Menu — W/C: 04/11/2024 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 £2.35 per day/ £11.75 per week from Monday 4th November 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 1:

Monday: Tuna Pasta Marinara, Halal Beef Bolognese, Vegetarian Chilli & Nachos, Cheese Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

Tuesday: Minced Beef & Onion Pie, Cheese & Potato Flan, Jacket Potatoes or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

Wednesday: Roast Meat Dinner, Halal Chicken Tikka Roast, Vegetarian Cottage Pie, Cheese Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

Thursday: Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Quorn Sausage, Jacket Potatoes or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

Friday: Chicken Goujons, Vegetable Pakoras, Battered Fish, Cheese Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

Living Well in October

Capital of Cycling work with community partners and groups to provide bikes, deliver events and offer training that can help improve the health and wellbeing of people in the Bradford district. Free cycling lessons are available for all abilities, from beginners to improvers. Learn to ride a bike, improve your cycling skills and cycle with more confidence! (Bikes and helmets provided). [Click here](#) to find out more.

Parent/Carer Support Group

The latest online support group for parents will be held on Monday 18th November at either 10:30am or 7:30pm via Zoom. This month's topic will focus on 'keeping your child safe on social media.' The group is a safe space for parents to get together, share their experiences and build positive relationships. A different subject is discussed each month, and parents will receive useful information and strategies around the chosen monthly topic. For an invite, please email: mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com

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!



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.



Please note: the Thursday session is fully booked.

Library Reading Challenge

Libraries are currently running 'The Secret Book Quest' reading challenge for children ages 5 and up. Read 50 books and collect stickers to decipher secret codes and complete puzzles. Sign up for free at your local library to join. [Click here](#) to find your nearest library. [Click here](#) to find out more about The Secret Book Quest!


SEND Resources

- ◆ BBC Tiny Happy People is a free online resource for supporting parents to develop the language and communication skills of their children aged from birth to 4 years of age. Please [click here](#) to view this resource.
- ◆ 'Sibs' is a charity that supports brothers and sisters of disabled children. [Click here](#) to view their website.
- ◆ Barnardo's Children's Charity are hosting bitesize online courses and workshops to support parents and guardians. [Click here](#) to book your place.

FoMPS

The FoMPS Christmas fair will take place on Saturday 7th December as part of the village Light Switch On event. Santa will be in his grotto from 12.30-4.30pm and tickets are on sale now. [Click here](#) or scan the QR code to get yours. Look out for your fair letter and raffle tickets coming home with your child after half-term, if you can donate a raffle prize please contact us fompsinfo@gmail.com. If you are able to volunteer with the preparations for or on the day of the fair, please complete this Google form by [clicking here](#). Thank you for all your support this half-term, have a wonderful break with your little ones.



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