



Menston Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 11th October 2024

Parent Consultations Evening

Next week we will be holding the Parent Consultation Evenings on **Monday 14th October** and **Thursday 17th October**. KS1 parents will be in the KS1 hall and should enter via the school office on St Peter's Way. KS2 parents will be in the KS2 hall and should enter via the Victorian building 'boys' and 'girls' door. **Please note: parents will not be able to move between KS1 and KS2, as doors will be locked for the Care Club children—please walk around the school to access the two buildings.**

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](https://www.rossschoolphoto.co.uk). If you have any questions relating to ordering, please contact Ross School Photography directly. **Phone: 01943 968332 Email: andrew@rossschoolphoto.co.uk**

Cross Country Success

We are thrilled to share how well our runners performed at the first cross-country competition on Saturday at Ilkley Rugby Club. We were incredibly proud of all the children who represented the school with such enthusiasm and determination.

Individual Results

Yr 1 Girls – Evelyn =1st
Yr 3 Boys – Toby 1st
Yr 4 Girls – Isobel 1st
Yr 4 Boys – Lewis 1st
Yr 5 Girls – Ava 2nd
Yr 5 Boys – Jaden 3rd
Yr 6 Boys – Michael 1st
Yr 6 Boys – Brody 2nd

Team Results

Yr 1 Boys – 3rd
Yr 4 Girls – 2nd
Yr 5 Girls – 3rd
Yr 6 Boys – 1st

Our next race will be on Saturday 9th November on the field by Ilkley Lido. We encourage all children to join in – everyone is welcome to participate.



Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing even more of our fantastic runners at the next event!

Lost Property

Please can we ask ALL parents to come and check the lost property box, in the school office. If uniform in the LP box would fit your child, PLEASE take it. We have an enormous amount of items that we cannot keep indefinitely - the box is overflowing. Anything left by **Friday 18th October** will be donated to FoMPS. Thank you.

Secondary School Open Days

Guiseley School: Saturday 12th October 2024. [Click here](#) for more information and to book your place.

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

MyHappyMind

MyHappyMind are running a parental engagement competition from now until 25th October. 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. We have so far been in the top few schools for parental engagement so we feel we stand a really good chance of winning! 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. Thank you all for your support with this. Fingers crossed!



School Council

Our school has now started a new communication team. This involves Niamh, Rowan, Eleanor, Leila, Theo, Amy, Becca, Lucy, Ava, Celeste, Esme and Emilia. Well done to everyone who signed up. We will be looking for new action teams to keep making our school a better place! Our Action Team Developers will hold 'surgeries' next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday break times for children to sign up for an action team. Every class will also have their first 'class meeting' of the year next week, giving all children the chance to have their say! We are really looking forward to having new action teams and seeing what our school council get up to this year!



Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 96.03%. The class with the highest attendance this week is **Birch** with 98.97% attendance! All children have an attendance target of at least 97% and attendance that falls below 95% will be followed up.



Ilkley Literature Festival—Children's Book Trail

Discover exciting children's books (and lots of great shops) as you search Ilkley for books hidden in shop windows! Find all the books on the trail and you could win fantastic prizes. To take part, collect an entry form from Festival venues, the Grove Bookshop, Ilkley Visitor Information Centre or [click here](#) to download to one. Follow the trail map around the town centre. Spot the books in shop windows and write them down. Look out for the Trail window stickers to help you. Hand your completed form in at Festival venues, the Grove Bookshop or Ilkley Visitor Information Centre by 5pm on Sunday 18 October 2024. All correct entries will be entered into a Prize Draw after the Festival. It is free of charge to take part. [Click here](#) to find out more.



School Lunch Menu — W/C: 14/10/2024 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**

Week 1:

Monday: Sausage & Bean Pasta Bake, Vegetarian Chilli & Nachos, Cheese Panini 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, Cheese Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

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

Friday: Fish Fingers, Salmon Fishcakes, Vegetable Dippers, Cheese Panini 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](#).

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

Please note: we're unable to accept CVs

If you have any questions about any of our vacancies, please email recruitment@menston.mlt.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!



Monday 14th October: Parent Consultation Evening

Thursday 17th October: Parent Consultation Evening

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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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.



Music in the Air



On Saturday 12th October, St John's Church in Menston will be hosting a musical evening for visitors to hear local musicians of all ages. Tickets are £5 per adult, including refreshments. Children go free. The proceeds are in aid of church funds. Tickets can be bought from the Parish Office. Email office@stjohnsmentson.org.uk, text 07440289248 or call & leave a message on 01943 872433.

Barnardo's Family Support Bitesize Online Courses

Barnardo's Children's Charity are hosting bitesize online courses and workshops to support parents and guardians.

The courses surround topics such as child and family safety in the home / outside the home, mini first aid courses, oral health and asthma, potty training and childhood illnesses prevention.

These access these workshops, you'll need a device that can use Zoom. Please [click here](#) for more information and to book your place.

If you need any support accessing the workshop, please email virtualfamilyspace@barnados.org.uk

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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