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A message from our Headteacher, Mrs Wilson

Thank you for taking the time to find out more about our school.

At Menston Primary School, we pride ourselves in our warm, caring ethos, where every child and adult is respected as an individual and as part of our school family.

We place great importance on children's academic education and equal importance on their wider personal development. I am proud to say that our school is filled with children and adults who care about each other, themselves and the world around them.

I hope you find this prospectus informative. If you have any questions for our team, we will be happy to speak to you, so please do not hesitate to get in touch.



Moorlands Learning Trust

In September 2023, along with two other local primary schools, we joined Moorlands Learning Trust. Since joining the Trust, we have seen many benefits, including high quality support and training for teaching and learning, operational improvements and many opportunities to share best practice. The Trust is growing and our collaboration with the other schools, leadership teams and operations teams in the Trust will continue to bring many benefits to our school.

To find out more about Moorlands Learning Trust, please visit the Trust website:

www.moorlandslearningtrust.co.uk

Our Values

We have six core values, which our children and staff agree are the most important to us here at Menston Primary School.

These values, underpin our warm, supportive culture, along with our three golden rules for behaviour:

Be Ready

Be Respectful

Be Safe

Our Values at Menston Primary School



Respect

We value each other, our teachers and our environment, embracing our differences and our individuality. We value the feelings and views of others. We respect the personal space of others.

Success

We promote excellence through high expectations of ourselves and others. We work hard in all aspects of school life. We want the best and aim to be our best.

Resilience

We bounce back when things go wrong. We give things a go and try our best. We try hard to cope with what life throws at us and we learn from our mistakes. We persevere and understand the power of 'yet'.

Kindness

We look after each other. We are kind and polite to each other and we help each other. We show good manners and think of what others may need. There are no outsiders in our school.

Teamwork

We work together as a whole school community, embracing opportunities to work in different teams. We co-operate, take turns, listen and contribute our ideas. We support each other.

Pride

We are proud to belong to Menston Primary School. We are proud of our achievements and proud of others' successes. We cheer each other on.



Our Curriculum



Our curriculum is based on the National Curriculum for England and the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Our pupils are offered a broad range of experiences to extend their understanding of themselves and the world in which they live.



Knowledge, skills, attitudes and values are developed to prepare the children for the next stage of learning (Key Stage 1 and 2 ready and secondary ready), and enable them to be successful in the community and the wider world.

We believe that effective learning takes place when there is considerable emphasis on active involvement alongside opportunities to explain and clarify thinking. We make meaningful connections across subjects.

The school expects everyone to develop and show a sense of responsibility and self-discipline whether alone, together, at work or at play, and to support policies on equal opportunities. We actively promote the British Values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs to prepare our pupils for life in modern day Britain.



We also incorporate careers awareness activities into our teaching to further help to prepare our children for their futures.

Early Years



We have two Reception classes, Oak and Acorn, which are based in two large, interconnected classrooms.

Children access the full Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum across both classrooms and the dedicated, well-equipped outdoor area.



Our transition for new-starters is highly-regarded and our Year 6 buddy programme ensures that the youngest children have an older friend to support them throughout their first year at school.



The children benefit from rich and diverse learning experiences that include special themed days, visits and visitors into school. We support the development of children's kindness, respectfulness, independence and curiosity. We foster a love of the natural world, which the children take with them as they move through school.

Outdoor Learning

We are immensely proud of our outdoor facilities, which include two large fields, two running tracks, two polytunnels, a woodland area, a minibeasting area and our own pond.



Children in Key Stage 1 have a dedicated outdoor learning lesson every week, where they learn about the natural world and how to care for the environment.

Children in Key Stage 2 have regular outdoor learning lessons too. We have a progressive curriculum for pond-dipping and our wonderful outdoor environment enables children to experience hands-on, practical learning across a range of curriculum subjects.



Mental Health in School

At Menston Primary, we consider the mental health and wellbeing of our children as one of our top priorities.



My Happy Mind

We are proud to be a part of the myHappymind Family!

As a whole school programme grounded in science and dedicated to building positive mental well-being, myHappymind helps children understand how their brains work and creates a culture that helps to build children's resilience, confidence, and self-esteem.

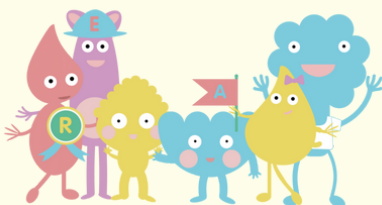
MyHappymind also teaches the children how to self-regulate and manage their emotions in stressful situations, allowing them to be their very best selves!

We are also proud to announce that we are a myHappymind Silver Accredited school!



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!

Parents at myHappymind schools get access to the Parent App, so they can reinforce everything their children are learning at school whilst they're at home.



SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS & DISABILITIES (SEND)



Our SENDCo and Deputy Headteacher is Mrs Charlie Gilmour. She has extensive experience as a SENDCo in Bradford and has worked with children from wide-ranging backgrounds and starting points.

Mrs Gilmour also achieved a distinction in the National Award for SEN Co-ordination.

Our Headteacher, Mrs Wilson also has many years of experience as a SENDCo and continues to lead a school with inclusion at its heart, to ensure that we are 'making the world a better place' for everyone.

At Menston Primary School, we support all children with a broad range of additional and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

A child or young person has SEND if they have a learning difficulty or disability which requires Special Educational Provision to be made available for them.

We strive to ensure that we provide an education and learning experience for all children which is child-centred. We work closely with parents and families to ensure any SEND support is created in a co-productive way.



Visit our website: www.menstonprimary.co.uk and check under the 'Key Info' tab for more information regarding SEND.

Key Information

School Day Timings

Our school gates are open for a ten-minute 'soft landing' for the children at the start of each day.

School gates open between **08:35 and 08:45**. Children can be accompanied to their entry doors by their parents within this ten-minute window. Staff are always on hand to answer any queries during this time.

Our gates close at **08:45** so that registration can take place ready for core lessons to start at **09:00**.



Our site is completely locked-down during the school day between **08:45** and **15:15**. All visitors must report to the main office on St Peter's Way during the school day and use the intercom to speak with a member of the office staff.

Our school day finishes at **15:15** when, once again, our gates will be open for ten minutes to allow parents on-site to collect their children. Our gates close promptly at **15:25** to enable after school clubs and Care Club to move around the secure site.

Care Club

Our before-school and after-school Care Club provides quality childcare between **07:30-08:45 and 15:15-18:00**. Care Club is based in a suite of dedicated playrooms and also outreaches into other areas within school. Care Club also takes advantage of the outdoor play spaces in our school grounds.

All childcare places should be pre-booked directly with Care Club. To register membership, please contact on **01943 883927** or alternatively email **careclub@menston.mlt.co.uk**

Care Club is a popular facility and we recommend that families register interest as early as possible.

School Uniform

An excellent standard of uniform supports excellent standards of behaviour. Wearing the correct uniform also helps children to have a sense of belonging and pride in our school.

We have given consideration to comfort and practicality of the uniform and so ask that all children wear uniform as listed below:

- School sweatshirt or school cardigan with or without logo
- Dark grey/black trousers or plain shorts
- Dark grey/black skirt or pinafore
- Blue and white checked dress in summer
- White short-sleeved polo shirt
- Plain dark or white socks/plain black tights
- Black sensible school shoes or ankle boots suitable for climbing and outdoor activities
- Hair accessories should be plain blue, black or brown



All clothing must be **fully named**, preferably with iron-on or sewn-in name tags.

PE Uniform

Children can come to school wearing PE uniform on their PE days. It is very important that children wear the correct PE uniform so that they are comfortable and can move freely during their PE lessons:

- Plain black shorts (or plain navy jogging pants)
- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain navy sweatshirt
- Plain black or navy trainers (a small logo on trainers will be accepted)

We have lots of pre-loved uniform for sale for as little as £1.00 an item. Please email fompsuniform@gmail.com to see what's available.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We have a wide range of extra-curricular activities for children to participate in to enrich and enhance their educational experiences:

- Multi Sports
- MPS Band
- Coding Club
- Gardening Club
- Art & Craft Club
- MPS Choir
- Music lessons, courtesy of Bradford Music & Arts
- French Club
- Wharfe Valley Cross Country League



Visit our website: www.menstonprimary.co.uk and check under the 'Parents' tab for more information.

In addition to these after-school clubs, our staff and children run a range of lunchtime clubs for children in both Key Stage 1 and 2.

Educational Visits, Visitors & Residentials

We enrich our curriculum offer with a broad range of educational visits, including visits to places of worship, galleries, museums, farms, and outdoor education centres.

Our children in Year 4 and Year 6 have two-night residential visits which help them to develop wider personal skills as well as being lots of fun!



Working Together

We value the strong partnerships that we have with our families, as we know that working together is so beneficial for every child in their learning journey. Children's progress and attainment are maximised when home and school work closely together. We ask our families to support children's home learning, particularly ensuring that children read high quality books every day. We have strong partnerships with Menston Library and we regularly take classes to borrow books from the library. Forming great reading habits at a very young age will enable children to access the whole curriculum more readily.

Families can find recommended book lists for children on these websites:

- www.schoolreadinglist.co.uk
- www.booksfortopics.com
- www.oxfordowl.co.uk

Friends of Menston Primary School

Friends of Menston Primary School (FoMPS) is our Parent/Teacher Association. FoMPS is a group of willing parent and staff volunteers who work together to raise funds for our school. Recent fundraising has meant that we could procure the whole-school mental health and wellbeing programme myHappymind for our children.

Previous fundraising has enabled us to replace worn out wooden outdoor furniture and our iconic school boat with recycled plastic versions which will last many, many years.

FoMPS organise and run our Christmas and summer fairs, parents' walks and other exciting and fun events, which raise funds for the school. If you would like to get involved, please visit www.fomps.org.uk



Communication

We strive to build strong relationships with parents and carers, in order to help create a stimulating learning environment which continues from school to home and the wider community, providing all our children with the opportunity to achieve their personal best.

Our staff work hard to provide the very best education for our children and we believe it is important for everyone involved with school life to communicate in a positive way, whether in person, on the phone, or online. In this way, staff, children, parents, carers and members of the public convey courtesy and respect to each other at all times, which helps to promote the most constructive working and learning environment.

Communication between home and school takes place in a number of ways:

Face to Face

Gates and doors are staffed at the beginning and end of every day. Quick messages can be passed on at these times, but parents should request an appointment to discuss more in-depth matters. Teachers will request face-to-face meetings with parents wherever they feel that this is necessary. Parent consultation meetings take place twice within each academic year and we encourage all families to attend these meetings.

Email

Each year group has a dedicated email account where emails are checked and responded to by class teachers between **15:30** and **16:30** on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Urgent messages and/or general enquiries should be directed to the school office by emailing **office@menston.mlt.co.uk** which is monitored throughout the school day.

Telephone

If your child will be absent, please let the office know, by calling **01943 873180**, and leaving a message on the 24-hour absence line **BEFORE 08:30**.

For general enquiries, please call our school office to speak with a member of the administration team. There are options to leave a message if your call cannot be answered.



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