

Meanwood CE Newsletter



Open Hearts



Open Minds



Open Arms



Next Week in a Nutshell

Christian Focus: Lent- Palm Sunday and The Last Supper

Monday: Recycling and Sustainability Assembly: 9:00am-9:15am

Year 1 and 2 visit to church: 1:00pm-2:30pm.

Fran speaking to year 5 and 6: 1:30pm -2:00pm

Tuesday: Leeds Lieder (opera) Workshop with year 6: 11:00am-12:00pm.

Girls football match away vs Shadwell. (Children involved have been informed) : 3:15pm- 4:30pm.

Wednesday: Year 2 at Ledstone Hall: 8:30am - 3:15pm.

Reception class at the Teddy Bear Hospital: 12:00pm - 3:15pm.

Thursday: Year 3 rugby session with Leeds University: 1:30pm - 2:30pm. Children will need P.E kits on this day.

Friday: Break the Rules Day (see PTA section for more information).

Restorative Practice Showcase Event for Leeds Schools being held in school: 9:30am - 11:00am.

Year 6 at Pudsey Civic Hall for Leeds Lieder: 1:00pm - 2:30pm.

Year 1 bake sale: after school on the bottom playground.

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CARE Champions

Reception: Nana

Year 2: Lenny.

Year 3: Tom.

Year 4: Charlie and
Elijah.

Year 5: Jessica.

Year 6: Stanley.

Attendance

Reception: 93.5%

Year 1: 96.8%

Year 2: 98.4%

Year 3: 98.1%

Year 4: 98.7%

Year 5: 93.9%

Year 6: 97%

Whole School: 96.7%

Well done year 4 you are this week's attendance champions.

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General Notices

Playground Appeal Quiz

Thanks to all the people who have already signed up to the Playground Appeal Quiz at the Myrtle Pub on Thursday 27th March 8pm. It promises to be a really fun night with lots of prizes on offer. Tickets are only £5 per person (which can be purchased on Arbor), with all proceeds going to the playground appeal. As you will be well aware, the condition of the playground is in a very sorry state. Although it is owned by the council, they simply do not have the funds to improve it and as a school community we need to raise at least £30,000 to get the surface and facilities up to scratch.

Coming and enjoying a quiz is a great way of getting involved and contributing to a great cause. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Football Matches

There have been a few games over the last couple of weeks.

Last Friday the girls' team played in a football event at Goals to mark International Women's Day. The team played 3 games losing one and winning two. A fantastic effort by all the players, especially Harriet Carter who bagged a couple of goals.

The year 4 team played Newlathes on Tuesday. Although the result wasn't a winning one for the team they played exceptionally well and all players can be proud of their performance.

The year 6 team took the short trip to Ireland Wood Primary School. They were brilliant, achieving a 2-1 victory. Well done to all the players who put in a real shift. A special mention goes to Charlie who scored both goals.

We have more games coming up soon for a range of teams, we will keep you posted via Arbor.



Special Mother's Day Gift Bags

Mother's Day is just around the corner, and we have the perfect way to help your child surprise their mum or a special someone! This year, we are offering delightful Mother's Day Gift Bags for just £3 each. All proceeds will go the Playground Appeal.

Each gift bag contains a lovely surprise selection of approximately four items, such as socks, candles, face masks, bath salts, bracelets, and more. To keep the gift a surprise, your child will get to choose from a variety of pre-prepared bags all sealed so no peeking!

Gift bags can be purchased easily via Arbor in the school shop section, so don't miss out! If you would like to buy one, preorder via Arbor and your child will be able to come and select a gift bag at first break on Wednesday 26th, Thursday 27th and Friday 28th March just in time for Mother's Day.

Thank you for supporting this special initiative - we can't wait to help make Mother's Day extra special for our wonderful mums and carers.

The Playground Appeal Committee



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General Notices

PTA

PTA Meeting Monday 17 March 8pm on Teams

Please see the link to the Teams meeting below, we will be finalising the events for this half term as well as planning out the summer fair. Everyone is welcome!

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Break the rules day - Friday 21 March (donations on Arbor from 19 March)

Does your child want to drink squash instead of water all the time? Is brushing hair in a morning a task you want to avoid? Are trainers the first choice of footwear? Is pudding wanted before the main meal? If so you are in luck! For one day only at school, the children will be allowed to not conform to most the usual rules at school for a donation. For a donation of £2 payable on Arbor from Wednesday 19 March children can break one or more of the rules.

Easter raffle - Friday 4 April (raffle tickets on Arbor from 19 March - multiple can be bought)

Is some-bunny already egg-cited for Easter and this eggs-cellent raffle! Last year our Easter raffle donations from you the amazing parents and carers created 25 prizes and the egg-citement of the children had them hopping all day. This year, the fantastic teachers will be creating the winning prize hampers so lets show our support by buying tickets!

Clothing donations Wednesday 7 May

Are you planning a spring clean over the next few weeks? We have a clothing collection arranged for early May and we will receive 55p per kilogram for the donations.

We do not have anywhere to store at school so please bag (using any type of bag) and store at home and bring in on Tuesday 6 May or the morning of Wednesday 7 May.

Pre-owned school uniform

You don't have to wait for a uniform sale if you require any items, please just email the PTA on pta@meanwood.leeds.sch.uk

Don't forget if you have any uniform/PE kits that are too small and in good condition, these can be donated to the green clothing bin near Mrs Tate in the school office.

Year 1 cake sale - Friday 21 March

Movie Night - Friday 2 May

Fun Run - Sunday 18 May

Summer Fair - Friday 27 June

Debating Competition

On Thursday 13th March our Year 5 debating team, selected, prepared and practised with the help of Mr Martin, competed in a debating competition at Southroyd Primary School. There were several schools at this area heat and our first debate was against Iveson Primary School. Our team lead us to a convincing victory as we opposed the notion of: 'should a school have a school pet?'. Our three speakers delivered their arguments with conviction, passion and huge amounts of confidence in front of a large audience. Staff members from other school approached me to comment on their incredible debating skills and humour in their arguments. It really is lovely to see how the oracy focus school has been working on over the last two years is enabling our children to compete at such a high standard. I am awaiting to hear whether the team has qualified for the city final and will let the children know as soon as I find out. Mrs Parker



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General Notices

House Tallies

Oak: 2409

Holly: 2425

Elm: 2334

Sycamore: 2237

New Website Launch

We are hoping to launch our new website in late March. We are currently putting the finishing touches to it as we speak. It is a huge improvement on the current one which if I'm honest looks like it was created on a Commodore 64. We are hoping it will be much more user friendly: watch this space for further updates.

Homework

During parents evening a few parents approached me over the school's policy regarding homework. These are legitimate and reasonable queries as the school's approach may not be aligned to other schools.

We have researched the topic extensively, with almost all studies concluding that homework at primary school level has little or no impact on the progress and attainment of children. At this current point in time we will continue with implementing our policy but are not closed to change if new research or methods are brought to light that have a beneficial impact on children.

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FRAN NEEDHAM



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Lent

This week we have focused on the temptations of Christ while he was in the desert. In life we are always tempted to take the easy route, which can hurt and impact negatively on other people. We have been learning that although the right decision may be hardest it is always the best one to take.
Dear Lord,

The journey to your wonderful kingdom is full of temptation and easy routes. may we always follow your example and do what is right not just for ourselves but for those around us.

Amen

Class page links

Reception

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6

A note from Mr Chapman

Thanks to all the parents and carers who attended parents evening on Wednesday. It was great to see so many faces, celebrating the wonderful achievements of the children. I have worked in many different schools and the one thing that sets Meanwood apart from all other places is the strong community vibe. There will always be times when things do not go smoothly or there are differences of opinion but the close bond between everyone allows us always to keep going. Our values of Open Hearts, Open Minds and Open Arms drive everything we do and will continue to strengthen the community we have in and around school.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Chapman



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