

Meanwood CE Newsletter



Open Hearts



Open Minds



Open Arms



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CARE Champions

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Year 1: Louie and Noah.

Year 2: Joe.

Year 3: Peter and Cecilia.

Year 4: Abeera.

Year 5: Eleni.

Year 6: Noah and Coby .

Next Week in a Nutshell

Christian Focus: Loving people around the world (Open Hearts).

After-school clubs start this week. please see after-school rota for more details.

Monday: Reception phonics meeting: 6:00-6:30pm in year 6 classroom. Please enter through the main entrance of school.

Tuesday: Normal day in school.

Wednesday: Guitar lessons start in school.

Full Governing Body Meeting: 6:15- 8:00pm.

Thursday: Year 5 trip to Whitby.

Year 1 hearing tests in school: 1:00-3:00pm.

Friday: PTA welcome 'Tea and Chat' on the KS1 playground: 2:30-3:00pm. Everyone welcome.

Attendance

Reception: 99.3%

Year 1: 94%

Year 2: 99.7%

Year 3: 99.4%

Year 4: 99%

Year 5: 96.1%

Year 6: 99.3%

Whole School: 97.4%

Well done year 2 you are this week's attendance champions.

Sustainable Travel to School
Top 3 Classes...

- 1st: Year 4- 84% active travel.
- 2nd: Year 5 - 81% active travel.
- 3rd: Year 1- 80% active travel.

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General Notices

Welcome and Welcome Back!

A big welcome to all our new families, and a warm welcome back to those returning – it's lovely to have you with us. The first few weeks of a new school year are always busy, and this year has been no exception!

We're already seeing lots of CARE points being awarded, which shows how brilliantly the children are embracing our values of Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Open Arms.

We know starting or returning to school can be a big change, but please remember – we're here to work alongside you and your children every step of the way. Here's to an exciting year ahead!

Becoming a More Sustainable School

A major part of our School Development Plan this year is to become a more sustainable and environmentally friendly school. To help us on this journey, we have created five pledges:

- Walk more
- Save energy
- Use less and waste less
- Eat more vegetables
- Take care of our things

This half-term, we are focusing on sustainable travel. Every Wednesday will be a 'Walk to School Wednesday', and we ask all families to make every effort to leave the car at home – or, if that's not possible, to park a little further away and walk the rest of the journey.

In school, we use Travel Tracker, an online tool that records how we travel each day. At the moment, we are 6th in Leeds and 302nd in the country – but we know we can do better! Our goal is to become the number one school in Leeds for sustainable travel. So let's get moving – please make next Wednesday a Walking Wednesday and help us reach the top spot!

New School Council and Reading Ambassadors

Congratulations to all the new members of the School Council. Each class voted for their representatives and we are looking forward to working them to make a real difference in school.

Also we have some new reading ambassadors who are excited to ignite the love of reading in school.



Plant Plea

Thanks to everyone who responded to my 'Plant Plea' email. We are still in need of plant donations: perennials and winter bulbs would be much appreciated. If you can make a donation please drop it off at the main office.

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General Notices

PTA

The PTA is now on Instagram! Follow us for event updates, fun family activities and ways to get involved and support our school:
@meanwood.primary.pta

Dates for your diary:

Uniform Sale and Welcome drinks - Friday 19 September, 2.30pm school playground
This is open to all parents and carers - whether you are new to the school or have been in the school community for a number of years - and are interested to know more about the PTA and get involved. Come and say hello!

AGM - Tuesday 30 September, 8pm, Myrtle Pub.

The positions and responsibility details are attached. If you are interested and you would like more insight, please come and talk to any of the Committee members in the playground, come along to the AGM or email pta@meanwood.leeds.sch.uk.

Whether you join the new committee or not, they will continue to need your help to make future years a success. If everyone volunteered for just a single event each year, we would never run out of people!

The PTA is a registered charity and as such it needs a minimum number of committee members to be able to run. Without the PTA Committee, the PTA does not exist for our great school. Without the PTA, there would be no additional financial support to parents or if the school needed further investment in resources like tables, chairs, technology or new sports equipment. So please consider taking on a role this upcoming year, whatever and however you can contribute will make a big difference.

- Year 1 Cake Sale - Friday 26 September, lower playground school
- Family Quiz Night - Saturday 11 October, 5pm, Holy Trinity Community Hall

If you missed the family quiz night last year - you missed out! Back for a second year, Lizzie Pank and Chris Balding are saying it will be 'bigger and better' than last year.

- Christmas Rock and Roll Bingo, Myrtle Pub (Adults only) - Thursday 27 November
- Christmas Fair - Saturday 29 November, school

Role Model of the half-term

This half-term's role model may be someone you haven't heard of before: Isabella Ford. Isabella was a leading light in the suffragette movement. She was also the leader of a trade union and the first woman ever to speak at a political party conference.

In an age (Victorian) where the rights of women were not equal, she fought against the system. Isabella was born and lived in Headingley. There is a plaque somewhere in the Headingley/Adel area which celebrates her life. I have set all the children some homework this week to try and find it.

House Totals

Oak: 48

Holly: 64

Elm: 60

Sycamore: 64

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Open Hearts

Our theme this week has been how we love other people in school. Even though we are all different we need to understand the needs of others and always show them compassion and empathy.

Loving God,

We thank You for bringing us safely together again as a school community. Bless our teachers, students, and families as we begin this new term with joy, curiosity, and hope. May our time together be filled with kindness, learning, and growth, and may we support one another in all we do.

Amen.

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A note from Mr Chapman

It has been wonderful to see all the children back together in school, full of energy and enthusiasm for the year ahead. A special mention must go to our new Reception children, who have settled in so well. They are already beginning to build strong relationships with one another—a big achievement when faced with 30 new faces in a brand-new environment! Of course, school life brings its ups and downs, but we continue to keep our value of Open Hearts at the centre of everything we do. This means working to create understanding where there may be disharmony and taking the longer journey that prepares us all well for the future.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend, and we look forward to another exciting week of learning and growing together.

Mr Chapman

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