

Meanwood CE Newsletter



Open Hearts



Open Minds



Open Arms



Newsletter: 2
26.9.25

CARE Champions

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Reception: Albert.

Year 1: Eda.

Year 2: James.

Year 3: Alice.

Year 4: Finn.

Year 5: Milo, Alana and Mia.

Year 6: Sophia.

Next Week in a Nutshell

Christian Focus: Harvest (Open Hearts).

Monday: School council trip to the old Highbury Cricket Ground- 2:30pm.

U'10 football match vs Farsley Farfield (Home)- 3:30pm - 4:30pm. Children involved have been informed.

Restorative Practice Workshop for parents and carers. School Hall- 6:00pm-7:30pm.

Tuesday: Whole school flu immunisations.

PTA AGM at The Myrtle- 8:00pm -9:00pm.

Wednesday: Year 4 at Murton Park (NO SWIMMING) .

Thursday: Girls Football Match vs Gledhow (Home) - 3:30pm - 4:30pm. Children involved have been informed.

Friday: 'Girls Love Rugby' event- 12:00pm - 3:00pm. Children involved have been informed.

Parent Prayer Group: Hollies- 2:45pm - 3:00pm.

Attendance

Reception: 95.3%

Year 1: 96.3%

Year 2: 99%

Year 3: 94.5%

Year 4: 96.5%

Year 5: 98.4%

Year 6: 91.3%

Whole School: 95.9%

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

Sustainable Travel to School

Top 3 Classes...

1st. Year 4 - 88% active travel.

2nd. Year 5 - 58% active travel.

3rd. Year 1- 55% active travel.

We are 5th most active school in Leeds.

We are 261st in the country.

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General Notices

Black History Month

This October, our school will be celebrating Black History Month. The theme for this year is "Standing Firm in Power and Pride", and throughout the month we will be learning about and honouring the lives of four incredible Black role models who have left lasting legacies around the world.

We will begin next week with the story of Rosa Parks, followed by Mary Seacole, Martin Luther King Jr, and finally Mae Jemison. Each of these inspiring figures stood firm in the face of challenges and helped to make the world a fairer and brighter place for everyone.

The children will be celebrating their lives and achievements in many ways: by listening to stories, writing their own texts, and creating artwork inspired by our role models. Black History Month is such an important time – not just for our school, but for our whole community and society. Together, we will reflect on courage, fairness, pride, and the power of standing up for what is right.

Restorative Practice Workshop for Parents and Carers

We are delighted to invite all parents and carers to a special Restorative Practice Workshop on Monday 29th September, 6:00pm – 7:30pm.

The session will be led by Katie Lamb, a highly respected restorative practice specialist who has been working with our school for the past three years. Katie will share the latest research and evidence showing how restorative approaches have a positive impact on behaviour, relationships, and school culture.

This workshop will give you valuable insight into the approaches we use at Meanwood and how restorative practice underpins our relational culture and behaviour policy. It's a fantastic opportunity to see how the strategies we use in school can also support understanding and positive communication at home.

We particularly encourage new parents and carers to attend, though it will also serve as a refresher for those already familiar with our approach.

Places can be booked via Arbor.

Don't miss out on this chance to learn more and be part of the supportive, understanding culture we are building together.

Harvest

As we celebrate the season of Harvest, we invite all families to join us in supporting the Meanwood Pantry in Leeds – a vital resource offering affordable food and essential items to those in need within our local community.

The Pantry provides an excellent service, helping individuals and families who may be facing financial hardship. By donating non-perishable food items, toiletries, and household essentials, you'll be directly contributing to the wellbeing of some of the most vulnerable members of our society.

Every tin, packet, and donation counts – together, we can make a meaningful impact.

Donations can be brought to the school reception from Monday 29th September to Friday 3rd October. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. A detailed list of the most essential items is attached to this newsletter.

Friday Late Club

Due to the very low uptake by parents and carers for Friday Late Club we are cancelling the service as from the week beginning 3rd October. This is unfortunate but with school budgets the way there are, we can no longer afford to subsidise it. Apologies.

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School Houses

We're excited to share that our school house system is being given a brand-new lease of life this year!

Each week, house points are now proudly announced during our Celebration Collective Worship, recognising the fantastic efforts and achievements of our pupils. Every child has now received their house badge – a symbol of pride and belonging. Please help us by ensuring these are looked after carefully, as we have only a limited number of replacements available.

Next week marks an exciting milestone: our House Captains will be leading their first house meetings, packed with fresh ideas and plans to bring even more energy, teamwork, and fun to the year ahead.

A huge thank you to Miss Arnold, whose enthusiasm and leadership have been instrumental in driving this initiative forward. We can't wait to see how our house spirit grows!

School Council

Our newly elected School Council met for the first time on Tuesday – and what a fantastic start it was! The children had some big decisions to make, and after thoughtful discussion and lively debate, they've chosen an ambitious and inspiring project for the year ahead.

Their mission? To explore ways to regenerate the disused Highbury Cricket Ground and transform it into a sports and environmental facility for both the school and the wider community.

The council shared how disappointed they feel not having a usable school field for sports, outdoor learning, and environmental activities. They're determined to change that – and their passion for making a difference is truly impressive.

Next week, the council will be visiting the site to gather ideas and begin shaping their vision. From there, they'll be working on a plan to campaign for change and bring their ideas to life. It's exciting to see our pupils so engaged in a real community issue – one that has been left unresolved for far too long. We're proud of their leadership, teamwork, and commitment to making a positive impact.

Key Stage 1 Playground Planting Project

We are excited to share that planning for the Key Stage 1 playground planting project is now well underway! We are currently compiling a list of plants to purchase, ready to bring new colour and life to the space.

Our Big Planting Day will take place during the last week of term (date to be confirmed). On this special day, our wonderful volunteers, members of staff, and of course the children will all be working together to create a beautiful outdoor area for everyone to enjoy.

It promises to be a really exciting project, and we can't wait to see the transformation!

Parent Prayer Group

All parents and carers are welcome to join the 'Parents Prayer Group' on Friday 3rd October-2:45pm - 3:00pm, in the Hollies. Everyone welcome.

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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:

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

Please see the attached additional information and agenda for the meeting next week. 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.

Family Quiz Night - Saturday 11 October, 4.30pm, Holy Trinity Community Hall - Tickets on Arbor Now!

Christmas Rock and Roll Bingo, Myrtle Pub (Adults only) - Thursday 27 November.

Christmas Fair - Saturday 29 November

Walk to School Wednesday Poster Competition.

A quick reminder to all families that our Walk to School Wednesday Poster Competition is now underway! Every child has received a blank design template to create their own inspiring poster that encourages walking to school.

The winning design will be transformed into a full-size banner and proudly displayed permanently outside the school – a fantastic opportunity for your child to leave a lasting mark! Closing date for entries: Friday 10th October

We can't wait to see the creativity and enthusiasm shine through in each design. Good luck to all our budding artists!



House Totals

Oak: 101

Holly: 112

Elm: 116

Sycamore: 107

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Our theme this week has been how to be truly sorry. It is not difficult to say sorry but working hard to change our actions is more tricky. It takes time but if we reflect and accept: we can become better people

Loving God,

We are sorry for the times when we have not been kind, when we have hurt others with our words or actions.

Help us to show we are truly sorry by changing how we behave. Teach us to make better choices, to share love, kindness, and fairness every day.

May our actions show the goodness in our hearts.

Amen.

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A note from Mr Chapman

It's been a wonderfully busy start to the school year, and it really feels like things have officially landed! The classrooms are buzzing with energy as children dive into learning, clubs, trips, and sports events.

A special shout-out to our U'10 football team who kicked off the season with a fantastic 5-2 victory on Thursday – what a brilliant start! We're so proud of their teamwork and enthusiasm.

As always, we're working hard to keep everyone updated. The school website is being refreshed regularly, so please do check the Class Pages for the latest news and photos. Our Facebook page is also active and a great way to stay connected with what's happening day-to-day in school.

Wishing everyone a lovely, restful weekend. Mr Chapman

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