

Meanwood CE Newsletter



Open Hearts



Open Minds



Open Arms



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CARE Champions

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Reception: Bronte, Seb and Robyn B.

Year 1: Lochlan and Alice.

Year 2: Athea and Winnie.

Year 3: Verity.

Year 4: Ava.

Year 5: Arthur, Reggie and NKechi.

Year 6: Tommy.

Next Week in a Nutshell

Christian Focus: First week of Advent- Hope

Monday: School council Meeting- 10:15- 10:45am

Tuesday: Wreath making Event in school hall.

Everyone welcome- 7:00-9:00pm

Wednesday: Reception vision and sound check- 9:00-11:30am.

Choir to visit Lunch Club at the Church Hall. 12:00-1:00pm.

Year 1 pop-up museum in the school hall. Please enter through the main office- 2:30-3:00pm.

Year 6 vision and height check- 1:00- 2:30pm.

Governors Resources Committee- 5:30pm - 6:30pm.

Thursday: Year 5/6 Dodgeball Event at Roundhay School. Children involved have been informed - 3:30-5:30pm.

Friday: Film Night - 5:00- 6:45pm. Please enter and exit via the Green Road Door.

Attendance

Reception: 96.9% 😊

Year 1: 94% 😞

Year 2: 96.8% 😊

Year 3: 96.7% 😊

Year 4: 98.7% 😊

Year 5: 93.6% 😞

Year 6: 91.3% 😞

Whole School: 95.4% 😊

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

Sustainable Travel to School

Top 3 Classes...

1st. Year 5 - 100% active travel.

2nd. Year 3 - 92% active travel.

3rd. Year 4 - 90% active travel.

We are the 5th most active school in Leeds.

We are 355th in the country.

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General Notices

Check Your Diary

We have a number of exciting events happening in school over the festive period! All dates and details can be found on our school calendar at meanwoodschool.co.uk/calendar.

Here's a brief rundown of key activities and dates:

- Saturday 29th November - PTA Christmas Fair, 12:00pm - 2:30pm
- Friday 5th December - PTA Film Night, 5:00pm - 6:30pm (Tickets available on Arbor)
- Tuesday 9th December - Year 3 & 4 Christmas Play in the school hall, Performances at 2:00pm and 6:00pm (No booking required; donation bucket at the end)
- Thursday 11th December - Choir singing at Waitrose, 4:00pm - 4:30pm
- Reception Nativity in the school hall (No booking required; all welcome; donation bucket)
- Saturday 13th December - Choir singing at the Rob Burrow MND Centre, 10:00am
- Monday 15th December - Choir singing at Meanwood Institute, 2:15pm - 2:45pm
- Christmas Church Service at Holy Trinity (Year 5 to lead), 9:15am - 10:00am
- Tuesday 16th December - Year 1 & 2 Christmas Play in the school hall, Performances at 2:00pm and 5:30pm (No booking required; donation bucket)
- Wednesday 17th December - Santa Dash in school, 1:00pm - 3:00pm (See below for details)
- Thursday 18th December - Christmas Community Café run by the School Council, 2:00pm - 3:00pm
- Friday 19th December - Christmas Jumper and Toy Day in school.



Top Playground Appeal Update

We are delighted to share that, in just over a year, our school community has raised an amazing £9,219.99 towards the resurfacing of the top playground. A huge thank you to everyone who has supported the appeal so far—whether through fundraising ideas, giving up your time, or cheering us on along the way and the wonderful team who has worked with Mrs Parker to push the appeal forwards.

On Monday, Mrs Parker had a promising call with the council. They are now working on submitting a bid for grant funding to cover the remaining costs. We'll be keeping our fingers crossed—if the bid is successful, the work could begin much sooner than expected, which is very exciting news for our children and our local community!

Our next big fundraising event is the Santa Dash on Wednesday 17th December, guaranteed to get everyone into the Christmas spirit.

Santa Dash

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting our first ever Santa Dash on the afternoon of Wednesday 17th December, with all proceeds going towards the top playground appeal.

There is an entry fee of £5 payable via Arbor in the shop section and each child taking part will receive a Santa hat and beard to wear during the event. Children will complete a festive obstacle course around the top playground, with distances adjusted appropriately for different year groups. Once they have finished the Santa Dash, they will be able to enjoy either a hot chocolate or squash. Please add a note when buying the ticket with the drink option your child would like. Children should come to school on the day in suitable running bottoms e.g. leggings tracksuit bottoms and trainers and they can wear a Christmas jumper. Please indicate via which drink option your child would like when you sign up for the event.



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Josh's Incredible Challenge for Our Playground Appeal!

We're thrilled to share that Josh Blundell, one of our amazing Reception parents, is taking on an immense challenge to support the Top Playground Appeal. Throughout January, Josh will run 5km every single day—that's a total of 155km (96 miles), the equivalent of three and a half marathons!

Josh has set up a GoFundMe page to help raise funds for this fantastic cause. You can show your support and make a donation by clicking the link below:

<https://gofund.me/4d628dc61>

This is a huge undertaking, and everyone at school is right behind Josh. Let's rally together and make this challenge count—donate as much as you can and cheer him on!

Go Josh! We're all rooting for you!



PTA

Upcoming events:

Cake Sales: Year 5 - Dec 12th; Year 4 - Jan 23rd

Wreath Making Workshop - Tuesday 2nd December, 7pm

Christmas Movie Night - Friday 5th December 5pm-7pm - Tickets on Arbor now!

Disco - Friday 30th January

Christmas Fair - Saturday 29 November 12 noon - 2.30pm

It's tomorrow!

Please come along to support the Fair, it promises to be a fun event that both children and adults can enjoy.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to a tombola stall and/or bought raffle tickets - raffle tickets will be on sale at the Fair if you haven't had chance as yet.

Thank you to all of the people who have volunteered to help - you will make a huge difference!

On the day, there will be a machine for card transactions but most stalls will be cash so save up your change.

Volunteer Sign-Up

Can you spare 30 minutes and make a big difference? The link to the sign-up sheet is below if you are able to offer your time.

volunteersignup.org/HLVD7

Thank you as always for your incredible support - together we'll make this Christmas truly magical!

Sporting Updates

Our U'10 team faced St Peter and Paul in an exciting match that ended in a 2-2 draw. It was a closely contested game, with both sides showing great determination and skill throughout. The team played exceptionally well, and the result keeps us at the top of the league—two points clear of second place! We're also delighted to share that we've received another generous offer of kit sponsorship. A huge thank you to Howard Metcalfe for making this possible. Your support means so much to the teams!

Reception Admissions for Next Year

If any parents or families have siblings who will be joining us in Reception next year, please let us know as soon as possible. This will help us gain an early understanding of numbers for the upcoming year and ensure we can plan effectively. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

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A Note on Attendance and Holiday Requests

Recently, I've been receiving more holiday form requests than ever before.

Please know that I will never make a judgment or challenge anyone for taking a holiday. It's a personal choice, and I completely understand the many different reasons why families may decide to take holidays during term time.

However, as a school, we are not able to authorise these absences. In line with government guidance, if a holiday covers 10 school sessions (5 full days), a fine will be issued. These fines are applied fairly to all parents and carers and follow statutory regulations.

Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us maintain good attendance for all our pupils.

Sustainable Travel to School - Let's Get to the Top!

We're thrilled to share that our school has made fantastic progress in sustainable travel this term - thank you to everyone who has walked, cycled, scooted, or used public transport to get here!

However, over the past couple of weeks, we've slipped a few places on both the Leeds and National tables for sustainable travel to school. Let's turn this around!

With Christmas just around the corner, let's all make a big push over the next few weeks to climb back up the rankings. Every journey counts - whether it's walking part of the way, scooting, or cycling. Come on, Meanwood - let's make it to the number one school in Leeds!



Cross Country Success at Cardinal Heenan!

Apologies for the delay in reporting this, but we couldn't miss the chance to celebrate our amazing cross country team! A couple of Saturdays ago, our pupils took part in the event at Cardinal Heenan School and did fantastically well.

Every single child who competed gave 100% and achieved impressive placings in what was a very competitive field. We are so proud of their effort and determination!

A huge thank you to Debs Player, our brilliant team manager, who made sure we had strong representation at the event.

Looking ahead, the team heads to Woodhouse Grove tomorrow, and we're confident they'll do equally as well. Good luck to everyone taking part - we're cheering you on!



House Totals

Oak: Holly: Elm: Sycamore:

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As we begin our journey into Advent, we enter a season of anticipation and reflection. Week 1 of Advent is all about hope—a hope that reminds us of the coming of Jesus, as foretold by the prophets. This hope is not just for the past but for today and the future, guiding us to trust in God's promises and prepare our hearts for Christ's arrival.

Heavenly Father,

As we light the first candle of Advent, we give thanks for the gift of hope. We remember the words of the prophets who spoke of the coming of Your Son, and we rejoice that Your promises are true. Help us to carry hope into our homes, our school, and our community. May this season draw us closer to You, filling our hearts with peace and expectation as we prepare for the birth of Jesus.

Amen.

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A note from Mr Chapman

We're really looking forward to the PTA Christmas Fair tomorrow! A huge thank you goes out to all the organisers who have spent countless hours sticking raffle tickets and rallying volunteers to man the stalls.

Events like these truly strengthen our community. While the organisation can sometimes feel never-ending and relentless, the end result is always worth it - parents, carers, children, and staff coming together to share in a heart-warming community celebration.

Next week marks the run-up to Christmas with the dawn of Advent. I know things can get chaotic and busy, but I do hope you find some time to enjoy all the lovely things that surround us during this special season. Take a moment to pause, soak in the joy, and appreciate the kindness and togetherness that make this time of year so special.

Let's make these last few weeks of term full of smiles, laughter, and festive cheer. Have a wonderful weekend, and we'll see you at the fair!

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