

Meanwood

CE Primary School

Open Hearts | Open Minds | Open Arms



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CARE Champions

Year 1: Nancy.

Year 2: Hope and Alfie.

Year 3: Joe.

Year 4: Robyn.

Year 5: Sam.

Year 6: Arthur

Next Week in a Nutshell

Christian Focus: Open Hearts: Loving People in School

Monday: Normal day in school.

Tuesday: Normal day in school.

Wednesday: Normal day in school.

Thursday: Guitar Assembly in school: 9:00-9:30am

Friday: Flu Vaccinations in school (am).

The quietest week in the history of Meanwood CE Primary School- It won't last!

Clubs will start the week beginning 14th September. A rota will be available to view shortly. If your child is interested in attending a club please book via Arbor.

Attendance

Reception: N/A

Year 1: 100% 🏆

Year 2: 96.3% 😊

Year 3: 96.9% 😊

Year 4: 99.4% 😊

Year 5: 96.8% 😊

Year 6: 100% 🏆

Whole School: 98.5% 😊

Well done year 1 and 6, you are this week's attendance champions.

Sustainable Travel to School

Top 3 Classes...

1st. Year 4 100% active travel.

2nd. Year 5 97% active travel.

3rd. Year 3 80% active travel.

We are the most active school in Leeds.

We are 61st in the country.

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General Notices

Benedict's Law

As many of you may be aware, Benedict's Law has been introduced to help make schools even safer for children with serious medical conditions, particularly those at risk of anaphylaxis. We are proud that our school was one of the first in the country to hold spare adrenaline auto-injectors on site and to ensure that our record keeping, care plans and risk assessments are robust and regularly reviewed.

On Thursday, we were pleased to welcome ITV Calendar into school to discuss some of the changes we have made and the positive impact that Benedict's Law could have on children and schools across the country. It was a wonderful opportunity to share how important it is for schools to be prepared and how these measures can help keep children safe and included in all aspects of school life.

Whilst the new law is an important step forward, we also rely on the support of parents and carers. To help us ensure that we keep children as safe as possible, please make sure that any essential medical equipment, such as adrenaline auto-injectors and inhalers, is sent into school as a matter of priority and is kept in date throughout the year.

By working together, we can continue to provide a safe and supportive environment for all of our children.

PTA

Welcome to the new term for all parent and carers whether your child is building on their time at the school from previous years or is embarking on the school journey for the first time in reception.

Dates for your diary

We are finalising dates for events through the year, however a few confirmed are below:

- Uniform Sales - Friday 18 September (lower playground)
- AGM - Tuesday 22 September, 8pm, Myrtle Pub

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.

It would be great to get more people from school involved so please try to join us if you can - we would love to hear some new ideas for fundraising and welcome new members to the PTA.

We will present the Chair's and Treasurer's report for last year, elect the new committee, appoint an independent accounts reviewer and appoint the honorary president. We will also be looking for two class reps for each year group.

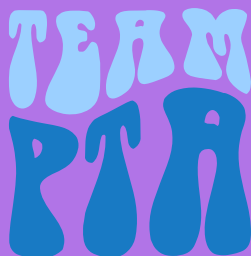
The positions and responsibility details are attached. If you are interested and you would like more insight, please come and talk to any of the Committee members in the playground, come along to the AGM or email pta@meanwood.leeds.sch.uk.

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!

Family Quiz Night

Saturday 17 October, 5pm, Holy Trinity Community Hall

Miss it - miss out! Back for a third year, Lizzie Pank and Chris Balding are saying it will be 'bigger and better' than last year. Tickets will go on sale on Arbor in the next couple of weeks, buy them quickly as demand is usually high!



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Reception Open Day 2027-28

We are delighted to be opening our doors to prospective Reception families on Thursday 8th October from 1:30pm to 3:30pm.

The afternoon will include a tour of our school and a relaxed introduction to school life, giving families the opportunity to meet staff, explore our learning environment and find out more about what makes our school such a special place to learn and grow.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in attending, places can be booked by contacting the school office via email at admin@meanwood.leeds.sch.uk or by calling 0113 275 5883.

We look forward to welcoming families and sharing everything that our school has to offer.



Top Playground Appeal Update

Over the last three years, we have been working hard as a school community to raise funds to improve the provision on our top playground. Thanks to the incredible support of families, friends, staff and local supporters, we have raised over £23,000 so far, which is a truly phenomenal achievement.

While we are immensely proud of what has been accomplished, we still need additional funding to turn our vision into a reality.

To keep everyone up to date with our progress, last year we were unfortunately unsuccessful in securing a £40,000 grant from the Landfill Communities Fund, which was a disappointing setback for the project. However, we have remained determined and continue to explore every possible funding opportunity.

We are currently applying for a number of grants that could total around £15,000. We are also working closely with Matt Newby from Leeds City Basketball to investigate the possibility of securing funding through Basketball England.

We are now very nearly there. If these grant applications are successful, we may soon be in a position to move forward with a project that will not only enhance the experiences of our children in school but will also provide a valuable facility for the wider community.

We will continue to keep you informed of our progress and, hopefully, we will be able to share some positive news in the near future.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed, whether through donating funds, volunteering your time, or supporting our fundraising events. Your generosity and commitment are greatly appreciated, and none of this progress would have been possible without you.

School Building Improvements

We are delighted to share some of the improvements that have taken place around school over the summer and at the start of the new academic year.

Thanks to funding from the PTA, our Year 3 and Year 4 classrooms have been fully recarpeted and redecorated. The transformation has been fantastic, and the improved learning environment has already had a really positive impact on both pupils and staff.

We have also converted the former computer suite into a dedicated intervention space. This new area is already proving to be a valuable addition to the school, providing a quieter and more focused environment for small-group and targeted support sessions.

As many of you will know, we have recently introduced new laptops across the school. While there have been a few inevitable teething problems as we made the transition, these are being resolved and we expect to be fully up and running with all aspects of computing by next week.

In addition, Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 classrooms have all had new blinds fitted, helping to create more comfortable learning spaces for our children throughout the day.

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Open Hearts- Loving Others In School

Next week, our Christian focus will be Loving Others in school, which forms an important part of our overarching school value of Open Hearts.

Throughout the week, the children will be reflecting on what it means to show love, kindness and compassion to those around us. We will discuss how loving others is not always easy, particularly when we face challenging situations, disagreements or difficulties. However, we are called to follow Jesus' example and treat others with care, understanding and respect, even when it requires patience and forgiveness. "Love one another as I have loved you." (John 15:12)

We will encourage the children to think about practical ways they can live out this message in school, at home and in the wider community through their words, actions and choices each day.

Dear Lord,

Thank you for your great love for us. Help us to love others as you have loved us, especially when it is difficult. Give us kind hearts, gentle words and the courage to show compassion to everyone we meet.

May we be a school community that reflects your love in all that we do.

Amen.

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A note from Mr Chapman

It has been wonderful to welcome all of the children back to school this week. We have made a really positive start to the new academic year, and every class has approached their learning and routines with diligence, enthusiasm and energy.

This year, we are placing a sharp focus on presentation across the school. To support this, all subjects now have new exercise books designed to help children form their letters and words correctly, while taking pride in the presentation of their work. It has been incredibly impressive to see the effort and commitment that all of the children have shown from day one.

It has also been a pleasure to welcome the newest members of the Meanwood family into Reception. I have spent some time visiting the classroom and it is clear that they are already embracing the many new experiences and opportunities that school life has to offer. They have settled in brilliantly and seem to be thoroughly enjoying their new environment.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope everyone has a lovely weekend, and we look forward to doing it all again on Monday!

Mr Chapman

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