



Meanwood

CE Primary School

Open Hearts | Open Minds | Open Arms



Newsletter: 2
18.9.26

CARE Champions

Reception: Noah and Iris.

Year 1: Thomas.

Year 2: Alice.

Year 3: Ezra.

Year 4: Dovydas and Alice.

Year 5: Jude.

Year 6: Nkechi.

Next Week in a Nutshell

Christian Focus: Open Hearts: Am I understanding?

Monday: Normal day in school.

Tuesday: Year 3 Trip to Nell Bank: 9:00am - 3:00pm.

Wednesday: MindMate Coffee Morning in the school hall: 8:50am- 10:00am. Please enter through the main office. Everyone welcome. Year 3 MindMate Workshop: 1:30pm - 2:30pm. Full Governing Body meeting: 6:15pm - 8:00pm.

Thursday: Year 5 Trip to Whitby: 8:00am - 4:00pm.

Friday: Normal day in school.

Attendance

Reception: 99.3% 😊

Year 1: 98.1% 😊

Year 2: 95.5% 😞

Year 3: 100% 😊

Year 4: 96.7% 😊

Year 5: 97.4% 😊

Year 6: 94.9% 😞

Whole School: 97.3% 😊

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

Sustainable Travel to School

Top 3 Classes...

1st. Year 5 85% active travel.

2nd. Year 4 78% active travel.

3rd. Year 3 67% active travel.

We are the 3rd most active school in Leeds.

We are 96th in the country.

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General Notices

Smart Watches

Over recent weeks, staff have noticed that a lot of children are coming to school wearing smartwatches. We completely understand why children love wearing them – they are great for telling the time, tracking steps, and staying connected, and we fully appreciate why parents find them helpful for peace of mind when children travel to and from school.

We also recognise that we may not have made our guidance on this as clear as we could have recently! In reference to our statutory Mobile Phone Policy, interactive smartwatches and health trackers with communication or cellular capabilities fall under our restricted devices policy to help keep our school a safe, focused, and distraction-free environment.

If your child wishes or needs to wear a smartwatch for travel safety, parents need to complete a permission contract with the school. Devices brought under an approved agreement must be switched off before entering the school gates and handed to the class teacher for secure storage during the school day.

Otherwise, we politely ask that smartwatches are not worn to school.

Thank you very much for your understanding, cooperation, and support with this matter as we work together to keep our learning environment safe and focused. If you require a copy of the permission request form, please pop into the school office

PTA

Dates for your diary:

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

AGM - Tuesday 22 September, 8pm, Myrtle Pub - NEXT WEEK.

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!

Rock and Roll Bingo (at the Myrtle Pub) - Thursday 26 November

House Points

Oak: 376

Elm: 360

Holly: 388

Sycamore: 333

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General Notices

House Captains

We are delighted to announce the Year 6 children who will be leading our houses this year as House Captains:

- Oak - Oscar and Eleanor
- Elm - Alethea and Monty
- Holly - Oli and Tahlia
- Sycamore - Beatrice and Alana

Congratulations to all of our newly elected House Captains. We know they will be excellent role models and leaders for their houses throughout the year.

We were incredibly proud of every child who put themselves forward for this important role. It takes a great deal of courage, confidence, and preparation to stand in front of more than 200 people and deliver a speech. Every candidate should be proud of their achievement.

The selection process was carried out democratically, with every child in the school having the opportunity to vote. Thank you to all of the candidates for their enthusiasm and commitment, and to all pupils for taking part so thoughtfully in the process. We look forward to seeing our House Captains lead their teams with pride and enthusiasm over the coming year.

Leeds Reading Challenge Success

A huge congratulations to all of the children who took part in the Leeds Reading Challenge over the Summer Holiday. They did an excellent job and showed a fantastic commitment to reading throughout the break.

In fact, our children performed so well that Meanwood was recognised as one of the top participating schools in Leeds. As a result, we have been given the exciting honour of hosting author Jeffrey Boakye.

Jeffrey will be visiting school on Friday 2nd October, where he will lead a special workshop for all of KS2.

Thank you to every child who took part in the challenge. Your enthusiasm for reading has earned this wonderful opportunity for our school, and we are very proud of your achievement!



Parent Prayer Group

Our parent prayer groups starts up again on Friday 25th September in the school staffroom. All parents and carers welcome.

Walking to and from School

Walking to and from school independently is a great step forward for children, helping them build self-confidence and personal responsibility. However, it is also a big responsibility that requires careful thought.

Before making this transition, children need to be aware of both the benefits and the potential risks. They should be mature enough to handle road safety, follow a sensible route, and understand clear communication channels—knowing what to do and who to contact if they ever get into trouble.

We also ask for your support regarding punctuality and safety on the way to school. Children need to arrive on time, and particularly at this time of year, it is not safe for young children to be unattended in Meanwood Park for extended periods.

As a school, we encourage independence, but only when a child is ready and able to cope with it.

Walking independently has traditionally been taken on by Year 6 pupils, though we are aware that some Year 5 children are now walking as well.

Please note that this decision rests entirely with parents and carers—it is not something the school seeks to dictate or control. We simply ask that you consider the risks carefully and make the choice that feels right for your family, as you know your children best.

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Open Hearts- How to show God lives within me.

The children have been exploring how the words we speak and the actions we take can reflect the love that God has for everyone. Through our discussions, we have thought about the importance of showing kindness, compassion and respect to those around us.

The children have also considered how we can be beacons of God's love, shining brightly through the way we treat others each day. By making positive choices, helping those in need and showing care for our friends, we can share God's love within our school, our homes and our wider community.

Dear God,

Thank You for Your love which lives within us. Help us to be beacons of Your light, showing kindness, compassion and respect to everyone we meet. Guide our words and actions so that they reflect Your love each day. May we help others, make positive choices and share Your goodness wherever we go. Amen.

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A note from Mr Chapman

We are now truly into the workings of a school term. Clubs have started, the children are settled, and classrooms are busy with learning and hard work. Even the top playground has already claimed a few scraped elbows and knees, which is often a sign of children making the most of their playtimes and enjoying being active!

I am delighted with how well the children are doing. They are all trying incredibly hard with their presentation, and the introduction of our new exercise books has really helped them focus on letter formation, sizing and taking pride in their work. It has been wonderful to see the progress they are already making.

Our Reception children have settled into school life exceptionally well, and we are very proud of how quickly they have embraced new routines and experiences. Equally, our Year 6 children have been excellent role models to their buddies, showing kindness, responsibility and leadership as they help our youngest pupils feel welcomed and supported.

As we reach the midway point of the half term, let's keep the energy and enthusiasm high. By continuing to work together as a school community, we can ensure that we live out our school vision: that every person is valued, nurtured and empowered to achieve their full potential.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Chapman

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