

# Meanwood Primary School

## December 2022

### Upcoming Events

Christmas Party - Reception and Year 2	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
KS2 Carol Concert - start time 1:30pm	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
Christmas Dinners	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
Reception Christmas songs at 3pm	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
Christmas Party - Nursery, Year 3 and Year 4	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
Nursery – Stay and Play session at 11:00am	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
Christmas Party - Year 1, Year 5 and Year 6	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2022

School Council would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Ukraine Chocolate Appeal. we managed to fill 3 huge boxes of chocolate and have gift wrapped it and it is now making it's way to children in Ukraine in time for Christmas.

We would like to thank all the children that have contributed in the donation to Springhill Hospice and wore a jumper for Christmas Jumper Day, As a school we managed to raise a total amount of £196.49.





# INFORMATION

## **Club Cancellations**

All clubs next week are cancelled apart from Early Birds and Wise Owls, Please make arrangements to collect your child at the end of the school day.

## **KS2 Carol Concert**

This year KS2 will be going to Spotland Methodist Church for the Christmas Carol Concert, We would like you to invite you to this event on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 1:30pm.

## **Christmas Songs**

Nursery will be holding a stay and play Christmas crafts and singing session on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 11:00 – 11:45am. Children in Reception are learning Christmas songs. They will be sending invitations to parents for you to come and listen to your children sing on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm.

## **Christmas Parties**


This year each year group will be holding their own Christmas Party. The children will be able to come in wearing non uniform only on the day of their party. The dates for each class are below:

- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Reception and Year 2
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery, Year 3 and Year 4
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Year 1, Year 5 and Year 6

## **Future intake of children at Meanwood**

We have been approached by the Local Authority as they have identified that the birth rate in our locality is dropping and as such there are too many school places available. The LA is opening a consultation on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December which all staff, governors and parents/carers are urged to consider as this will affect the future intake of places at Meanwood. The proposal is to drop the PAN (Published Admission Number) from 60 to 45 for the Reception intake in September 2024. Other local schools are also in consultation to reduce their numbers too; Meanwood is not the only school in the borough to be affected.

Please have your say on the consultation by scanning the QR code which will link to the consultation from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022 and close on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023. **All information regarding the consultation is attached**





# INFORMATION

## **Reading Information Sessions**

We are delivering reading information sessions for parents in school on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December. The focus will be; how important reading is as a skill, how you can support your children at home and the use of Myon and the Quizzes. There will be two sessions, one will be at 9:00am and the second will be at 14.45pm. Should you wish to attend please come to the office at the appropriate time. Thank you!

## **Book Swap**

We are holding a book swap in school on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December. If you would like to join in all you need is a book from home. Bring a book, swap a book. All we ask is that the books are in a good condition and are suitable for your child's age group.

## **Scarlet Fever**

Public Health have advised that there is a local web page with information on for your information and that you can refer people to <https://www.rochdale.gov.uk/strep>.

The website will continue to update as more information comes in. **Please have a look at the attachment provided.**

## **Casual Lunchtime Organiser**

We're looking for Casual Lunchtime Organisers to join our fantastic team here at Meanwood. You will be called on as and when needed to cover for absences and you will supervise and care for the children during the lunchtime break. Salary is £10.50 per hour.

If you are interested please call in to the school reception and ask for an application pack.

## **Sustainable Energy – Home Energy Advice**

Please have a look at the attachment for Condensation, Damp and mould advice. Please share this link to anyone who you may think will benefit from this.





## INFORMATION

### **Meanwood Facebook page**

Please like, share and follow our school Facebook page. We put regular updates on there and share photographs too. To find it please search for Meanwood Primary School and you will see the school logo. The annual Christmas door competition has started and will close at 9:00am on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Jolly Josh – Parenting Support Complex Needs Please have a look at the attachment provided.**

### **Refugee Support Hub – Please have a look at the attachment.**

### **Warm Space at Spotland Library, Rochdale.**

With a cost of living & climate crisis, many of us are facing tough decisions. Some of us have moved to working from home following the pandemic and are facing a winter with increased energy bills. Others are facing even harder decisions about whether to heat or eat.

Warm Spaces is designed to signpost anyone in need of warmth & community, to a warm space to share with others.

<https://www.rochdale.gov.uk/directory-record/1280/warm-space-at-spotland-library-rochdale>

### **Do you need support with food in the Rochdale borough?**

**Please have a look at the attachment provided.**

### **Dinner Swap**

Just to let you know that the following dinners will be swapped over to help the kitchen with Christmas dinner preparation.

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> will be Friday's dinner week 2.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> will be Tuesday's dinner week 2.





Would you like support with your child's speech, language and communication? **Please have a look at the attachment provided showing sessions taking place in December.**



The online admissions system opens on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022 for Reception Class places in September 2023.

The closing date for applications is 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023

<https://www.rochdale.gov.uk/school-admissions-appeals/apply-primary-school-place>

**The Surestart Centres December 2022 Timetable is attached.**



***If you are taking a KS1 child to an appointment during school hours or if you have been asked to pick a child up because they are ill, please come to the main school office first to sign them out.***



<b><u>Children late this week after classroom doors closed at 8:51am</u></b>	
<b><u>Please make sure your child is arriving in time to line up with their friends at 8.45am.</u></b>	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	12 children were late
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	17 children were late
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	20 children were late
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	24 children were late
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	20 children were late

**Children must be supervised by an adult before class doors are opened at 8.45am. Staff are not able to watch children before this time.**

**Children must not play on the outdoor gym before or after school.**

**Absence Procedure**

*If your child is absent from school, you must contact the school office every day, prior to class registration, to inform us of the reason for absence.*





*Office staff will be available from 7:30AM onwards. The methods of contact to report child absence are:*

- Telephone: 01706 648197
  - Text: 07860030967
  - WhatsApp: 07973721147
- Email: [absence@meanwood.rochdale.sch.uk](mailto:absence@meanwood.rochdale.sch.uk)
  - Contact us page via website

This Week's Newsletter Attachments are:

- Timetable for Surestart
  - Jolly Josh Timetable
  - Advice Leaflet for Mould
- Sustainable Energy Leaflet, advice for Condensation, damp and mould
  - Food Support in Rochdale
    - Rochdale Hub Poster
      - Scarlet Fever
- Future intake of children at Meanwood

