



# Meanwood Primary School Newsletter



## 13th September 2024

New This Week:



Reception staff are holding a Parents Reading Meeting on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 3:15pm. All Reception Class parents/carers are welcome.

### For EYFS and KS1 parents:

Could you please complete a short survey about Nursery Provision to help us provide child care options that meets the needs of our community?

Please copy and paste the following link into your internet browser:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=j54VfHZkO0msjyKLOM7bn4VHWwsBcpVMiLHsvok8gNdUN01JMjAxVzVFNURMUEtXTIY5U0g0VzdVUC4u>

### Class PE Days

Could you please make sure your child has a PE Kit in school on the relevant day:

**Monday - 1S**

**Tuesday - 1GS**

**Wednesday - Reception, Y3/4**

**Thursday - 2B, Y5**

**Friday - 2C, Y6**

Please note school PE kit consists of black shorts, white t-shirt, trainers for outdoor PE and navy or black long jogging bottoms and sweatshirt to be worn when it is cold outside. If your child wears earrings, they must either be removed on PE days or the children will be supervised putting microtape over them.



Harvest Festival Assembly is on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024 led by the Chaplain Margaret Smith. If you are able to make a food donation to Rochdale Foodbank, please arrange for your child to bring the item into school on the 10th of October.

All food donated will be greatly appreciated by Rochdale Foodbank, attached is list what they currently need. Thank you.

## Important Reminders:



### Before and After School Activity Clubs

Before and After School Activity Clubs are now live and bookable via the School Gateway app for KS2 children.

Flu immunisation forms have been sent home with children. Please complete the form and return it to school as soon as possible to indicate **if you want your child to have the vaccine or not.**



Vaccinations will be taking place in school on:

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024

### Parent Information Booklets

Thank you to all the parents who have sent back the Parent Information Booklets. If you haven't done it yet, could you please complete the information and return it to school as soon as possible.



**ROCHDALE**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

### School fines for unauthorised absence have changed.

The government (Department for Education) has introduced a new national framework for penalty notices which parent/carers must pay if they take a child out of school during term time, for holidays or unauthorised absence. The changes came into effect for fines issued after 19 August 2024. We urge parents/carers not to interrupt their children's schooling and talk to the office staff before booking leave of absence.

**Details of the fines are on the flyer attached.**



**2024 – 2025 Term Dates and other useful information is on our website: [www.meanwood.rochdale.sch.uk](http://www.meanwood.rochdale.sch.uk)**

### ASDA CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

Please find attached a flyer regarding Asda Cashpot for Schools.

When you shop with Asda Rewards they will donate 0.5% of your total spend every time to your selected primary school (please choose Meanwood Primary School Rochdale, not Leeds).

This is additional to your own earnings and doesn't take anything out of your cashpot.

## School Gateway App: Action needed

Schoolgateway



School Gateway is our parent engagement app that will allow you to pay for school trips/dinner money and communicate with the school at anytime from anywhere.

All school related communication, emails and messages will go through School Gateway. To stay up to date with what's going on at school make sure you download the app for free.

Just search: School Gateway in your App store and download

Your login details will be automatically generated using the contact information school already has, so please make sure the details we hold for you are up to date.

**Free  
School  
Meals**



If you think you are entitled to Free School Meals please copy this link into your browser to complete the Rochdale Council Form:

Are you entitled?

<https://www.rochdale.gov.uk/benefits-money/free-school-meals/2>

Rochdale Council will process your application (this can take a couple of weeks to process) and they will send you a letter to inform you of the outcome. Please bring a copy of this letter to the school office then we can update your child's record. Please note any school meals taken will need to be paid for until eligibility is confirmed.

It is very important that you check if you are eligible, even if you think you are not, because if you are eligible you will receive vouchers in the school holidays to pay for food at local supermarkets.

Please note: The cost of school dinners has increased by **10p** from **4th September 2024**.

The new price will be **£2.50** per day. The weekly cost will therefore be **£12.50**.



Please keep a check on your child's dinner money balance via the schoolgateway app. Any pupils owing more than 1 week of dinner money will be unable to choose a lunch on our system and will need to bring a packed lunch from home until payment has been made.

## MEANWOOD SCHOOL UNIFORM STANDARDS

The school uniform at Meanwood is:

- Grey skirt or grey trousers
- White shirt or white polo shirt
- Meanwood Logo School sweatshirt or cardigan OR plain navy jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan
- Black shoes
- In summer, girls may wear a blue gingham dress and boys may wear short grey trousers



For safety reasons, children **are not permitted to wear jewellery except plain stud earrings** - these will need covering for PE if they cannot be removed by the child.

For **indoor PE** children need plain dark coloured shorts/leggings and a plain white t-shirt.

### Wise Owls

If you want to book a Wise Owls session the cut off for booking is 3pm. All places must be booked by then.

If you need an emergency session after this time please contact the office but there must be a balance on your account to pay for the session.

Places will not be booked unless you have money available on your account.

You are able to have a balance on your account at any time. You can view and top this up on the app.



**HAVE YOU MOVED HOUSE OVER THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS OR CHANGED YOUR CONTACT DETAILS ?**

**Please let the office team know if you have new details.**



*Please don't forget to check your child's school bag for important letters that are sent home. If they have a permission slip, complete and return this BUT keep the information section of the letter.*

Dates for the Diary:

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>TIME</b>
20/09/24	Reception parents reading meeting	3.15-3.45pm
25/09/24	Year 6 Crucial Crew @ Rochdale Football Club	During school hours
14/10/24	Whole school photos	During school hours
24/10/24	Intra Health flu vaccinations	During school hours
28/10/24—01/11/24	October Half Term Holidays	

Late Arrivals This Week:

DAY	NUMBER OF LATE CHILDREN
Monday	7
Tuesday	8
Wednesday	4
Thursday	8
Friday	12

A total of **39** children were **late this week**.

A big **“Thank You”** to those who arrive on time every day.

The main gates open at **8:30am**. Your child needs to enter the class room at **8:45am**. The class room doors close at **8:51am**. If your child arrives after this time they are **LATE**.

Lost Property and Personal Possessions:

Children are already losing coats, jumpers and cardigans in school.

**Please make sure you write your child’s name in their coats, jumpers and cardigans etc. or we will not be able to find and return missing items !**

Please also make sure your child is not bringing personal possessions into school as they often get lost. No football cards, no friendship bracelets, jewellery or cash etc.

**Mobile phones must be handed to class staff first thing in the morning and not be kept in bags in the cloakroom during the day.**