# Meanwood Primary School

## 16th December 2022

We finish today for the Christmas Holidays. Staff would like to thank you for your very generous cards and gifts - it is really not necessary but very kind and thoughtful. We hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We will see you all in 2023!



#### Children return to school on Wednesday 4th January 2023.

Today we say goodbye to Miss Proctor and Ms Ewins in EYFS.



We can't thank you enough for your hard work and dedication to Meanwood.

We will welcome Mrs Bradley as our new Assistant Headteacher and Reception teacher and Miss Woods as a TA working across school in January.

Starting from January both Reception classes will now be using the current RE door to drop off and collect children. This is the door underneath the shelter in the EYFS playground, this can be accessed by going past the canteen and through the gate. Please contact the school office if you have any queries.

### **INFORMATION**

Free School Meal vouchers are scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> December 2022. If you do not receive a free school meal voucher during the Christmas break and you think you should be entitled, please contact the school office to complete a form.

#### 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

#### **Reception Class Places for September 2023**

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.

You must complete an online application, you will not automatically be allocated a place at your preferred school. This is the link to apply:

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

#### 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  $\pm 10.50$  per hour.

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

#### 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.

#### 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 <u>https://www.rochdale.gov.uk/strep</u>. The website will continue to update as more information comes in. <u>Please have a look at the</u> <u>attachment provided.</u>

FW: #Thrive Free Family Christmas Fun day at Heywood Sports Village – Please have a look at the attachment provided.