

# Meanwood Primary School

## Newsletter



Week Commencing: 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023

### New This Week:



The school photographer will be in school on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October** for all pupils to have their individual photos taken.

If you would like your children to have a sibling photo taken, please take all of your children to either the infant or junior hall between 8.00am-8.30am. Anyone not in the queue by 8.30am will be unable to have a sibling photo taken as the photographer will be starting individual pupil photos at 9am. Bring your best smiles!

**Wellies, Wellies, Wellies!**  
It's that time of year again! Nursery are collecting spare wellington boots ready for all those rainy days ahead. If you have any spare wellies that your children have grown out of, please send them into school. Then we can all go out and enjoy those muddy puddles. Thank you!



Year 6 parents are reminded that they can attend school to watch their children playing the drums on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October** after school for approximately 15-30 minutes. Also, there are spaces for anyone wanting to start brass lessons with a visiting brass teacher, Mr Murtagh. There is a cost for these lessons. Please speak to the office staff if you are interested.



Rochdale Music Service

This year for Christmas dinner **all bookings** are to be made on the school gateway app. (whether you are entitled to Free School Meals, Pay for meals or get Universal infant meals).

If your child usually has a packed lunch from home you can choose for them to have a Christmas dinner on this day by completing the booking form on the app.

Please book as soon as possible so that our kitchen have the number required to place food orders. **You must book before 12 o'clock, midday, on 24<sup>th</sup> November.**

If you are unable to see the Christmas dinner option (via the clubs tab) on the app please let the office staff know.



## Important Reminders:

### SAVE THE DATE!

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

**EYFS and KS1 parents - Time: 9:00-10:00**

**Venue: KS1 hall then classrooms**

**KS2 parents - Time: 2:00-3:00**

**Venue: KS2 hall then classrooms**

**All parents/carers welcome - come along for an exclusive performance!**



Children **must** be supervised on the playground by an adult before class doors are opened at 8.45am.

Staff are unable to watch children before this time.

At this time of year head lice are common. Remember to check your child's hair regularly.



Parents/carers **must** ensure that collection arrangements are made with children and class staff before school each day if changes are necessary. We understand that at times circumstances change and accept this cannot be helped but continual change of arrangements is confusing for the children and school staff.

**Safety First!**

Please note that siblings must be 16 years old or over in order to pick children up from school.

### Lunch Payments

Please keep a check on your child's dinner money.

Any pupils owing more than 1 week of dinner money will be **unable** to choose a lunch on the new system and will need to bring a packed lunch from home until payment has been made. And please remember – **NO NUTS or foods that may contain NUTS.** Thank you.



Please remember to **CLOSE THE FRONT GATE** when bringing your child to sign in for early breakfast club. **Safety First!**  
Thank you.

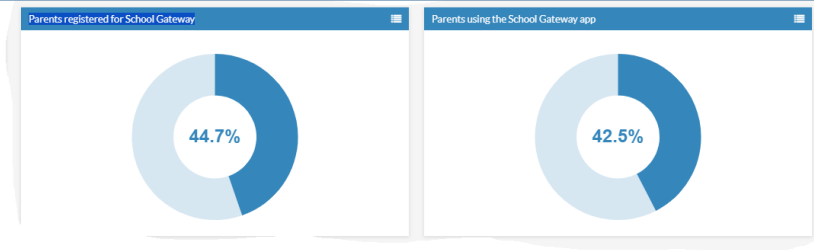


School Gateway is our parent app that allows you to pay for school trips and dinner money. It also enables you to select your children's dinner meals, book after school activities and communicate with the school at anytime from anywhere.

Please note: you must book your children's dinner choice at least one day before the meal date. You cannot book on the actual day.

All school related communication, emails and messages will go through School Gateway. To stay up to date with what is going on at school please ensure sure you download the app on your mobile phone – it is free.

At present, only 44.7% of parents have registered and only 42.5% of parents are using the app.  
**We need your help to make this work.**



The deadline to apply for your child's secondary school place is fast approaching

Apply online by **31 October 2023**  
[rochdale.gov.uk/SchoolAdmissions](http://rochdale.gov.uk/SchoolAdmissions)

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**When contacting the school if your child is ill, please be very specific about the nature of the illness. Telling us that they are "ill" does not help us to monitor illnesses within the school. Lack of information means we have to ring you back. Thank you.**

**External Activities :**

This week we have received activity flyers from the following companies/venues. See attachments within your email for more information if you are interested in attending.

Date	Company/Venue	Event
13 October	Rochdale Parent/Carers and Professionals	Coffee and Cake morning – new location Open Day 10-2
Every Saturday	Next Level Sports Coaching	Reception Football
23-27 October	Next Level Sports Coaching	Halloween Camp
Various	Next Level Sports Coaching	Football Sessions at Newhouse Academy
23-25 October	Norden Community School	Multi-Activity Sessions
Various – Oct/Nov/Dec	The Neurodiversity Hub	Coffee Mornings
Various - November	NHS	Speech, Language and Communication Drop-in Sessions



## Dates for your Diary:

Date	Time	Event
16/10/23	Morning	School Photos
17/10/23	9am – 10am	EYFS and KS1 Performance
17/10/23	2pm – 3pm	KS2 Performance
18/10/23	After school – 15-30 minutes	Y6 Children playing Drums
23/10/23 – 27/10/23	School Closed	October Half Term 🎃 🧛 🕷 🕸
15/11/23	All Day	Intra Health Flu Vaccines
22/11/23	9am – 11am/1.30pm-3pm	School Open Day

## Late Arrivals This Week:

A total of **36** children were late this week.

DAY	NUMBER OF LATE CHILDREN
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	5
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	8
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	5



Please ensure your child arrives in good time to enter the class room at 8:45 am  
They are missing valuable learning time

If a child is late, we must know the EXACT reason why this has happened.  
Writing "LATE" when signing is in not acceptable. Why is your child late?

Well done to everyone who is managing to get to school on time every day. Thank you.

