

# Meanwood Primary School

## Newsletter



Weeks Commencing: 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023

New This Week:



Don't Forget!

It is half term from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October  
Return to school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October

A HUGE thank you to all our parents who supported the KS1 and KS2 Save the Date sessions on Tuesday. We had full halls in both buildings, our children were very pleased to perform for you and enjoyed you spending time in their classes sharing reading sessions with them. Please carry on the good work by ensuring you read with your child every day at home, encouraging them to be reading stars so they can achieve their full potential in everything they do.



The clocks go BACK by 1 hour on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October**



We will be selling poppies and other remembrance tokens at school after half term.

KS1

Poppies can be purchased for a silver coin from your child's class

If you would like an item from the class pack you can purchase this from the school office between 8.30-8.45am.

KS2

Your child can purchase poppies for a silver coin and items from the class pack at break times from their school council representative.

### Class Pack Items and Suggested Donations

Snap bands £1

Wristbands 50p

Reflective poppies 50p

Zip pulls 50p

Our School Council have been making Scarecrows in order to enter a free event at Denehurst Park on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October from 10am.**

All are welcome to come and support the Scarecrows and join in with the fun!



## Important Reminders:

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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BOROUGH COUNCIL

If you need help in applying, please speak to a member of the office team



## HAVE YOU BOOKED YOUR CHILD'S CHRISTMAS DINNER ON THE SCHOOL GATEWAY APP. YET?

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 Free school 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.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** This requires a separate payment and cannot be transferred from the regular dinner money.



## Has your child visited a dentist in the last 12 months?

If the answer to this question is **NO**, Littleborough Dental Practice are holding a pilot scheme to allow your child to see a dentist.

Please contact them directly to arrange an appointment:

[Littleborough Dental Practice](http://www.littleboroughdentalpractice.co.uk)

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115 Featherstall Road, Littleborough, Rochdale OL15 8JZ

Tel: 01706 376523



## Is your child aged 3 or going to be 3 before Christmas?

If so, we have spaces available in our Nursery class starting in January 2024.

Nursery is a morning session 8:45 - 11:45 each day.

If you would like to have a look round, please contact the office or come to our Open Day on **22<sup>nd</sup> November** when we will be happy to show you our facilities.

You can apply online via the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/ptSHB4mgca>



Have you downloaded the **SCHOOL GATEWAY APP** yet?

It is the best way to communicate with us at school and pre-book your child's dinners, book and pay for other items.



If possible, we would like **BOTH** parents to have the app.

Any problems, please ask at the school office.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to those who are actively using our app.

Dates for your Diary:



Date	Time	Event
23/10/23 – 27/10/23	School Closed	October Half Term 
06/11/23	Due back 4:45	Y5/6 Boys Football at Greenbank
07/11/23	Due back 5pm	Y5/6 Tag Rugby at Greenbank
16/11/23	Due back 4:45	Y5/6 Girls Football at Greenbank
15/11/23	All Day	Intra Health Flu Vaccines
21-23/11/23	Booking system	Parents Evening – more details to follow
22/11/23	9am – 11am/1.30pm-3pm	School Open Day
04/12/23	Due back 5pm	Y5 Ten Pin Bowling at Hollin
11/12/23	After school – 15-30 minutes	Y5 Children playing Drums
13/12/23	After school – 15-30 minutes	Y4 Children playing Drums





**External Activities/Information :**

We have received flyers from the following companies/venues recently.

Ask at the office reception for more information if you are interested in attending.

Date	Event/Help Aid	Company Name and/or Venue
N/A	Sleep Issues	National Sleep Helpline
23-27 October	Halloween Camp	Next Level Sports Coaching
24 & 25 October	Halloween Hunt	Brew Box OL11 5UT
23-25 October	Multi-Activity Sessions	Norden Community School
29 October	Scarecrow Competition (School council)	Denehurst Park, Sandy Lane, OL11 5DS
Various – Oct/Nov/Dec	Coffee Mornings	The Neurodiversity Hub
Various - November	Speech, Language and Communication Drop-in Sessions	NHS

**Late Arrivals This Week:**

**A total of 42 children were late this week.  
A slight improvement on last week but still high.**

Whenever possible, try to book appointments AFTER school

DAY	NUMBER OF LATE CHILDREN
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	12
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	5
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	5



Please ensure your child arrives in good time to enter the class room at 8:45 am  
If it is a wet morning, traffic is likely to be worse, so please try to set off earlier to get here on time.  
If you are relying on a taxi service, book slightly earlier than needed to ensure you arrive at school in good time.

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

