

# Mengham Junior School

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## Newsletter No. 1 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to welcome new children, parents and carers to Mengham Junior School and to welcome existing ones back! As a staff, we are very much looking forward to an exciting year of learning and events and to sharing these with you.

We hope you and your child/ren have found it to be a positive start to the beginning of the term. One of us endeavours to be outside every morning so do come and say hello or share any thoughts or concerns with us.

Best wishes,

Mr Harrison and Mrs Davies

### Come and Meet your Child's Teacher!

Our Meet the Teacher evening will be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Please wait on either the upper school or lower school playground until 3:25 when a member of staff will invite you in and direct you to your child's classroom.

There is a second session beginning at 3:50pm if this time is more convenient or you have children in more than one year groups.

This is a great opportunity to put names to faces and to find out about the year ahead!

### Uniform

Thank you all for ensuring your children are in correct uniform – they look so smart! All children have begun the school year looking part of the school community which is so very important in enabling children to feel they belong to the school community.



**Free second-hand uniform** is available from the front of the school every day next week – please help yourselves.

If you have any uniform that your children have grown out of that you would like to donate then please send them to the school office.

### Snacks

Our catering team, HC3S, provide a snack trolley at playtimes. A range of healthy snacks are available to purchase at break times. Children are able to bring money in a purse/wallet or envelope and this should be handed to their class teacher until break. The snacks range from 30p-50p.

Children are also welcome to bring in snacks from home but as a healthy school we ask these are just fruit or vegetables. Please be aware, anything else will be returned home with your child.

### Arbor

We are excited to now be using Arbor app for our communications. You should all have received a sign-up link, please let the office know if you are having any trouble (If you already have then we are working on the issues)

This app is vital during your child's time at Mengham, we will be using this for clubs, parents' evenings & all communication.

### Marvellous Me

When your child demonstrates they are successfully working towards our vision, they will be awarded a Marvellous Me – check your inboxes to see if your child has already received one!



At Mengham Junior School we strive to be successful learners, healthy and confident individuals, responsible members of our community



If you haven't yet received login details then please get in contact with your child's class teacher.

### Punctuality and Attendance

Attending school every day is vital in order for your child to ensure they are successful in their learning.

Being punctual also ensures your child starts the school day calmly and confidently knowing what the day ahead looks like and ensuring necessary messages are received by their class teacher.

**Our arrival window is 8:40 – 8:50am.** If your child arrives after 8:50am, they will need to enter school via the school office. They will then be taken to our meeting room in order to register and order their school lunch and complete their class morning activity. At 9am, they will then be taken to their classroom, or join their class in the hall for assembly, depending on the day.

If your child is unwell, please ensure you use Study Bugs to report your child's absence.

When should I keep my child off school?

[https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/2019-](https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/2019-11/Do%20I%20need%20to%20keep%20my%20child%20off%20school.pdf)

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### Home Learning Logs

These will come home next week. Please ensure you support your child in completing their home learning each evening and log this in their log book. This must be returned to school on Thursdays.

### New Climbing Equipment

We are very excited about our new climbing equipment! It is now fully installed and the play surface has been installed meaning it is ready for use from Monday and we know the children are going to love playing on this during play and lunch.



*Please note: this must not to be used by children before and after school.*

### Dates for your diary

**Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Sep**

Meet the teacher

**Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Sep**

Macmillan Coffee Morning

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov**

Parents' Evening

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Inset Day