

# Mengham Junior School

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## Newsletter No.3 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

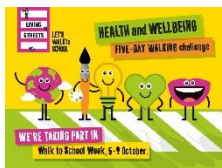
Wow – your children have been working their socks off! We have awarded over 2436 badges on Marvellous Me so far – and we've only been using the app for three weeks! It is really good to be able to share these successes with you. If you haven't managed to download the app yet, or have lost your log in details, please get in touch with the school office.

Best wishes,

*Odele Davies and Edward Harrison*

### Parents' Evenings

Sharing information about your child's learning and well-being is important to us and as we are unable to meet face-to-face safely at the moment, we have made the decision to hold our autumn term parents' evenings via telephone calls next week. A separate letter should have arrived with details about this earlier this week. If you have any problems then please get in contact with the school office.



### 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> October 2020 – Walk to School Week

Well done everyone who made a special effort to walk, cycle, scoot or park and stride this week. Being active on the way to school not only supports your physical well-being but your mental well-being too and prepares you for a positive start to your school day.

As lots of you know, we appointed Tia Houghton in year 6 as our Junior Road Safety Officer last year. After reading through lots of brilliant applications from the year 5 children, Tia and I have appointed Evie Van Beers as our second Junior Road Safety Officer.

Congratulations Evie, Tia and I are looking forward to working with you.

Keep your eyes peeled for Friday's assembly, Tia will be talking you to you about crossing the road safely!

Mrs Roberts

### Uniform

Although it can seem insignificant, wearing correct uniform to school actually helps children establish a sense of belonging. It also helps children to focus on their learning.

Thank you for sending children to school in their P.E. kits on their P.E. days. Please can you ensure they are wearing black tracksuit bottoms and their team colour T-Shirt. Tracksuits in other colours are not permitted.

If you require any school uniform this can be purchased through Brigade <http://www.brigade.uk.com>. We also have uniform donations that you are welcome to look through and take free of charge on a Friday before and after school from the large playground.

If you have any unwanted uniform you would like to donate, then please drop it into the school office.

### Settling in to Year 3 – by Emma Oakley, Birch Class

Year Three has been good because I like the challenges and the work. I also like the teacher because she is very nice and helps me when I am stuck. I like playtime so I can see my friends in the other class. I like maths because I like numbers, I like handwriting because I can practice my joined up writing and improve my sentences. I just can't believe PE because I am obsessed with running. I also like the guided reading because we are learning about diary entries and I love diaries.

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



## Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is open from 7:30am every morning. There is no need to book and you can pay on the day. The cost for a session is £2.

## Yellow Photography

A few parents have been asking whether children will be having their photos taken this term. We are pleased to let you know that Yellow Photography are booked to take children's photos in November. Unfortunately sibling photographs will not be possible as part of the company's risk assessment. More details will follow.



## 2020 Flu Vaccinations

The vaccination programme is in place to help protect your

child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable friends and family by preventing the spread of flu.

The Immunisation Team are due to visit us on Tuesday 15th December 2020

A letter has been emailed to all parents this week containing a link to access the online consent form. It includes all information you will need including the schools unique code. This needs to be completed before Thursday 10th of December.

## Test or tissues?

If your child has had any of symptoms below then they must isolate for 10 days, and the rest of the household for 14 days. Your child will not be able to return to school before then without a negative result. This is regardless of whether they get better before then or not.

The 3 symptoms that we need to be aware of and will require a COVID -19 test are:

- **A temperature, over 37C**
- **A persistent, unusual new cough.**
- **A loss of taste or smell.**

Normally at this time of year, we will get a range of sniffles and colds. These pupils can still come in to school with plenty of tissues as normal.



## Studybugs App

Don't forget we have the Studybugs App available to report any illness to the school office. You can log onto their website to register.



## Diamond Calculator\* Challenge

On Monday, we launched a challenge to complete Numbots. Many pupils are already a good way through it. Any pupil who completes the final stage, Diamond, will be awarded with their own scientific calculator\*. The levels start easy and get trickier as they go. The login and password for each child are the same as the one for Times Table Rocks Stars.

\*Calculator not actually made from diamonds!



## P.E. Days

Year 3	Tuesday
Year 4	Monday
Year 5	Wednesday
Year 6	Wednesday

## Dates for your diary

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> – Fri 16<sup>th</sup>  
October 2020

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> – Fri 23<sup>rd</sup>  
October 2020

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020  
Tue 15<sup>th</sup> December  
2020

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> December  
2020

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> December  
2020

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Fri 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Fri 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

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Mon 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June  
2021

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021



Parent Evening  
Telephone Calls

Bikeability

Autumn Half Term  
Annual Flu  
Immunisations

**Inset Day**



Christmas  
Holiday

Start of Spring Term

**Inset Day**

Spring Half Term

**Inset Day**



Easter Holiday

Start of Summer Term

Summer Half Term

**Inset Day**

**Inset Day**

End of Term

## House Point update



AINSLIE

**410**



SHACKLETON

**404**



MCARTHUR

**369**



NELSON

**386**