



Withinfields' Newsletter - 13.9.24

| DATES FOR YOUR DIARY Events coloured in green are either those which are funded by our enrichment pot or events that contribute to the pot as fundraising. Thank you for your support. | BUN SALES – 50p We hold a bun sale on Fridays at playtime. We ask for donations of buns from a different class each week as detailed below. Proceeds from these sales go into our Enrichment pot which funds trips and special events for all children. | | TOAST ROTA – 50p Children can purchase toast each week by bringing 50p on their day as detailed below. This will be provided at playtime. | |
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| 20th Sept - Park Lane High School talking to Year 6 9th Oct - Nasal Flu vaccinations in school 10th Oct - 6.30pm Poetry Festival finals 17th Oct -8.45am or 2.30pm KS1 leading our Harvest festival - parents welcome to attend either performance 22nd Oct - 2.40pm Spain Demonstration of Learning - Spain parents and grandparents welcome to attend 23rd Oct - 2.40pm Switzerland Demonstration of Learning - Switzerland parents and grandparents welcome to attend 25th Oct - Last day of the half term | Date | Class to bring buns | Monday | Reception and Nursery |
| | 20.9.24 | Nursery | | |
| | 27.9.24 | Denmark | Tuesday | Years 1 & 2 |
| | 4.10.24 | Germany | | |
| | 11.10.24 | Italy | Wednesday | Years 3 & 4 |
| | 18.10.24 | Greece | | |
| | 25.10.24 | Netherlands | Thursday | Years 5 & 6 |
| | 8.11.24 | Sweden | | |

School Dinner Menu

Although we aim to serve this menu next week, sometimes stock availability means that it does have to be altered at short notice.

| | Main | Vegetables | Sandwich options | Side dish | Desserts |
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| Monday | Fish fingers Vegetarian Sausage roll | Peas Salad bar | Tuna sandwich Chicken wrap | Potato wedges | Strawberry smoothie Fresh fruit Yoghurt |
| Tuesday | Macaroni cheese Pasta bolognese | Mixed vegetables Salad bar | Tuna sandwich Chicken wrap | Garlic bread | Chocolate fudge cake Fresh fruit Yoghurt |
| Wednesday | Chicken fillet Quorn fillet | Carrots Broccoli Salad bar | Cheese sandwich Ham wrap | Roast potatoes Yorkshire pudding | Jam sponge Fresh fruit Yoghurt |
| Thursday | Chicken burger Quorn burger | Sweetcorn Salad bar | Cheese sandwich Ham wrap | Diced potatoes | Biscuit Fresh fruit Yoghurt |
| Friday | Pizza Quorn nuggets | Baked beans Salad bar | Cheese sandwich Chicken wrap | Chips | Ice cream tub Fresh fruit Yoghurt |

News from this week

Asda cashpot

We are delighted that many of you have registered our school for the Asda cashpot scheme. We are watching the amount of money grow daily with it already at almost £200. We are hoping to put all the money that we earn towards our Outdoor Reading area which would be available to children during playtimes. This will compliment the money that we have already been promised from Tesco. If you shop online or in store at Asda, please register our school to receive 0.5% of everything that you spend and please ask all your family and friends to do the same.

Information for next week

Lockdown practice

We are going to practise our lockdown procedures next week. We have systems for locking down the school building and the children are aware of signals that are used in the playground to get children quickly inside the building. When we talk to the children about lockdown procedures we usually talk about dangers like a deer or other animal loose in the playground or an accident on the road outside the school. We do not want to alarm children with the thought of more serious possibilities but do need them to know the systems in case we ever had to use them.

Other information

Parent Questionnaire

Many thanks to the many parents who completed the questionnaire at the end of the Summer term. We were really pleased with the overwhelmingly positive responses to all questions.

The results are below.

| Question | Strongly agree or agree | Neutral | Disagree or strongly disagree | Don't know |
|---|-------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|------------|
| My child is happy at this school. | 98% | 1% | 1% | - |
| My child feels safe at this school. | 99% | 1% | - | - |
| My child does well at this school. | 94% | 5% | 1% | - |
| The school has high expectations for my child. | 81% | 15% | 3% | 1% |
| The school makes me aware of what my child will be learning during the year. | 81% | 12% | 6% | 1% |
| When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly. | 88% | 8% | 4% | - |
| The school makes sure its pupils are well-behaved. | 92% | 5% | 3% | - |
| The school deals effectively with bullying. | 84% | 13% | 3% | - |
| The school lets me know how my child is doing. | 83% | 12% | 5% | - |
| There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school. | 97% | 3% | - | - |
| My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school. | 94% | 5% | 1% | - |
| The school supports my child's wider personal and emotional development. | 94% | 5% | 1% | - |

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| I feel comfortable in approaching staff in school with queries or concerns. | 94% | 5% | 1% | - |
| The school communicates effectively with me. | 91% | 8% | 1% | - |
| I feel comfortable when invited into the school for performances, assemblies, family learning events, parents' evenings and other events. | 97% | 2% | 1% | - |
| The Senior Leadership Team are approachable and available if I need them. | 91% | 5% | 1% | 3% |
| I would recommend this school to another parent. | 95% | 5% | - | - |

We will be looking at those areas which had a slightly less positive result and planning them into our School Improvement Plan.

The views and opinions of parents are always important to us.

Parking and being considerate to residents

Please can all parents show consideration to residents when parking to pick up or drop off children. Please do not park in front of our neighbours' driveways and garages. Also, parking on the bend near the entrance to Fairfax Crescent causes significant danger to traffic as it reduces visibility for those exiting Fairfax or using Law Lane. The farm shop owners have agreed that parents can park in their grounds and Kitson's are prepared to allow parents to park on their land in Pinnar Lane. Of course, for those living within walking distance of the school, walking to and from school is the healthiest option both physically and in terms of mental health.

Main entrance and Out of School Club parents

For those parents that drop off to and collect from Out of School Club, please wait in the lobby area. We have had a new intercom system fitted on the second doorway which we will hopefully be able to start using next week but at the moment, please press the doorbell on the third door and a member of staff will come to check who is waiting. Please do not be offended if staff that are leaving or arriving shut the door behind them as they leave or arrive and do not allow you through. They are asked to do this to maintain the safety of our building and the people within it.

Pay it forward scheme

I have had an interesting conversation this week with a parent who was interested in supporting families who can't afford bun or toast money or who forget to bring it on the day that their children need it. We are therefore offering the opportunity for any parent, grandparent or friend of Withinfields to donate additional money to our buns or toast money so that an additional child might receive a bun or toast that day or for the term. How lovely would it be if we could collectively fund buns or toast for all children in school while still being able to contribute the same amount of money to our enrichment pot to fund school trips! We will reopen the buns and toast payment options on School Gateway so that families can donate as little or as much as they wish or we are obviously happy to take cash donations at the office or through class.

We are also keen to hear from any parents or grandparents who would be willing to bake or donate buns more regularly than on their named bun days as we currently have to purchase buns each week to ensure that there are enough buns for the children purchasing one and therefore obviously need more buns if we are aiming to provide to more children.

Finally, if you do NOT want your child to ever be offered a bun or toast if there are extras available, please let your class teacher know.

Dates for your diary

I've attached a sheet for you to save with the key dates for the rest of the year. Further details of these events will appear on the newsletter as they come closer.