



Withinfields' Newsletter - 15.11.24

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.		
18th Nov - 3.30pm - Y5 parents' information session about Robinwood 19th Nov - 8.10am - Y5 parents' information session about Robinwood 25th Nov - Poet in school to work with Y6 28th Nov - am - PINS parent group coffee morning 4th Dec - 3.30pm - Christmas fayre - <u>please note that this is a change of date</u> 9th Dec - 2.40pm - Sweden Demonstration of Learning 11th Dec - 2.40pm - Belgium Demonstration of Learning 12th Dec - 2.40pm - Denmark Demonstration of Learning	Date	Class to bring buns	Monday	Reception and Nursery	
	22.11.24	Belgium		Tuesday	Years 1 & 2
	29.11.24	Switzerland	Wednesday		Years 3 & 4
	6.12.24	Finland		Thursday	Years 5 & 6
	13.12.24	Poland			
	20.12.24	Ireland			
	10.1.25	Spain			
	17.1.24	Nursery			

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
Monday	Salmon fish cake Vegetable nuggets	Sweetcorn Salad bar	Tuna sandwich Chicken wrap	Chips	Vanilla icecream Fresh fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	Chicken Korma Cheese/Tuna melts	Mixed vegetables Salad bar	Tuna sandwich Chicken wrap	Rice Naan bread	Chocolate sponge Fresh fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	Chicken fillet Quorn fillet	Carrots Peas Salad bar	Cheese sandwich Ham wrap	Roast potatoes	Biscuit Fresh fruit Yoghurt
Thursday	Sausage Vegetarian sausage	Peas Salad bar	Cheese sandwich Ham wrap	Mashed potatoes	Lemon drizzle cake Fresh fruit Yoghurt
Friday	Pizza BBQ chicken melt	Baked beans Salad bar	Cheese sandwich Ham wrap	Diced potatoes	Mousse Fresh fruit Yoghurt

Buns and Toast Sponsor of the week

We are delighted that **BAPP** have donated £200 to ensure that all children can have a bun and toast that would like one in the weeks commencing 14th October, 21st October, 4th November, 11th November and 18th November. Thank you!

If you have a company that would like to sponsor a week or you wish to do it as a family, please let me know on ClassDojo or via email and I can let you have details of how to pay. You can use it as an opportunity to raise awareness of your business through being named in the newsletter, take the credit yourself or ask to remain anonymous.

News from this week

Highlight of the week

It was lovely to welcome lots of prospective parents into school on Tuesday who are looking for a place for their children in Reception next September. We went to the Reception classes to see what they were up to and it was great to see the children getting ready for their Forest School session with Mr Griffiths. They were so excited! I know they had an amazing time - as did Mr Griffiths!

Book Fair

Thank you for all your support in purchasing books at our book fair. We really appreciate the fact that you show children that books and reading are really important and, of course, the commission that we will receive now.

Information for next week

Robinwood Parents' meetings

Ms Wilson will be running parents' meetings for the Y5 parents whose children are attending Robinwood residential visit. They will take place at 3.20pm on Monday and 8.10am on Tuesday. Both meetings are the same, just attend the one that suits you best. If you cannot attend either, please message Ms Wilson and she will pass on any information that you need.

Other information

Music Trust newsletter

I have attached the Calderdale Music Trust newsletter which includes information about sessions that your children can take part in. They cover pre-school children, EYFS and KS1 and KS2 opportunities.

PINS Coffee morning

This is taking place on 28th November at the beginning of the school day in the hall. Any parents of pupils with SEND are welcome to attend the coffee morning as usual. There will also be people available to support with collating information from parents for the application of EHCPs.

Parking and traffic around the school

Recently, some of our school councillors worked with Katherine Jacobs from 'Living Streets' which is a company who want walking to school to be a choice we all make. They work with the local council to make our walks to school safer and more attractive.

We asked our families and the school staff to answer some questions to collect their views and ideas.

We looked at the main route to school for most families which is along Law Lane, from Cain Lane to Fairfax Avenue. We looked at the speed and flow of traffic and the size and quality of the pavements, curbs and crossings. We discussed how safe we felt crossing roads around our school and how other members of the community might feel walking around our school.

From the information we collected and from our ideas Katherine will make a plan and give it to the local council who will then decide on what improvements need to be made to the streets around our school.

In the meantime though, we ask that you do not park on pavements near to school as this makes it difficult for families with prams and buggies to get past on the pavements. It is also useful to know that you can park at Kitsons on Pinnar Lane as a safe place to park and stride to school.

Lunchboxes

Please can parents refrain from including chocolate and sweets in their child's lunchboxes. In Science and PRHE lessons, we encourage the children to eat healthily and it would support this learning if children's lunchboxes included a balanced, healthy variety of foods.

Christmas Fayre stalls

We are starting to make plans for our Christmas fayre which takes place on Wednesday, 4th December. If you would like a stall at the Christmas fayre, please let us know by completing this form: <https://forms.gle/wfo4Fot6s1aWyer49> Stalls cost £10 each with a donation of a raffle prize also or you may wish to run a stall with the proceeds being donated to school in which case the stall would be free.

Improving Attendance information

As one of our school improvement priorities this year is to improve attendance, we have decided to add some information about attendance to each newsletter. Some schools have sent out long letters and leaflets with lots of information on but we feel that this is overwhelming in terms of how much information is included and this may lead to people not finding it useful. We have decided to try to provide the same information but over a number of bulletins. I hope that you find this helpful.

Does attendance affect my child's success at school?

Here's what the national data shows:

- Pupils with higher SATS results at KS2 had lower levels of absence over the key stage compared to those with lower SATS results.
- Pupils who did not achieve the expected standard in reading, writing and maths had an overall absence rate of 4.7% over the key stage, compared with 3.5% among pupils who achieved the expected standard and 2.7% among those who achieved the higher standard.
- Generally, the higher the percentage of sessions missed across the key stage at KS2, the lower the level of attainment at the end of the key stage.
- Among pupils with no missed sessions over KS2, 83.9% achieved the expected standard compared to 40.2% of pupils who were persistently absent.

Basically, children who attend school regularly achieve higher results and have more chance of reaching their full potential.

If you are struggling with getting your child into school, I have attached a document to this newsletter which offers support to parents through online sessions. If you book and take part in these, please let us know how useful they are so that we can advise other parents.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities information

Data from the PINS parent survey

The Senior Leaders met with Family Voice Calderdale this week who have analysed the results of the parent survey that took place at the end of the Summer term. We were delighted that they were able to report the following strengths as articulated by those parents that completed the survey:

- **Exceptional Support for SEND Students:** Parents greatly appreciate the dedication and care the school provides for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). They acknowledge staff efforts to go above and beyond, ensuring that students' unique needs are met with understanding and tailored support.
- **Engaging School Environment:** Many children express joy and enthusiasm about attending school, and parents note their satisfaction with the teachers and the overall school atmosphere.
- **Proactive SEND Leadership:** The SEND leader has been praised for quickly responding to concerns, initiating support and diagnosis processes effectively, and ensuring that measures are in place to assist students.
- **Approachable and Receptive School Leadership:** The head and deputy are recognized as being approachable and willing to engage with and listen to parents' concerns.

There were some aspects of our work that you suggested could be improved which we are working on as part of our involvement in the PINS project this year. We will report in our newsletter as we have plans for the improvement of these areas.

Suggestion of SEND activities



These sessions are taking place at the following places and times:

Elland Library Saturday 16th November at 10.30am

Halifax Central Library 30th November at 10.15am

Elland Library Saturday 14th December at 10.30am