



Withinfields' Newsletter - 22.11.24

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.	
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
	29.11.24	Switzerland		Tuesday
	6.12.24	Finland		
	13.12.24	Poland		
	20.12.24	Ireland	Wednesday	Years 3 & 4
	10.1.25	Spain		
	17.1.25	Nursery	Thursday	Years 5 & 6
	24.1.25	Denmark		

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	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	Icecream tub 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

I have shown quite a number of parents around school this week who are starting to look at primary schools for their children for September 2025. Many of them have commented on how friendly and polite children have been in school and how happy the children are. The children at Withinfields always make me proud!

Girls' football tournament

Some of our Y6 girls went to a tournament this week and were very proud to come 4th. It is always lovely to be able to give children these opportunities through our Sports' premium funding.

Information for next week

PINS coffee morning

The coffee morning for parents of children with SEND is taking place on Thursday at the start of the day in the hall. For those parents that wish to attend, you just need to drop your child off as normal and then come around to the hall fire door.

Other information

Reception applications

The reception application process is now open for 2025. Nursery parents, please remember that you still need to apply for a Reception place for September. You can find information here: [Admissions | Calderdale Council](#)

Christmas Fayre tokens

The Christmas Fayre is getting closer now and so we are starting to sell our Christmas Fayre token sheets. For those that don't know how these work, we sell token sheets for £2.50 each which include 5 tokens for children to have a go on 5 stalls at the Christmas Fayre. There will be stalls that outside agencies run which sell products that will take cash but our school stalls and games are token only. If you would like to purchase a token sheet, please pay online at School Gateway or bring cash to the office.

We are also taking donations of raffle prizes for the Christmas raffle which will start at the Christmas Fayre and also donations for the tombola and chocolate tombola. If you have anything to donate, please send it in to your child's class.

Christmas Dinner

Due to the ordering process, we are starting to make plans for our Christmas dinner which we hold on the last day of the term. If your child would like to have a school dinner when it is the Christmas dinner, please complete the following form and pay via School Gateway or in cash at the office.

<https://forms.gle/5YRamq5HvWNzDtReA>

Contacting class teachers during the school day

If you are contacting class teachers via Class Dojo during the school day, the messages may not be seen until the end of the day. If you have an important message that needs to be dealt with before the end of the school day, please ring the school office.

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.

Why does it matter if my child is 5-10 minutes late?

As soon as children enter the classroom from 8.35am, they have important independent tasks to do or tasks with support from the additional adults in the classroom prior to them going to assembly.

For example,

- In Early Years, this is often the time when they are practising their name writing skills
- In other years, the children may be reflecting on their work from the day before, making corrections or completing additional challenges.
- Children who find spelling or reading challenging may be working on software to aid them with this.
- Children who find learning times tables difficult or need practice with calculations have time to practise with an adult or independently.

By missing 5 minutes of this time, each day, they miss out on 25 minutes a week or 16 hours a year. Arriving late also means that they don't get the settled, organised start to the day. We all know how it feels to arrive late to something important when everyone else is already settled. Children arriving late also may have to enter assembly when it's started.

It may seem like 'only a few minutes' but it makes such a difference to children's self-esteem, confidence and academic performance when they arrive on time.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities information

I have attached a leaflet for parents of children with eating disorders in case anyone finds this useful. Also, I have attached the latest leaflet from Family Voice Calderdale which gives some advice for parents of neurodiverse children.