



Withinfields' Newsletter - 29.11.24

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.	
4th Dec - 3.30pm - Christmas fayre 4.11.24 - 6.11.24 - Y5 Residential 9th Dec - 2.40pm - Sweden Demonstration of Learning 10th Dec - 1:30-2:45pm Nursery Family Learning Event 11th Dec - 2.40pm - Belgium Demonstration of Learning 12th Dec - 1.15pm Slow the Flow workshop in Y3 12th Dec - 2.40pm - Denmark Demonstration of Learning 13th Dec - 2pm - Reception class learning event - Making it REAL - Wildlife area 16th Dec - am Y3 Christmas Party 16th Dec - pm Y4 Christmas Party 17th Dec - pm Y1/2 Christmas Party 18th Dec - am Y5 Christmas Party 18th Dec - pm Y6 Christmas Party 18th Dec - 5pm EYFS nativity 19th Dec - 9.10am EYFS nativity 19th Dec - pm EYFS Christmas Party 20th Dec - Christmas Jumper day, Church service for children and staff and Christmas Dinner	Date	Class to bring buns	Monday	Reception and Nursery
	6.12.24	Finland	Tuesday	Years 1 & 2
	13.12.24	Poland		
	20.12.24	Ireland		
	10.1.25	Spain	Wednesday	Years 3 & 4
	17.1.25	Nursery		
	24.1.25	Denmark	Thursday	Years 5 & 6
	31.1.25	Germany		

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	Battered fish Cheese roll	Baked beans Salad bar	Tuna sandwich Chicken wrap	Chips	Strawberry mousse Fresh fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	Mince and onion pie Quorn mince with Yorkshire pudding	Carrots Peas Salad bar	Turkey sandwich Tuna wrap	New potatoes	Marble sponge cake Fresh fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	Chicken fillet Quorn fillet	Cauliflower Green beans Salad bar	Cheese sandwich Ham wrap	Roast potatoes	Jam bun Fresh fruit Yoghurt
Thursday	Sweet and sour chicken Tomato and basil pasta	Mixed vegetables Salad bar	Cheese sandwich Ham wrap	Rice Wrap	Chocolate crispie bun Fresh fruit Yoghurt

Friday	Pizza Sausage roll	Sweetcorn Salad bar	Tuna sandwich Ham wrap	Diced potatoes	Chocolate sponge Fresh fruit Yoghurt
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Buns and Toast Sponsor of the week

We are delighted that **a member of staff who wishes to remain anonymous** has donated £40 to ensure that all children can have a bun and toast that would like one this week. 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

We have been very impressed with our phonics teaching this week. Myself and Miss Rothery have popped into lots of lessons and seen some excellent performance from the children in their phonics lessons. We have also assessed children who have been taking part in extra phonics sessions in KS1 and KS2 and they have made lots of progress in the last few weeks. Everyone should be very proud of themselves.

Information for next week

Present wrapping sessions

Santa has asked us to help him to wrap the presents that we buy for the children in school. We are therefore asking for parents to volunteer to help with wrapping these on Tuesday morning between 9am and 11am and Tuesday afternoon between 1.30pm and 3pm. We will provide tea, coffee and cakes!

Robinwood

We hope that the Y5 children and staff have a lovely time at Robinwood next week. It is a really special event for the children and I'm sure that they will come home tired but full of exciting stories of achievements that they are proud of!

Christmas Fayre

Please collect your children as normal on Wednesday and come around to the hall fire door for entry into the Christmas fayre. If you wish to pre-order token cards for having a go on the staff stalls, please buy these on School Gateway or in cash at the office. There will also be stalls run by external people who will be accepting cash so please be prepared with cash if you want to make purchases from these stalls on the day.

Other information

EYFS nativity tickets

Tickets for the EYFS nativity are available on School Gateway to purchase at £2 per ticket. The money raised goes into our enrichment fund which pays for all trips and workshops in school. We allocate 3 tickets per family, with a limit of 110 tickets being available for each performance. The tickets can be purchased for the same performance or for different e.g. you could have 3 tickets for the evening performance and no tickets for the morning performance or 2 tickets for one performance and 1 for the other. Please include a note of which performances you wish to be allocated tickets for in the payment request on School Gateway. Tickets will be allocated first come first served. There will not be any spare tickets available so please only pay a maximum of £6 for the tickets.

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 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>

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.

What is a penalty notice?

If a child has 10 sessions (one day is classed as 2 sessions) of unauthorised absence within a 10 week period, this can be referred to the Educational Welfare Officer for a penalty notice to be issued. Penalty notices are a fine which are issued by the Educational Welfare Officers to parents. They can give each parent a fine of £80, rising to £160 if you do not pay within 21 days.

From this year, the statutory guidance has changed so that you can only get up to 2 fines for the same child in a 3-year period. If you get a second fine in 3 years it will be £160. If you do not pay the fine in 28 days you may be taken to court for keeping your child out of school. If your child is off school 3 or more times within the 3 years you will not be fined but may be taken to court.

Unauthorised absences include holiday absences, late arrival after 9am and absences where the reason is not considered a reasonable excuse for the child to be absent from school.

Obviously, at Withinfields, we want to support parents who find it difficult to maintain positive attendance for their children and Mrs Bayliss is trained to support families with this through the Early Help Pathway. If you feel that you need this support, please contact her through ClassDojo or through the office. She would be delighted to support you and your family with referrals to other avenues of support and with practical advice.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities information

Routines

I just wanted to reach out to all parents but particularly those parents of children with Special Educational Needs about the need to keep routines as normal as possible on this run up to Christmas. We often find that our children struggle in this next three weeks of term as Advent Calendars remind them that Christmas is getting closer and elves start making cheeky appearances! Although these are lovely things to do, they can interrupt normal morning routines which can lead to some children finding things a little overwhelming. If your child struggles with changes to their routines, please think about how best to incorporate festive activities, if you choose to do them, into their day without it leaving them unable to cope. For example, some elves may choose to be a little naughty during the school day so that the children see what they've been up to when they get home from school!

We try to keep all our activities as normal as possible until the very last week of term for this reason. If you are worried about how your child will cope with activities like the Christmas parties or the church service, please talk to your child's class teacher in the next few weeks so that we can make plans together to help them through this.