



Withinfields' Newsletter - 6.12.24

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.	
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
	13.12.24	Poland	Tuesday	Years 1 & 2
	20.12.24	Ireland	Wednesday	Years 3 & 4
	10.1.25	Spain	Thursday	Years 5 & 6
	17.1.25	Nursery		
	24.1.25	Denmark		
	31.1.25	Germany		
	7.2.25	Italy		

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 **Jet Renewables** have donated £120 to ensure that all children can have a bun and toast that would like one for the next few weeks. 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

The highlight of my week has to be hearing all the lovely news from Robinwood about the way that the children have engaged with the activities despite the rain and wind! I am sure that they will all return feeling absolutely exhausted but have lots of memories to hold forever! A massive thank you to all the staff who have willingly given up their time to accompany the children on this trip.

Thank you

I just wanted to say a very big thank you to the group of parents who have acted as Santa's elves this week for us and have volunteered to continue next week! You have saved us so much staff time!

Christmas Fayre

We managed to raise nearly £500 at the Christmas Fayre on Wednesday. This profit all goes into the enrichment pot which pays for educational visits, workshops and other enrichment activities. Thank you for your support.

Information for next week

Winter Raffle

We started the Winter Raffle on Wednesday at the Christmas Fayre and will continue to sell tickets in the next two weeks with the draw taking place on the last Thursday of the term. Prizes include pink gin, Prosecco, a voucher for Matthew's Cafe, chocolates, a remote control car, gifts from the external stalls at the Christmas Fayre, bath bombs and many more. We are sending each child home with a set of raffle tickets today. If you have already purchased some and do not want to buy or sell any more, please feel free to put this sheet in your recycling. If you would like to purchase the tickets or sell them to family members, please complete the details on each ticket you would like to buy and return them to school with the cash or return them to school and make the relevant payment on School Gateway under the Winter Raffle 2024 payment request. If you want more tickets, please just let the office know. Many thanks for your help with this.

Demonstrations of Learning

Sweden, Belgium and Denmark classes are showing off what they have learned this half term in their Demonstrations of Learning on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday next week. Please see the diary dates at the top of this newsletter for your relevant day. Please come to the hall fire door prior to 2.40pm so that the assembly can start promptly at 2.40pm.

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](#)

Final Chance to book Christmas Dinner

Please complete the form here if your child is having a Christmas Dinner on the last day of term. This means that we can ensure that all children get the dessert that they would prefer. Anyone not completing the form and asking for a dinner on the day will get whatever dessert is left.

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

Improving Attendance Information

What is 'good' attendance?

Good attendance is regular attendance which results in the children being in school for 96% of the time or more. This equates to a child only having 7.5 days off school over the full year.

We recognise that children sometimes pick up illnesses which mean that they are off school for a few days or more for illnesses like chicken pox but for most children this is only once or twice a year with the child attending regularly and on time for the rest of the year.

Our average attendance for last year was 94.1% which we are hoping to increase this year so that it is above the national average. This figure from last year was held back because more than 1 in 5 of our pupils were classed as persistently absent because they had attendance below 90%. So far this year, we only have 16.5% of children who are below 90% at this point in the year. We obviously ideally want this to be 0% but this is an improvement on last year. Please continue to support us with improving attendance for your child which in turn improves the attendance for the whole school.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities information

Who do I speak to about my child's needs?

If your child has Special Educational Needs or a Disability, they will have lots of people who are responsible for making sure that their needs are met and they receive the provision or teaching that they need.

For example, they may have external agencies involved who support our staff by offering advice. They will have a class teacher who is responsible for the day to day provision or teaching. They may have a learning support assistant who works with them in different ways.

Miss Rothery is our SENCO who is responsible for ensuring that the teaching staff and support staff have someone to approach for advice and support in meeting the needs of the range of children in each class. She also ensures that class teachers have put in place appropriate learning plans for the children in their class and makes sure that they have completed any referrals or documentation to support the children to make progress. She does not work with any of the children individually except in Year 6 where she has a teaching commitment.

If you have any concerns about your child's identified needs or feel that your child has needs that have not been identified, your child's class teacher is the first point of contact. They work with your child each day and therefore have far more knowledge about them and the things that they do well and the aspects that they might struggle more with. Please contact them either in person at the door when dropping off or collecting or send them a Clasdojo message to arrange a good time to hold a meeting or have a phone call. This can be to discuss concerns that you have, to get an update in terms of how they are progressing, to focus on areas that you feel that they need further support with or any other topic.

We sometimes find that parents of children with SEND feel that they should contact Miss Rothery with any queries when the class teacher is the best person to answer this. Miss Rothery only needs to get involved if your child is not making progress and it is felt by you and the class teacher that further

support, in terms of an Education Health Care Plan, may be needed or, if they have an EHCP, at annual reviews.