





# Withinfields' Newsletter - 13.12.24

<b>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY</b> 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.	<b>BUN SALES – 50p</b> 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.		<b>TOAST ROTA – 50p</b> Children can purchase toast each week by bringing 50p on their day as detailed below or payment can be made via School Gateway at any time. This will be provided at playtime.	
16th Dec - am Y3 Christmas Party 16th Dec - pm Y4 Christmas Party 16th Dec - 3.10pm Christmas Tree Festival viewing (£3 per family) 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
	20.12.24	Ireland	Tuesday	Years 1 & 2
	10.1.25	Spain	Wednesday	Years 3 & 4
	17.1.25	Nursery	Thursday	Years 5 & 6
	24.1.25	Denmark		
	31.1.25	Germany		
	7.2.25	Italy		
	14.2.25	Greece		

## 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	 Christmas Dinner 				

### **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 highlights of my week have all been associated with singing. I was really impressed to watch a video of Greece class performing a Christmas song while signing as well. I was equally impressed by the two and three part singing which Sweden and Belgium entertained their audience with in their demonstrations of learning. Lots of talent on display!

#### Winter Raffle

Just a reminder to return your raffle tickets next week if you want them to be included in the Winter Raffle draw. You can either send cash in with them or pay for them on School Gateway which we check when we receive raffle tickets without the cash. We will also be selling the tickets at the nativity performances. Thank you for your support with this.

### **Information for next week**

#### Nativity

We would appreciate it if all Nursery and Reception children could attend for the performance on Wednesday evening. We will send details about times etc. via ClassDojo. If your child is in Nursery and does not usually attend on Thursdays, they are welcome to come on Thursday 21st all day so that they can be in the Nativity performance in the morning and then the party in the afternoon.

Entry to the audience for the nativity will be through the hall fire door. Please ensure that you have your tickets as we need to ensure that we stick to fire regulations.

#### Christmas Parties

On the day that it is your child's Christmas party next week, they are allowed to wear non-uniform for the day with the exception of Nursery and Reception. Please remember that they will still be playing out at lunchtime and so appropriate footwear is necessary and warm clothes.

The Nursery and Reception children should bring party clothes in a bag so that they can get changed after lunch ready for the party. It would be helpful on the morning of party day if they came in clothes which were easy to manage as they will be getting changed into their Nativity costume quickly at the start of the day. This does not need to be school uniform. For example, jogging bottoms or leggings and a top without buttons or zips. The Early Years team will provide further information via ClassDojo.

We can fund the food, drinks, prizes and presents for the parties due to your kind support towards the enrichment pot whenever we hold fundraising events.

#### Christmas Tree Festival

The children and staff have been busy decorating Christmas trees in different themes this week. The classes will be doing a tour of the Christmas trees during the day next week and will all have tokens to vote for their favourite.

We would like to invite families to also view the trees on Monday straight after school. There will be a nominal fee of £3 per family which can be paid through School Gateway or in cash at the door. Entry will be via the hall fire door and any families who come will be given 10 tokens to vote for their favourite tree or trees.

The winning tree will get a sweet treat when all the votes have been counted!

### Church Service

We are hoping that the weather is kind next Friday and that we will be able to go to church for our Carol Service. This is an event which is only for staff and children. We will walk to church as soon as registers have been taken so please ensure that your children are at school on time.

### Christmas Jumper day

This will take place on Friday with a bucket collection at the gate which will be sent to Candlelighters. Children and staff are encouraged to wear a Christmas jumper for the day or any non-uniform.

### **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](#)

### Buns and Toast

We have set up a payment option on School Gateway for parents to pay for buns and toast. There are 12 weeks in the next term so buns and toast would cost £12 for the Spring term or you may choose to pay £24 which would be sufficient for the rest of the year. We are leaving this payment open so that you can contribute for buns and toast at any time. Equally, parents are welcome to continue sending cash into school each week.

### **Improving Attendance Information**

What are the school's attendance figures this term?

Our attendance so far this year is 94.3% overall. This is pleasing as our Autumn term attendance last year was 93.9% so we are already improving our attendance pattern. Thank you to everyone who has made a real effort to improve their child's attendance pattern.

We do however still have 62 pupils who have an attendance below 90% which is classed as persistent absence. We will be asking the Education Welfare Officer to contact the parents of these children in the new year. If you have concerns about your child's attendance or want support to improve it, please contact Mrs Bayliss if your child is in Years 1-6 or Mrs Jordan if your child is in Early Years. Both these ladies can be contacted through the office. We want to support families to improve their children's behaviour where this is necessary.

### **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities information**

#### Support for families over Christmas

Christmas can be a wonderful time of the year but, for some, for many reasons, it can be more challenging. I've been sent this link of both adult and children's resources to support wellbeing and regulation over Christmastime and thought it was worth sharing with our wider school community, too:

<https://beaconhouse.org.uk/winter-resources/>