



Withinfields' Newsletter - 10.1.25

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 or payment can be made via School Gateway at any time. This will be provided at playtime.

Full list of Diary dates for the Spring term will be posted here next week.

Date	Class to bring buns	Monday	Reception and Nursery
17.1.25	Nursery		
24.1.25	Denmark	Tuesday	Years 1 & 2
31.1.25	Germany		
7.2.25	Italy	Wednesday	Years 3 & 4
14.2.25	Greece		
28.2.25	Netherlands	Thursday	Years 5 & 6
7.3.25	Sweden		

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 option	Jacket potato filling	Desserts
Monday	Tomato and basil or Chicken pasta bake	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 **ibuild scaffolding** have donated funds 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

This week

It has felt like a very strange week in school with children arriving in a staggered way and many not making it in at all. As I've said many times on ClassDojo this week, we have really appreciated all the support from parents in letting us know when your children weren't coming in and helping us by picking them up early, providing lunch when we had no food stocks etc. Well done to all at TeamWithinfields!

Visit from our local MP

MP Kate Dearden has visited our school today to meet the school council and have a look around our classes. She explained to the school council how she was elected which they realised was very similar to how they had been elected. She also spoke about her role which she likened to their role in that they are responsible for discussing, suggesting and making changes within Withinfields whereas she does the same for Halifax. The school councillors had some interesting questions for her including asking her how many votes she got, whether she has met the prime minister and whether he is bossy!

Kate was impressed with our inclusive ethos which she saw in various classes and this was echoed by the school councillors who described our school as happy and fair where everybody is unique but everyone is treated fairly. They also described our school as a place where everyone cares for each other and everyone is kind. Miss Rothery and I were very proud to hear this.

Kate was impressed with the work that the school council had done in evaluating the traffic and walking routes around the school. This was especially impressive as I was able to tell them that through the school councillors' work, Withinfields has been chosen as one of the 5 schools to take forward in the 'access to schools' funding projects. Further information will be provided in the coming months about how this will be progressing.

Information for next week

Monday

We are going to revert back to normality on Monday with children needing to be in school ready for registers at 8.40am and all children being picked up at normal times. We can't wait to see all the children that haven't been able to make it in this week. If for any reason you are still unable to attend due to the conditions, please send me a dojo message so that we can work with you to get your child back to school. We are also reopening OOSC fully. If anything changes with the weather over the weekend, I'll send updates on ClassDojo.

Clubs

Thank you to all those parents that completed an application for after school clubs. If you signed your child up for Singing, Drawing and painting or TT Rockstars clubs on Mondays or 24 Game club on Fridays, your child has been allocated a place. If you didn't complete the form, there are still places in Singing club (Rec, Y1 and

Y2 on Mondays), TTRS club (KS2 on Mondays) and 24 Game club (Y5/6 on Fridays). If your child would like to attend, please contact admin on ClassDojo or via text message.

Due to the various pressures this week, we haven't set up the payments for the clubs yet, these will follow on Monday.

Clubs start next week. Please be aware that all clubs finish at 4pm with children being released from the hall fire door.

Other information

Buns and Toast

Payments and donations can be made for buns and toast via School Gateway at any time now. There are now 23 weeks left for the rest of the year and 11 for this term.

Improving Attendance Information

What will happen with my child's attendance this week?

Due to the extreme weather this week and the treacherous conditions on the pavements around school, any absence due to this will be coded as Y2 in the register. This means that 'widespread disruption' affected children being able to get to school. The absence will not be taken into account when calculating your child's percentage of attendance. For example, if your child's attendance was 97% before Christmas and they haven't attended at all this week, they will still be 97%.

From Monday, we will be doing registers as normal at 8.40am as detailed above.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities information

I have attached details with the newsletter of PINS parent support drop-ins both in person at Unique Ways and online for those parents that want to take advantage of this source of support.

We have also been provided with information about a sibling support course. See below for details:

The charity 'Growing Hope' is offering a free sibling support course for children aged 4-7 years old who have siblings with additional needs. The course is designed to help young siblings share their experiences and develop coping strategies through engaging activities like puppetry, painting, writing, and drawing.

Key details:

Duration: 7 weeks (starting Monday, 27th January)

Time: 15:45–16:30

Location: All Saints School, Halifax

If anyone is interested in enrolling or requires further information, they can contact the organisers at growinghope@allsaintshalifax.org.uk.