

28th February 2020

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Day	Date	Event
w/c	9.3.20	Book Fair in school
w/c	23.3.20	Y1, 3, 4, 5 assessment
Weds	25.3.20	Pm EYFS Stay and Play
Thurs	26.3.20	Class Photos
Mon	30.3.20	2.45pm Greece Demonstration of Learning
Tues	31.3.20	2.45pm Nursery Demonstration of Learning
Weds	1.4.20	2.45pm Denmark Demonstration of Learning
Thurs	2.4.20	9am and 2.30pm Y3/4 Easter assembly
Thurs	2.4.20	Break up

BUN SALES – 50p

Date	Class to bring buns
6.3.20	Switzerland
13.3.20	Italy
20.3.20	Sweden
27.3.20	Denmark
24.4.20	Greece
1.5.20	Spain
8.5.20	Germany
15.5.20	France
22.5.20	Ireland
5.6.20	Austria
12.6.20	UK
19.6.20	Finland
26.6.20	Poland
3.7.20	Belgium
10.7.20	Switzerland
17.7.20	Netherlands

TOAST ROTA – 50p

Monday	Reception
Tuesday	Years 1 & 2
Wednesday	Years 3 & 4
Thursday	Years 5 & 6

YOUR SCHOOL MENU

Week Commencing Monday 2nd March
 Assorted sandwiches & Panini's, freshly baked rolls,
 jacket potatoes, fresh salads and fruits are available
 daily

MONDAY

Mince and Onion Pie and Gravy
 New Potatoes and Garden Peas
 Tomato and Basil Pasta and Homemade Garlic Bread

Rainbow Sponge and Chocolate Sauce
 A choice of Cold Desserts

TUESDAY

Creamy Chicken Korma, Rice and Pitta Bread
 Cod Fillet Fish Fingers and Ketchup
 Seasonal New Potatoes, Carrots and Sweetcorn

Jam Shortcake and Custard
 A Choice of Cold Desserts

WEDNESDAY

Chicken Pasta
 Cheese Roll
 New Potatoes and Mixed Vegetables

Caramelised Ginger Sponge and Custard
 A Choice of Cold Desserts

THURSDAY

Cornish Pasty
 Oven Baked Sausage Rolls
 Oven Baked Breaded Fish and Ketchup
 Roasted New Potatoes, Carrots, Garden Peas or baked Beans

Chocolate Fudge Cake and Custard
 A Choice of Cold Desserts

FRIDAY

Pizza With Assorted Toppings
 Beef Burgers
 Chips and Beans

Creamy Milk Pudding
 A Choice of Cold Desserts

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News from this week

Many thanks!

A massive thank you to staff and parents for the TeamWithinfields effort on Monday morning when the whole of the village seemed to be in a gridlock situation due to the snow, temporary traffic lights stuck on red and buses stuck in the snow!

As many of you are aware, we aim to keep school open through winter months and inclement weather but we appreciated your support in keeping some of the children at home until 10am so that it gave the staff chance to get in. For many staff who are normally travelling for 10-15 minutes to complete their journey to school, they were in their cars for 2 hours or more!

Thank you everybody!

Miley Helliwell

We are very proud of one of our Y4 girls this week. Miley has been selected to be one of the four children to join the synchronised skating academy following her hard work doing the Christmas show at Sheffield. She was selected because she was recognised as an extremely hard worker as well as having lots of talent! She is about to compete in the Steel City trophy where teams compete from all over the world and Miley's team are one of the youngest teams. She will perform in front of hundreds of people and we know that she will be amazing! Well done, Miley!

Fond Farewell

It is with great sadness that we say farewell to Mrs Gibson today. She is starting a new adventure within another important organisation in the village and we wish her lots of luck. I'm sure many of you will still come across her but I would like to say a massive thank you on behalf of the Withinfields community for the hard work, patience and commitment that she has shown to our children over her many years of service to the school.

Coronavirus

Many of the children have been talking about this over the week probably due to the amount of media attention that it is attracting. We have attached the latest advice with this newsletter from Public Health which you may want to look through with your children to try to reassure children about how they can look after their health.

Diversity audit

We invited representatives from Pennine Learning into our school on Monday to audit our children's understanding and tolerance of diversity. They talked to staff and children during the afternoon.

I have received their report and this paragraph particularly made me proud:

"There is a strong ethos of respect and inclusion. Pupils evidently value diversity and were able to demonstrate empathy in our conversation with them. They felt strongly that their school was a friendly place, for example welcoming new pupils through a buddying system. A diverse and positive staff community offers a good role model for children and this has helped to generate a similar attitude among children. 'It's ok to be different' is an important refrain at the heart of school life"

Information for next week

Secondary School Allocations

Y6 parents will receive an email or letter on Monday to confirm the secondary school that their child has been allocated. If any parents are not happy with the school allocation, please contact Mrs Lowerson who will be able to support you in completing the appeal and reallocation forms.

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

Just a reminder that children are encouraged to dress up as a favourite book character or a word on Thursday. Further information and ideas have been included on recent newsletters.

World Book Day seems a good opportunity to remind you of our excellent library service in Calderdale. Please encourage your children to visit Calderdale Libraries and be a member. Here is some information from the Calderdale Council website about their library service:

Joining the library is free for everyone!

In Calderdale, under-16s benefit from no fines and easy instant joining. This is because accidents happen. We do not charge for damage to board and picture books issued on an under-5s' ticket.

Computer use and Internet access is free and the applications available include:

MS Word;

Excel;

and Powerpoint.

All our PC's have USB ports, so you can save your work or bring files you have already made.

You can book ahead, just ask at the library.

For homework, where there is no loanable source, you can have up to four photocopies or computer print outs, free.

We have visiting authors and artists on a regular basis. Entry to these events is usually free, but there may be a small charge.

To join, visit:

<https://calderdale.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/WPAC/BRWREG>

KS2 Disco – Wednesday 3.15pm – 4.45pm

If you have paid for your child to attend the disco for KS2 after school on Wednesday, please send them with their clothes in a named carrier bag so that they can get changed at the end of school. At the end of the disco at 4.45pm, they should be collected from their normal cloakroom doors. If any parent with a DBS check recorded by school, is able to help with drinks and general supervision in the hall, please let the office know.

KS1 and EYFS Disco – Thursday 3.15pm – 4.45pm

If you have paid for your child to attend the disco for KS1 and EYFS on Thursday, they will not need clothes as they will be dressed up for World Book Day anyway. As with KS2, at the end of the disco at 4.45pm, they should be collected from their normal cloakroom doors. If any parent with a DBS check recorded by school, is able to help with drinks and general supervision in the hall, please let the office know.

Other information

Sports Relief arrangements

The children are very excited and have been practising the cheerleader dance ready for 10th March when Look North will visit our school as they pass pushing their big red sofa!

We are asking that children wear their normal school uniform on the day but they may accessorize with a splash of red. Sainsburys are selling Sports relief accessories but your child might have their own ideas!

The children will be performing the dance in the playground as a 'flash mob' style dance but what would make it even more effective would be if there were other people from Southowram (parents, grandparents, neighbours etc) on the pavements around school and in the park doing the same dance! A true community event!

If you want to practise the dance, ask your child to show you or use this link!

<https://family.gonoodle.com/activities/cheerleader>

Don't be shy – the more of us there are, the better!

Mothers' Day Breakfast and Competition

Please keep the morning of 20th March free so that mums, grandmas, aunties and other carers who look after our children can join us for our Mothers' Day breakfast from 8.15am onwards.

On the same day, we will also be holding a design a flower competition. There will be a special prize for the mums or carers of the winning entries and entry only costs £1. The flower needs to be 3D in design but can be made from any material and needs to be a single flower rather than a bunch. We would like entries to be sent into school from 16th March onwards clearly named and with their £1.

Judging will take place on Friday 20th March.

Rosie's fundraiser

One of our families is organising a fundraiser to support Calderdale labour ward funds for bereaved parents. It will be held on 29th March from 12.30pm to 3.30pm at Shugyou Karate Do at Dean Clough. As well as a tombola, raffle, cakes and 'fightathon', there will be an opportunity for children who have never tried karate to have a go in a fun, safe environment. Please put it in your diary and support this worthy cause.

Nursery Applications for September

If you have a child that you would like to start in Nursery in September, please ensure that you have completed your Nursery application form and handed it in to school by 23rd April.

We will allocate sessions soon after this date and any applications received after 23rd April will be treated as late applications and will therefore have sessions allocated after the others.

Parental word of mouth is our best form of advertising so please pass this information on to neighbours and friends if they have a child ready for nursery.

Admissions into other year groups

We have places in most year groups due to us moving from mixed age to single aged classes a few years ago. If you know of families moving into the area, please encourage them to come and have a look around our school so that they can join us.