

4th May 2020

Update

I hope that you are all keeping well and managing to keep yourselves busy during this very unusual period of time.

We continue to be appreciative of all the messages that you are sending to staff. It's lovely to see photos of all the work and activities that the children are engaged in.

Thank you to those key worker parents who are only sending their children into school when they are needed in critical work situations and there is no one else at home able to care for their children. We appreciate this as it is helping us to keep our staff as safe as we can.

We are aware that some families' situations are starting to change as parents are being called back into work. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you are a key worker and you need care for your child or children. Miss Redmond can be contact every morning on the school number or email myself (helen.york@withinfields.calderdale.sch.uk) or Miss Redmond (Kaitlyn.redmond@withinfields.calderdale.sch.uk) and we will be able to answer any queries.

We are continually keeping up to date with the latest government advice and updates so that we can make plans as advice and guidance changes and will update parents as necessary. We will contact all parents via newsletter as and when guidance is received about arrangements for the reopening of school. At the time of writing, we have not received any indication at all that school will be reopening imminently but we listen to the briefing from Downing Street every day and will act swiftly when announcements are made.

In the meantime, while we are closed, please take care of yourselves and each other.

Free School Meals eligibility

Please remember that if your circumstances have changed in terms of employment in recent times, your child may now be eligible for Free School Meals. Not only will this be financially helpful to you when we return but would mean that we could provide you with a £15 supermarket voucher per child while school is closed including holidays during the closure. If you think you may be eligible, please contact Miss Redmond or myself so that we can provide you with the form.

Lottery

We are still drawing our weekly lottery during term time weeks. If you would like to purchase a lottery number for the Summer term, it would be £11 now which you can pay

via schoolcomms. The office team will then contact you for confirmation of which number you would like.

Letter of Appreciation from the NHS

We received a lovely letter earlier this week to all members of our community. Rather than trying to summarise it here, I've attached it with this newsletter so that everyone can share the appreciation.

Home Learning

We are posting a weekly set of work for each year group on the newsletter section of our website. However, we are aware that many families are doing different sorts of activities which will be extremely beneficial to children. Please don't forget to share other activities with teaching staff via ClassDojo as they'd love to see what skills children are learning! We've heard of lots of children who've learned to paint walls and fences while off, others who have learned to clean and even children that have been involved in lambing! All these experiences will be useful to the children and will mean that they are kept busy and occupied. We'd rather the children were happy and busy than families were worrying about getting all the work completed on the website.

Beacon Rangers

I have received the following message from Beacon Rangers who, in normal circumstances, train at Withinfields each weekend. If your child is interested, please get in touch with them directly.

Beacon Rangers are looking for new players to join their teams for the 2020/2021 season.

In these difficult times we don't know when that will be but we want to be ready to provide players, parents and supporters the ability to enjoy grassroots football when allowed.

It has been and continues to be hard on us all and a safe return to football will be welcomed to address the challenges players, parents and supporters have been through....

Mini Kickers - School year 1, September 2020.
U7s - School year 2, September 2020.
U9s - School year 4, September 2020.
U10s - School year 5, September 2020.
U11s - School year 6, September 2020.
U13s - School year 8, September 2020.
U14s - School year 9, September 2020.

NEW COACHES ALSO WELCOME

Please get in touch via Facebook Messenger or Text/Call the club on 07845127020

School Perimeter Wall

Thank you for all those children that have added to our perimeter wall with their decorated stones. If you have a stone at home and do not normally pass the school on your daily walk, please hold on to them and then you can add them when you finally return to school. It would be lovely to keep these additions to our wall as a permanent reminder of the positive work that took place in these unprecedented times.

Take Care and Keep Smiling!

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NEWS LETTER



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To all the schoolchildren and staff at Withinfields Primary School

A big hello from CHFT! We wanted to say thank you to you for everything that you are doing to support us at your local hospital. This includes the lovely pictures that you have been sending to us. We are keeping every single picture to create a collage heart. If you or your school would like to send us more pictures, you can see them posted on twitter by following @CHFTNHS. Please keep sending them to the address below.

We have heard that many of you school children are at home and we wanted to make sure that you are still learning – if you keep up with your learning, maybe one day you will be a Nurse or a Doctor or another member of our team here at CHFT?

To all Teachers – thank you if you are looking after our children whilst we continue to work hard to provide compassionate care for our patients.

At CHFT we believe in 'one culture of care' where we look after our patients, their families and each other with the same level of outstanding care. We couldn't do what we are doing if you weren't doing what you are doing, so from us to you... THANK YOU!

With warm wishes

Suzanne Dunkley
Director of Workforce and OD on behalf of all colleagues at CHFT