

19th March 2021

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Day	Date	Event
Weds	31.3.21	Break up for Easter

BUN SALES – 50p

Date	Class to bring buns
26.3.21	Nursery
23.4.21	Denmark
30.4.21	Spain
7.5.21	Finland
14.5.21	Belgium
21.5.21	Netherlands
28.5.21	Italy
11.6.21	France
18.6.21	Austria
25.6.21	Poland
2.7.21	Switzerland
9.7.21	Greece
16.7.21	Sweden
23.7.21	Germany

TOAST ROTA – 50p

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

OUR SCHOOL MENU

Week Commencing Monday 22nd March

MONDAY

Chicken Wrap with Salad
 Margherita Pizza
 Tuna Sandwich
 Cream Cheese and Cucumber Wrap
 Diced Herby Potatoes, Peas and Sweetcorn

Strawberry Ice Cream
 Fruit
 Yoghurt

TUESDAY

Mince and Onion Pie and Gravy
 Savoury Quorn Mince and Yorkshire Pudding
 Turkey Sandwich
 Tuna Wrap
 New Potatoes, Cabbage and Carrots

Cherry and Apple Pie
 Fruit
 Yoghurt

WEDNESDAY

Roast Chicken Fillet with Sage and Onion Stuffing
 Quorn Fillet with Sage and Onion Stuffing
 Egg Sandwich
 Turkey Wrap
 Oven Baked Roast Potatoes, Carrot and Swede Mash and Broccoli

Jam Bun
 Fruit
 Yoghurt

THURSDAY

Pasta Bolognese
 Mac 'n' Cheese
 Cheese Sandwich
 Ham Wrap
 Garlic Bread, Mixed Vegetables

Marble Sponge and Custard
 Fruit
 Yoghurt

FRIDAY

Battered Fish Fillets
 Cheese Melts
 Ham Sandwich
 Cheese Wrap
 Chips, Beans

Chocolate Rice Krispie Bun
 Fruit
 Yoghurt

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News from this week

Comic Relief

We have enjoyed our comic relief day today with lots of stunning dressing up, cheering everybody up with our tour of jokes and lots of other fun things to do which have reminded us all just what a great place Withinfields is and how important it is to just laugh and smile!

We have raised £450! which we will send to Comic Relief on behalf of you all. Thank you!

Assemblies this week

We have spent time in our assemblies this week thinking about:

- Mothers' Day and how important our mum's and those who care for us are;
- National Panda Day and the importance of caring for our environment and considering environmental issues;
- St Patrick's Day and the history behind this patron saint; and
- Census Day

Remote Education

During the last few weeks of remote education, we asked an external consultant to look at our remote education offer. We have now received the report from her and the summary includes the following comments:

"The school is rightly proud of the successful 'Team Withinfields' approach to the remote learning provision. The system has been effective because the Headteacher, leaders and staff in the school have worked with pupils, parents and carers as part of a learning community. The school has sought feedback, listened and responded. It has not made assumptions or adopted a 'one size fits all' approach; rather the Headteacher has led the development of an ambitious and inclusive remote learning provision which caters for a variety of pupil's needs and styles, takes into account family circumstances and is a good fit for Withinfields School."

This positive outcome is not just down to us, as staff, but as it suggests, is also down to the pupils and your hard work as parents and carers. Thank you!

Assessments

Following time to settle back into their learning, most children in school are now being assessed in terms of their reading and phonics, maths and grammar, punctuation and spelling. This is so that we can identify any gaps that have occurred in individual children's understanding and development but also as whole classes or cohorts. We can then plan to plug these gaps and put intervention in place where specific groups or individuals have particular needs.

I know a few parents have commented that they were worried about their child's learning and we are planning to organise parent-teacher consultations after Easter so that we can update you about your individual child and you can share any concerns.

Children's Mental Health

We are aware that some children are struggling with their emotions and worries at the moment. If you have any concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to contact a member of staff in school. We have staff who are Mental Health First Aiders trained in school and can support children and their families with lots of issues.

We are continuing to offer mindfulness sessions most days in class and Mrs Lowerson is starting to run Calm Club again for a different year group each day so that bubbles don't mix. Worry boxes will also be emphasised as part of PSHE next week to remind children that if they don't feel comfortable talking about their worries, they can put a note in the box.

Information for next week

Easter Raffle

We are holding our annual Easter Egg raffle in the last week of term. We would love donations of Easter Eggs or other Easter/Spring goodies to present as prizes if you feel able to donate.

Your child will also have brought home a sheet of raffle tickets today which you are able to purchase by completing the names etc and sending them back into school with the cash or sending the tickets back and paying for them via School Gateway.

This is usually a successful fundraiser for us and we look forward to drawing the tickets and distributing the prizes! Thank you for your support!

Reading Records

If you have your child's reading record at home from before Christmas, please can you send it in to school next week. We have issued new ones where children didn't have one but we will hold on to old ones in case the new ones get misplaced.

We would love it if you could listen to your child read every day or ask them questions about their book each day. If you take the time to do this, please let us know by writing a little note in your child's reading record.

Other information

Learning Support Opportunity in Y6

We are anticipating some additional funding for a child in Y6 and therefore if this is granted we will be looking to recruit someone on a fixed term contract for the Summer term. As the child would then leave school, I cannot confirm that there would be work available after July 2021.

If you would be interested in working 25 hours a week within the Year 6 team to support children with Special Educational Needs, please email me on helen.york@withinfields.calderdale.sch.uk and I can forward you additional details and an application form.

The closing date for applications is 29th March 2021.

Easter Lunch

On the last day of term, Wednesday, 31st March, the kitchen are providing a special Easter lunch. It will include hotdogs (meat or Quorn) or tomato pasta with garlic bread. For dessert, there will be the option of cornflake nest egg buns or gingerbread men. If your child doesn't normally have a lunch but would like one on this day, please just let the office know and pay £2.40 if you are not eligible for it free.

Withinfields' Lottery

We are continuing to hold our Withinfields' Lottery so please do not hesitate to buy a ball on the gate on Friday or pay online and we will ring you so that you can choose your number. The more people that are in it, the greater the prize money!

Nursery for September

In the coming months, we will be starting to look at our Nursery intake for September. If you have a child that will be 3 years old by 31.8.21 please let Miss Redmond know if you would like them to have a place in our nursery. She will then be able to let you have the necessary forms to complete. Applications received after 23rd April will be treated as late applications and will be allocated sessions after all other applications have been processed.

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.

Lateral Flow Testing

As you will be aware, staff at school have access to lateral flow tests to test twice a week to check that they are not asymptomatic. The government are providing the same tests for households with primary aged children. The government website states:

"Tests will be available for adults in these households to collect. As with student testing, this is encouraged but not mandatory. A secondary PCR test will be required for positive lateral flow tests which are taken at home, either through at home PCR testing or at a local PCR testing site."

If you would like to use lateral flow tests within your household twice a week, they can be collected from Asda Overflow Car Park between 1pm and 8pm each day. We ask, if anyone in the household tests positive on a lateral flow test, that the whole household isolates and a PCR test is booked for the person testing positive. Following the PCR results, NHS advice should be followed.