

26th 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
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 19th April

MONDAY

BBQ Chicken Melts
 Margherita Pizza
 Tuna Sandwich
 Cream Cheese and Cucumber Wrap
 Diced Herby Potatoes, Baked Beans and Sweetcorn

Jelly Tub
 Fruit
 Yoghurt

TUESDAY

Oven Baked Sausages and Gravy
 Vegetarian Sausage and Gravy
 Turkey Sandwich
 Tuna Wrap
 Creamed Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans and Peas

Jam Sponge and Custard
 Fruit
 Yoghurt

WEDNESDAY

Hotdog
 Quorn Hotdog
 Tomato Pasta with Garlic Bread
 Chips and Beans

Cornflake Nest Egg Bun
 Gingerbread Man



THURSDAY

CLOSED

FRIDAY

CLOSED

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News from this week

Assemblies

We spent Monday's assembly thinking about all the things that we do and have in school which keep us all safe including who our Designated Safeguarding Leads are (Mrs Lowerson, Mrs Barton and Mrs York).

On Tuesday we marked the National Day of Reflection in our assembly. Following this, on Wednesday we started to look forward. Having spent a lot of time looking back and reflecting on the last year and what has happened, we decided that the day after the anniversary of the first lockdown was a time when we should start trying to 'look forward'. I was delighted to receive a list following my assembly from Germany, one of our Reception classes. It included all the things that they were 'looking forward' to. I wanted to share it with you all as I think it shows how our Withinfields' children appreciate simple things.

Some of the things that Germany are looking forward to:

- Going to play gyms
- Going on a train
- Going to a movie
- Going to our friends' houses
- Going to a toy shop
- Seeing Grandma
- Going to Pizza Hut
- Going to a swimming pool
- Playing hide and seek with my friends
- Going on holiday
- Going to the seaside
- Going to the zoo
- Going to a fair
- Going to a circus
- Going to a castle

Wildlife Area

We have introduced a session each week when each year group spends time in the wildlife area. This area was developed due to funding from Calderdale Council as part of their Specialist Inclusion Funding last year and the work was finished during the first lockdown. When we submitted the bid for funding, we expressed how we wanted an area where children who were experiencing Social, Emotional and Mental Health difficulties and children with sensory needs could access a different sort of environment. Little did we know when we submitted the bid before the pandemic how important this area would be for ALL our children.

Some of our staff have attended a conference this week looking at the impact of the lockdown on children. It talked about the 5 losses that children have experienced: Opportunity, Freedom, Friendships, Routine and Structure and how the loss of any of these affects children.

The return to school has given them back some structure and routine and the opportunity to learn. By giving the chance to run, hide and explore in the wildlife area every week in unstructured play we are giving children some

freedom back and have certainly seen friendships flourish once more. It is heart-warming to hear the laughter and giddiness floating over from the wildlife area every afternoon. The impact of this time each week is immeasurable and we hope that your children have spent time talking to you about it at home. It'll be even nicer when the sun makes more of an appearance!

Class Photos

These have been sent out this week for you to order should you wish. We have used a new photographer this year and so the class photos are a little different to normal. I would love some feedback about your thoughts on them. Please just let me know at the gate!

Information for next week

Easter Assembly

Although we cannot invite parents in for our usual Easter assembly led by the Y3/4 children, we will be recording a simple Easter assembly in 4 stages which will be posted on the whole school story on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. We hope you enjoy them.

Easter Lunch

On the last day of term, Wednesday, 31st March, the kitchen staff 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.

Easter Raffle

We are holding our annual Easter Egg raffle on Tuesday. Many thanks for the donations of eggs that we have received and for the generous response in buying tickets. Tickets can be purchased on Monday for those that still want to buy some. We will do the draw on Tuesday so that prizes can be distributed prior to the Easter holidays.

Thank you for your support and good luck!

Break Up

Just a reminder that we break up on WEDNESDAY, 31st March for the Easter holidays. We return on Monday 19th April.

Other information

Reminders

Water bottles – Metal water bottles have become quite popular but they are particularly noisy when the children put them down on the tables during lesson times which disturbs other children's concentration. Because they don't have a drinking spout, they also lead to regular spillages over books and work. If you have an alternative at home which is plastic and has a drinking spout, please can you send that instead. If not, next time your child needs a new bottle, please can you purchase a plastic one with a drinking spout to prevent the risk of massive spillages. Many thanks.

EYFS play area – Please can I remind you that the equipment in the Early Years play area is for Early Years children only. This is particularly important with the risk of transmission of covid-19.

Picking up at the end of school – Please can all parents or adults collecting children from school come into the playground and collect from the classroom doors at the end of the day unless your child is in Y5 or Y6 when they can be released to walk home on their own or to find their parent.

School Uniform – We are aware that it is tricky to buy school uniform at the moment for some families and that some children have grown out of their uniform. We are especially sympathetic to the ability to buy school shoes for your children. We are keen for the school uniform to be worn by children in school but if you cannot source the correct school uniform or shoes, please ensure that you send your children in clothes which are as close as possible to the school uniform. Hoodies are not allowed to be worn in class as school uniform.

PE kit – Similar to above, we are happy for children to wear any plain bottoms for PE but would ask that they have a plain white t-shirt for PE or a white t-shirt with a school logo on. If you are finding it difficult to source a plain white t-shirt, please let us know and we will be able to order one for you to purchase from us. It is really important that children have their PE kit in school all the time as we are going to be starting some competitive sports competitions after Easter and we can only select children for teams that have the appropriate PE kit. Shoes for PE can be any type of trainer or pump.

Start times – Please can I remind you that the start times for each family are as follows:

Families with a child in Y5/6 – 8.40am

Families with a child in Y3/4 – 8.45am

Families with a child in Y1/2 – 8.50am

Families with a child in Reception – 8.55am

Families with a child in Nursery – 9am.

Families that fit into more than one category above should come at the earliest relevant time. E.g. a family with a Y3 child and a Reception child should come at 8.45am.

France children – Please can all parents with children in France walk them around to their classroom door each morning as this is around the back of the building and not visible by the staff on duty on the gate or visible by parents. This is to keep your Y3 children safe.

Parents' evening letters

We will be sending out letters next week with information about making parents' evening appointments. These will be on zoom and will be at different times during the week so that we can accommodate families with more than one child more easily.

Extra-curricular clubs letter

We are hoping to start extra-curricular clubs again after Easter but with only one year group in each club. A letter

will be sent out next week for you to book your child on to these.

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.

Thank you!

Another heartfelt thank you to all families for working with us so positively this term in keeping our children safe. This has been helped by you taking children for tests or keeping them at home while other members of the household have tests and keeping us informed so brilliantly. Many many thanks, your efforts have really helped to keep our bubbles open as much as possible.

Have a lovely break and looking forward to continuing working with you over the Summer term.