

23rd April 2021

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Day	Date	Event
Various	w/c/ 26.4.21	Virtual Parents' Evening
Friday	30.4.21	Plugging the gaps day (see below)
Monday	3.5.21	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday	28.5.21	Last day of term

BUN SALES – 50p

Date	Class to bring buns
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 26th April

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

Assemblies

We have started to hold assemblies this week but with just 3 year groups in the hall instead of 7 as would normally be the case. This means that we can still keep different year groups apart from each other.

We are focusing on our learning behaviours, our core values and linking these to inspirational people and fundamental British Values this half term. We spent yesterday's assembly remembering how we MEMM (Make every moment matter). I'm sure your children can tell you about it at home and how they MEMM!

Fire Drill

We held a fire drill yesterday to practise evacuating the building. The children were amazing and behaved so sensibly with the new arrangements whereby the year groups need to line up with spaces between them. A special well done needs to go to Nursery children though as, for those that started in January, this was the first time they had practised evacuating the building.

Homework

We have started issuing homework for Y1-6 on Google Classrooms following the success of this platform during the last lockdown. Each child will receive English and Maths homework on there. Teachers are able to provide your child's login details if you need them.

Your child should also read every night at home, preferably to an adult, and they will receive from either this Friday or next Friday Maths Passport homework as normal on paper.

If you have any questions about your child's homework or accessing it, please send your classteacher a dojo message or catch them at pick up and drop off.

Intra-School Sports

We have started our Intra-School Sports weekly competitions this week. Each week, we are choosing a different sport for a team from each class to compete in. The winners in each year group will earn points for their clan. This week's sport was Boccia. Each week, the sport will change and a different team will be chosen so it is vital that your child has a PE kit in school all the time in case they are chosen to represent their class in the team which is playing.

Information for next week

Plugging the Gaps day

Following the lockdown, it is clear that there are some parts of the curriculum that children have missed or not fully understood during remote learning. We have therefore decided to introduce a number of 'plugging the gaps' days this term to try to address some of the specific gaps in children's learning before they move on to their new year groups.

The first one will be focusing on Maths and will take place next Friday. The children will be involved in Maths activities all day with some classes building on a theme over the course of the day e.g. understanding of fractions and others choosing 4 specific skills or elements of maths that need further teaching. We are planning on making the afternoon sessions as fun as we can with practical activities, collaboration and puzzles.

By focusing on gaps in this way, it means that for the majority of the time, we can continue to offer a really broad curriculum with all the subjects included. We will evaluate how well Friday goes and then plan in other days over the course of the term.

Parents' Evening

We are trialling our first online parents' evenings next week. All could go amazingly and without any hitches but as this is the first one we have done using zoom, it is likely that there will be hiccups! Please bear with us if things go wrong. We will obviously learn a lot from this one next week and will then know more about how best to organise it if we need to do a virtual one again.

If your meeting doesn't go ahead as planned or you get cut off for any reason, please do not worry. I have asked teachers to ring those parents within the following week.

For those parents who haven't booked an appointment, we will send out assessment information after next week so that you have still had the same information provided.

Clubs

These are starting next week. Thank you for those families that have signed up to support these. The staff are excited to be getting more back to normal! Please be aware that the car park will be closed to cars at the time when clubs are ending to ensure that safety of OOSC children moving to the Sure Start building and children leaving school at the end of clubs i.e. from 4.05pm to 4.25pm. All children attending clubs will be leaving via the hall fire door so please wait in the car park near this door but at social distance from each other until your child is handed to you.

Other information

Nursery for September

The deadline for Nursery applications to be considered for September was today. It is looking like the admissions are low at the moment so please recommend us if you have friends and family members who have a child who will be 3 on or before 31st August. I am happy to show people around our nursery if they would like to make an appointment.

Admissions into other year groups

We have places in all year groups due to lots of families moving house in this last year. 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 our Withinfields' family!

Relationships and Sex Education

I have published on our website the draft long term plan for the delivery of relationships education at Withinfields. I have also published the Sex Education policy which includes the content which we choose to deliver in Y5 and 6 which is non-statutory.

We are gathering views from parents about these documents before we seek final agreement from the Governing Body. Please have a look at the documents. They can be found in the documents section of the Curriculum tab on our website and are called 'Draft Relationships Long Term Plan' and 'Draft Sex Education Policy'. Once you have had a chance to look at them, please complete the survey by following this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScf7ILsaXglwKSzKZUqacTz6qHSmX-Q_yPuutP8WctnfXkWMA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Many thanks for your support in shaping our curriculum.