

Withinfields Primary School
 Withinfields, Southowram,
 Halifax HX3 9QJ
 Email: admin@withinfields.calderdale.sch.uk

NEWS LETTER

Learning Together To Make A Better Future

25th June 2021

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Day	Date	Event
Wednesday	30.6.21	Pm Healthy Minds Workshop for Y5 children
Monday	28.6.21	Start of assessments for Y1, Y3, Y4, Y5
Wednesday	2.7.21	End of assessments for Y1, Y3, Y4, Y5
Monday	5.7.21	Anxiety workshops in Y5 and 6
Tuesday	6.7.21	Bearder online festival for Y2
Friday	9.7.21	Y6 transition workshops
Tues-Thus	20-22.7.21	Transition for all classes (restrictions permitting)
Fri	23.7.21	Final day of term

BUN SALES – 50p

Date	Class to bring buns
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 28th June

MONDAY

Cod Fish Fingers
 Vegetable Sausage Roll
 Ham Sandwich
 Cheese Wrap
 Oven baked Potato Wedges, Peas and Sweetcorn

Lemon Drizzle Sponge

Fruit

Yoghurt

TUESDAY

Chicken Fillet Burger in a Bun

Quorn Fillet in a Bun

Turkey Sandwich

Tuna Wrap

Diced Herby Potatoes, Carrots and Green Beans

Biscuit

Fruit

Yoghurt

WEDNESDAY

Roast Chicken and Yorkshire Pudding

Quorn Roast and Yorkshire Pudding

Egg Sandwich

Turkey Wrap

Oven Baked Roast Potatoes, Cabbage and Broccoli

Strawberry Smoothie

Fruit

Yoghurt

THURSDAY

Sweet and Sour Chicken

Tomato and Basil Pasta

Cheese Sandwich

Ham Wrap

Rice, Pita Bread and Mixed Vegetables

Chocolate Fudge Cake

Fruit

Yoghurt

FRIDAY

Chicken and Pepper Pizza

Vegetable Seashell Pasta

Tuna Sandwich

Cream Cheese and Cucumber Wrap

Chips, Beans and Mixed Vegetables

Rice Pudding

Fruit

Yoghurt

25th June 2021

News from this week

Spotlight information

Our spotlight this week is looking at our Phonics provision. We teach our children phonics using the Read, Write Inc scheme which provides lots of repetition of different phonemes (sounds) and graphemes (written letter patterns) so that children can learn to read fluently. They also learn to apply this knowledge to their word writing also. Words which cannot be sounded out using phonics are learned separately.

Our children complete Phonics Screening Checks which usually take place at the end of Year 1. These are national tests which we have a statutory duty to use. The proportion of children who achieve the expected standard at the end of Year 1 has been consistently above National Average for a number of years prior to 2020. In Summer 2020, due to the pandemic, the phonics screening check did not take place but we were asked to assess these children in the Autumn term 2020. 87% of our Year 2 children achieved the expected standard in the Autumn term which is in line with our recent performance. We were pleased with this considering that some children hadn't attended school from March 2020 to September 2020.

This last week, we have been assessing our children in Phonics and have been pleased with the way that they have performed.

We are currently organising additional training for the staff who are moving to work in KS1 to ensure that they have the expertise to confidently lead phonics sessions in September.

Thanks has to go to all the EYFS and KS1 parents who supported their children in learning new sounds during the lockdown in the Spring term this year as you really kept your children moving forward with their phonics development!

Multiplication Tables Check

This is a new test which the government have devised for Year 4 pupils which was due to become statutory last year but has been delayed. We volunteered to trial this for our Year 4 children this summer and they have completed it this week.

Mr Howsam and Mrs Moore have been very proud of the way that the children have shown enthusiasm for this online test. Well done, Year 4!

Tom Palmer

The Year 6 children had a zoom interview with the very successful local author, Tom Palmer, last Friday. He talked to them about overcoming setbacks, showing persistence and working hard to achieve your goals. This is the fourth event that we have organised relating to this theme of children aspiring to a better future. Tom is signing books at The Thoughtful Spot book shop in

Skircoat Green, Halifax on Saturday at 2pm. You would be made to feel very welcome if you went along.

Information for next week

Assessments in Y1, 3, 4 and 5

We had anticipated starting the end of year assessments towards the end of next week but have brought these forward to start them next week. This is due to the fact that many schools are experiencing bubble closures at the moment and we want to ensure that we have up to date assessment information for all children prior to the Summer holidays. By starting them at the beginning of next week, we have a greater chance of completing all assessments even if we have to close a bubble.

Other information

Parking on Withinfields

We have become aware that parents are arriving at school before the road closure to secure a parking space. Our neighbours have complained that this has meant that they have been unable to get their cars out and some of our neighbours work for the emergency services and therefore this is not just inconvenient but puts the efficiency of these services at risk.

We also have a number of parents and children with disabilities who are allowed to use the road during closure times so that they can park close to the playground. These people are often unable to park which puts them in a difficult position.

Please consider whether you can park elsewhere or walk to school rather than blocking residents access or causing issues for people with a disability.

YMCA

If your child has good quality uniform that they have grown out of or coats and shoes that no longer fit, please consider dropping it off at the YMCA building (where the roller-skating takes place) as they then offer full sets of uniform to any families who are struggling to fund it for their children. With many people losing income during the pandemic, it has never been more important for us to support each other particularly when you no longer have use for the uniform anyway.

If you want details of the scheme either to donate or to receive uniform, please visit:
www.halifaxymca.org.uk/school-uniform.html