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Learning Together To Make A Better Future

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NEWS LETTER

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Day	Date	Event
Fri	23.7.21	Final day of term

BUN SALES – 50p

Date	Class to bring buns
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 12th July

MONDAY

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

Jelly Tub

Fruit

Yoghurt

TUESDAY

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

Jam Sponge

Fruit

Yoghurt

WEDNESDAY

Roast Chicken Fillet with Sage and Onion Stuffing
 Quorn Fillet with Sage and Onion Stuffing
 Egg Sandwich
 Turkey Wrap
 Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Cauliflower

Vanilla Ice Cream Tub

Fruit

Yoghurt

THURSDAY

Creamy Chicken Korma
 Cheese/Tuna Melts
 Cheese Sandwich
 Ham Wrap
 Rice, Mini Naan and Mixed Vegetables

Chocolate Sponge

Fruit

Yoghurt

FRIDAY

Salmon and Sweet Potato Fishcakes with Mayo
 Vegetable Nuggets
 Ham Wrap
 Cheese Wrap
 Chips, Peas and Sweetcorn

Raspberry Ripple Mousse

Fruit

Yoghurt

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News from this week

Lockdown practice

We practised our lockdown procedures this week with the children. This is an important part of our safeguarding practice as we have a system in place in case we are ever asked to lockdown the school by the police or other service or we consider there to be a threat which means that we feel it is safer for all children to be inside the building.

The children were amazing and very calm in their responses. Initially, we have a signal which means that all staff and children need to return into the building or stay in the building. We ensure windows are closed and doors secured. Then, we practise getting low to the ground which the older children do very sensibly. In the younger classes, we tell the children that we are practising playing sleeping lions when we need them to stay as low to the ground as possible.

Hopefully we will never have to use these procedures for a real purpose but it is always better that the children have experienced them before just in case.

Education Mental Health Practitioner

We applied earlier this term to be considered for an Education Mental Health Practitioner to be based at our school. We were delighted earlier this week when we received the following information:

“Many thanks for your Expression of Interest to be a school supported by and work with the Calderdale Mental Health Support Team (MHST). We were heavily oversubscribed and so the process was a careful and complex one taking into account the varied strengths and needs of schools applying, especially in light of the pandemic.

We are very pleased to say that you have been successful in your application and look forward to welcoming you into the programme around December 2021.

At this point we can move to delivering a fuller capacity service to provide all 3 functions of the MHST:

1. Delivering evidence based interventions for mild to moderate mental health issues
2. Supporting the senior mental health lead to introduce or develop their whole school's approach
3. Giving timely advice to school staff and liaising with specialist services to help children and young people to get the right support and stay in education”

We are really pleased to have been chosen given the high number of applications and look forward to welcoming our practitioner into school towards the end of the Autumn term.

Mastering Number programme

We also applied to be part of the local Maths Hub's mastering number working group. This involves a teacher

from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to receive training in the securing of firm foundations in the development of good number sense so that children leave KS1 with a fluency in calculation and a confidence and flexibility with number. The teachers involved also contribute to an online community linked with other schools and engage with critical reflection.

We are really pleased that we have also been chosen for this project and so we will receive fully funded training for the three staff who will then cascade that to the other staff in school. The children in Reception and KS1 will receive a 15 minute additional number session daily to deliver the programme and we will receive the free resources to be able to deliver it.

School Council Fundraiser

Many thanks to all those parents and children who contributed to the school council's non-uniform day this week. They raised £355 which is really helpful for when they meet next to look at the sorts of equipment that they would like to buy for the playground.

Information for next week

Monday morning

We are obviously very proud of the England football team's performance in reaching the final on Sunday. This is an event that hasn't happened in most staff and pupils' lifetimes and so we understand that many of our parents and pupils will want to stay up late and watch the match on Sunday!

We will be open as normal for Out of School Club and school on Monday morning (unless a Bank Holiday is agreed!). We do, however, understand that some families may not make it to school quite on time on Monday morning and so we will be starting registers at the normal time but will be keeping them open during the morning to allow for children arriving late.

Hopefully this means that all families that wish to can watch the match together and enjoy their evening without worrying about missing their alarm the next morning!

Fingers crossed from all at Withinfields that football really is coming home!

Y6 Non-Uniform Day

Year 6 may come in non-uniform on Tuesday as they missed the non-uniform day this week. Any donations will be added to the School council's fund.

Other information

Transition

We have had to make the difficult decision to cancel full transition. The children will though be able to meet their classteacher in the final week and will be completing work linked to them moving on. This means that on Monday 19th July and for the rest of that week, children will be dropped at their normal classrooms rather than going to their new classrooms.

Y5 Secondary Applications

Parents of children in Y5 should have received information about applying for secondary school before the end of October. If you haven't received this, please let the office know and we can send it to you.

Y6 trips and final week

Y6 children will have some trips organised for the final week and we are also hoping to hold a leavers' assembly and lunch. We are waiting for confirmation of the lifting of restrictions which will hopefully take place on Monday and then a letter will be sent to Y6 parents.

Dropping off children

A few parents have talked to me about their concerns for a few young children being dropped off on the cycle lane and left to walk or run around to the gate and to their classroom without adult supervision from their parent, carer or grandparent.

I share these concerns due to the number of cars that pull up on to the pavement where the cycle lane is. Drivers may not spot a young child running along alone and may lead to tragic circumstances.

Please can I ask that all parents, carers or grandparents walk their child around to the gate if they are in Y4 or lower to ensure that their child has entered the premises and watch them into their classroom door.

Parent Governor

We received one parent governor nomination and therefore an election process is not necessary and we are proceeding with carrying out DBS checks for this person. Once these have been carried out, we will let you know who the parent governor is.

School Uniform

A number of parents have spoken to me this week apologising for their child not having exact school uniform on. Please don't worry for these next two weeks if your child's school shoes have holes in and they need to wear other shoes or if their uniform is too small! We completely understand that there is no point buying new school shoes or uniform at this point as they are likely to grow again over the Summer. All we ask is that you aim for as close to school uniform as you can and that all children are wearing full uniform including plain black shoes in September.