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NEWS LETTER

Learning Together To Make A Better Future

16th July 2021

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Day	Date	Event
Fri	23.7.21	Final day of term

BUN SALES – 50p

Date	Class to bring buns
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 July

MONDAY

Chicken and Pepper Pizza
 Vegetable Seashell Pasta
 Tuna Sandwich
 Cream Cheese and Cucumber Wrap
 Chips, Beans and Mixed Vegetables

Lemon Drizzle Sponge
 Fruit
 Yoghurt

TUESDAY

Sausage Butty
 Vegetarian Sausage Butty
 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

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

Rice Pudding
 Fruit
 Yoghurt

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This is the last newsletter for this year. I cannot finish the year without thanking all children, parents, carers, grandparents, staff, governors and everyone else who we consider to be a member of our TeamWithinfields. It has been the most difficult year of my teaching career due to changing guidance and restrictions which have made every day aspects of our provision really difficult. The most difficult thing has been ensuring that the team spirit that we are so proud of has been maintained as much as possible. I cannot deny that many of us will be glad to see the academic year of 2020-21 ending but we can be proud of so many things:

- Our children have shown resilience, patience and understanding and kept on smiling throughout.
- The children have bounced back from the lockdown in 2019-20 and then again after the Spring lockdown to achieve results and attainment that they should be incredibly proud of.
- We are sending a set of rounded, independent, intelligent and hardworking Year 6 children that we are immensely proud of on to their secondary education.
- We have what must be the most supportive set of parents and families that a school could wish for.
- I have a team of staff who have the passion and determination to do everything in their power to make sure that all children achieve their academic potential. More importantly though, I have staff who care about every child and who approach every day with a positive attitude however hard the week has been, however much I've had to ask them to do and despite the changes they've had to instigate in their ways of working.
- The school has a dedicated, experienced and professional governing body who hold me to account for decisions I make and support our work in school.

I am proud to be headteacher of such a positive school community and appreciate the contribution of every member of that community.

I wish everyone from our community a lovely summer break and look forward to seeing most of you again in September. For those that are moving to pasture new, I wish you luck and every success!

News from this week

Ukraine

We have started to prepare the Ukraine classroom (formally know as the library!) for next year. We are hoping that the current Y1 children will have chance to have a look at it when it has the furniture in next week so that they can visualise how it will be. A big thank you to Mr Tidswell, Mr Todd, Mr Griffiths and Mrs Start who have worked really hard to get this organised.

Information for next week

Mrs Blakeley

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Blakeley at the end of next week. She has been a member of staff in our school for many years but has made the decision to spend more time with her family and

taking holidays during term time! We wish her lots of luck and happiness in her future.

COVID arrangements

We will be keeping the children in year groups next week to reduce contact with others. We are obviously hoping that we can get through next week without any positive cases but will support Test and Trace and local public health in identifying close contacts should there be any cases. If anyone in your family tests positive on lateral flow tests, please ensure that you register these online so that they are recognised and picked up by Test and Trace.

We are continuing with the one-way system around the playground and this will be a permanent feature of our drop off and pick up procedures in the future. Please continue to wear masks, if you are able, particularly if you need to speak to a member of staff at the cloakroom door or in the office.

We will determine arrangements for September towards the end of the summer holidays and will send any information needed out to parents before we come back to school. If things continue as the government has suggested, by September, children under the age of 18 and double vaccinated adults will not have to self-isolate if they have been in contact with a positive case which should make arrangements easier to manage.

Poetry Festival

We are holding a poetry festival in the Autumn term. This will hopefully be an annual event with all children in school learning to recite or perform a poem and finalists being chosen from each class to perform in front of a panel of judges in a final competition. We feel that this will support children's confidence in performing in front of an audience, their memory skills, their ability to retain information and their love of poetry.

We would like all children to be involved in learning or practising a poem and all children will have a chance to show us their recital or performance when we come back in the Autumn term. For those of a more nervous nature, they may perform it to an adult or a smaller group.

Each age phase will have a number of poems that they can choose from and these will come home next week so that children can practise them over the Summer holidays ready for their performance in September. Please encourage your child and support them in practising.

Collection of children in Nursery to Y5 on Friday

Year 6 parents will be forming a guard of honour for the Year 6 children as they leave school for the final time on Friday. The whole staff would like to join in with this special event which marks their last walk through the playground. If you are able, we would really appreciate parents in year groups from Nursery to Y5 to collect their children between 2.45pm and 3pm on Friday so that the staff in all classes can be freed up to come into the playground to clap the Y6 children across the playground. Many thanks for your support with this.

Year 6 Final School Dinner

The Year 6 children have voted on their favourite school dinner for their last day with us. We will therefore be serving them the following dinner on Friday in the hall.

Chicken Dinner
Chicken, Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas and Yorkshire Pudding

Sausage Roll
Beans
Chips

Ice cream Sundae

If your child is in Year 6 and normally has a packed lunch but would like to have a school dinner on Friday, please just let the school office know and make appropriate payment.

Reading book amnesty!

We are reorganising our reading scheme next year and repositioning this in some year groups next week so we need to make sure that we have all books back in school for this reorganisation. If you have any reading books, no matter how many or how long you've had them, we would appreciate them returning to school as soon as possible.

PE Kits

Please ensure that your child's PE kit is in school next week as we are holding the finals and third place play-offs of this term's rounders competitions. We will also try to make the best of the good weather while it lasts to do PE outside next week where we can.

End of Year reports

The end of year reports will be ready for collection from Monday afternoon. These will be handed to a parent in most circumstances. If you do not collect your child from school and are happy for their report to be sent with the child or with another adult that collects them, please let your child's classteacher know via clasdojo or let the office staff know so that they can ensure that this takes place.

Other information

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.

Data Collection

We would normally send a copy of the contact details of parents, carers and anyone else who would collect your child at this time of year for checking. In the past, we have found that these often don't come back or very little has changed and the majority of those that are returned have no changes to make.

We have decided this year not to send these but ask you to ensure that whenever any of your details or the details of your other contacts change that you let us know immediately. This includes names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses where we have them.

Separated families

In most circumstances, we send written correspondence from school to the first parent on the child's records. However, for some families, both parents request that they receive all written communication about their child and this is straightforward for us to set up.

If your circumstances are such that both people with parental responsibility would like to receive the same information e.g. text messages, emails and end of year reports, please let us know both sets of parental details for the child and that you wish for this to be established. We will need to have seen the child's birth certificate or other documentation on entry or at this point to confirm parental responsibility. We will then make these arrangements for you.