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# NEWS LETTER

*Learning Together To Make A Better Future*

7<sup>th</sup> January 2022

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Day	Date	Event
Thurs	27.1.22	2pm-5pm Parents' Evening – more details to follow
Tues	15.2.22	2.45pm Greece Demonstration of Learning
Weds	16.2.22	2.45pm Ireland Demonstration of Learning
Thurs	17.2.22	2.45pm Denmark Demonstration of Learning
W/c	14.2.22	Y2 and Y6 assessments
Fri	18.2.22	Break up
Mon	28.2.22	Back to school

## BUN SALES – 50p

Date	Class to bring buns
14.1.22	Netherlands
21.1.22	Spain
28.1.22	Italy
4.2.22	Belgium
11.2.22	Ukraine
18.2.22	Finland
4.3.22	Greece
11.3.22	Switzerland
18.3.22	Sweden
25.3.22	Poland
1.4.22	Germany
29.4.22	UK
6.5.22	Ireland

## TOAST ROTA – 50p

<b>Monday</b>	Reception
<b>Tuesday</b>	Years 1 & 2
<b>Wednesday</b>	Years 3 & 4
<b>Thursday</b>	Years 5 & 6

## OUR SCHOOL MENU

Week Commencing Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January  
 (Subject to change due to stock shortages)

### MONDAY

Chicken Wrap with Salad  
 Margherita Pizza  
 Tuna Sandwich  
 Cream Cheese and Cucumber Wrap  
 Diced Herby Potatoes, Peas and Sweetcorn

Strawberry Ice Cream Tub  
 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  
 Roast Potatoes, Carrot and Swede Mash and Broccoli

Jam Bun  
 Fruit  
 Yoghurt

### THURSDAY

Pasta Bolognese  
 Mac 'n' Cheese  
 Cheese Sandwich  
 Ham Wrap  
 Garlic Bread and Mixed Vegetables

Marble Sponge  
 Fruit  
 Yoghurt

### FRIDAY

Battered Fish Fillets  
 Cheese Rolls  
 Ham Sandwich  
 Cheese Wrap  
 Chips and Beans

Chocolate Rice Krispie Bun  
 Fruit  
 Yoghurt

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## **News from this week**

### Covid update

It has been lovely to have everyone back in school this week following our Christmas holidays. Although it has been a short week, it hasn't been without its challenges!

I must say a massive thank you to lots of staff this week who have stepped in to cover someone else's role. As you will have gathered from the media, schools are experiencing lots of staff absence and Withinfields are not excluded from this. We have had a number of staff off work this week in various roles including a number of teachers. We have worked as the strong Withinfields team that we are to ensure that we didn't need to close any year groups for operational reasons as we want to keep the routine of school available to all children. This has meant that we have had supply teachers in school and support staff have been covering in some classes. We are hopeful that we are able to sustain this and keep school open although supply agencies are struggling and were unable to provide us with staff this morning when I needed someone.

The Department for Education guidance, which we have been following, has allowed people to come to school (children and staff) when someone in their household has tested positive but we have asked these families to do lateral flow tests every day for the people attending school. This is guidance though and means that parents have the right to send their children to school unless the child themselves has a positive test result.

However, the DfE and Calderdale public health have issued further guidance to their schools which we are hoping that parents will be able to support us with from Monday. Their guidance is that if someone at home has tested positive, school-aged children should stay at home and engage in daily LFD testing, returning to school from Day 3 if their Day 1-3 tests have returned negative results. They should continue testing for the full 7 days. Parents/carers who still want their child to continue to attend school have the right for them to do so. This advice does not apply to nursery and some Reception children, as daily testing is not recommended for under 5s.

For children testing positive on a lateral flow test or a PCR test, they now advise that individuals can return to the setting from Day 7 once they have returned two negative LFD results, with tests taken 24 hours apart (e.g. on Day 6 and Day 7), as long as they do not have a temperature and are not otherwise unwell. A cough and anosmia can persist for several weeks, and on their own do not necessitate continued self-isolation.

Anyone testing positive on a lateral flow test should now consider themselves to be positive. These results do not need confirming with a PCR test. However, if a child has symptoms, even if they test negative on a lateral flow test, they should go for a PCR test as we are hearing of lots of cases where people have tested negative on a lateral flow test but their PCR test has come back positive.

Sorry to bombard you with lots of guidance on this first newsletter of 2022 but we are really keen to try to ensure that your children's education is affected as little as possible by the ongoing pandemic. As guidance changes, as it inevitably will, we will keep you updated.

## **Other information**

### Snow

Just a reminder that if there are snowy conditions and you cannot get to school, please let us know on the child absence line. (Option 1 when you call the school number)

If we are unable to get enough staff into school to open safely, we will let parents know via a text message, a clasdojo update on whole school story and we will alert the council snow closure website.

In the event of a snow closure, we will post remote learning on either clasdojo or Google Classrooms but your child's classteacher will send a dojo message to let you know where this is and when it is ready.

If you do not have a ClassDojo login, please alert the admin staff and they will ask your classteacher to send details home for you.

### Good News Assemblies

While the Covid-19 rates are high within the Halifax area, we have decided from next week to stop holding these special assemblies for parents to attend. We will continue to choose endeavour awards each fortnight and will present the awards in their Key Stage assembly and will try to capture a photo of your child in the assembly to send to you.