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NEWS LETTER

Learning Together To Make A Better Future

4th February 2022

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Day	Date	Event
w/c	7.2.22	Y6 assessments
Weds	9.2.22	1.30pm Y5 Family Learning event
Mon	14.2.22	2pm Y3 Family Learning event
Mon-Wed	14.2.22-16.2.22	Residential Visit for Y5 and Y6
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 assessments
Fri	18.2.22	Break up
Mon	28.2.22	Back to school

BUN SALES – 50p

Date	Class to bring buns
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

Monday	Reception
Tuesday	Years 1 & 2
Wednesday	Years 3 & 4
Thursday	Years 5 & 6

OUR SCHOOL MENU

Week Commencing Monday 7th February
 (Subject to change due to stock shortages)

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 Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans and Peas

Jam Sponge

Fruit

Yoghurt

WEDNESDAY

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

Vanilla Ice Cream Tub

Fruit

Yoghurt

THURSDAY

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

Chocolate Sponge

Fruit

Yoghurt

FRIDAY

Salmon and Sweet Potato Fishcake 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

Active Schools' Framework

From next week, staff on the gate will be randomly giving tokens to those children who are using the correct movement to cross the playground to their classroom. The tokens will earn points for the clans. This won't happen every day but on some days the clan points will be awarded to children who have encouraged their adults to join in!

Y2 Family Learning

This event this week was extremely well attended with most children having an adult there to help them learn the skills of making a sandwich. There were some unusual concoctions of fillings but all seemed to have a lovely time learning together. One child has even told me at lunchtime today that they had made their own sandwich for their packed lunch today following the family learning event!

Information for next week

Y5 Family Learning event

This will take place on Wednesday. Adults who are attending should come to the main entrance at 1.30pm. We are looking forward to seeing you!

Other information

Survey about communication

I have received 77 responses to the link I sent out on asking for feedback about our methods of communication. The key messages from parents are that parents tend to rely on ClassDojo and the newsletter via email. There are lots of comments about how useful you find communication directly with teaching staff and other staff via ClassDojo but many of you also feel that by having information in two places, parents and carers are less likely to miss important updates.

We really appreciate your feedback and the current situation will continue in much the same way as we have been doing for a while now.

There will continue to be a weekly newsletter with updates and information for the following week. Many of you find the menu and diary dates particularly useful on this. We will try to aim for this to be added to the website every Friday as it is sent out to parents via email so that those that have difficulties with this can locate it on our website. If you do not routinely receive the newsletter and would like to, please contact the office and they will arrange for you to be added to the mailing list.

We will continue to post further details regarding specific classes or year groups on the class story messaging on ClassDojo as this then means that information that is relevant to you is passed through this route rather than the whole school story.

Reminders and information that are relevant to the whole school will be posted on Whole School story on ClassDojo.

If you do not have a ClassDojo login, parents and carers can get one by approaching their classteacher for the appropriate passwords and links.

This may mean that some information is repeated on both ClassDojo and the newsletter but this means that the information is more likely to have been received by relevant parents.

Increasing our pupil population

A number of years ago, the local authority expected an increase in the number of children needing a school place in the Southowram/Siddal area and so increased our admission number to 60 per year group. This is why we have 2 classes per year group. This increase in numbers has never come to fruition which we suspect was due to our previous Ofsted inspection as well as the fact that the expected numbers of children were just not present in the area.

Currently, we have 60 children in Y5 but all other year groups range between 35 and 46 children. This means that from Reception to Y6, we are 110 children short of being full. Much of our funding is allocated on a per pupil basis with us being allocated approximately £3100 per pupil on roll. This means that the financial difference between our current budget allocations and those that we would have if we had 14 full classes is over £340, 000.

We therefore need to attract more pupils to our school to be able to maintain two classes in each year group going forward. If you know anyone who is not completely satisfied with the school that their child goes to, please recommend that they come and have a look around Withinfields. Our Out of School Club provision means that anyone who passes through Southowram on their way to work may find it more convenient than their current school. Equally, we know that parents who move their children to our school from another school often say that they wished they'd made the decision earlier as children settle so quickly, are so happy and do so well academically.

Word of mouth and personal recommendation is our best form of advertisement so thank you in advance for any positive messages that you manage to spread!

Y4 Local Visit

The Y4 children have been learning about communities and being community spirited in their PRHE lessons this half term. They are hoping therefore to go to the Halifax Community Fridge in the last week of term to find out first hand how they operate and how this supports the community.

The fridge was established during the pandemic and is open daily enabling residents and businesses to share surplus food and for anyone to help themselves to quality food that would otherwise be wasted. Unlike food banks, the Halifax Community Fridge is not means-tested - it is available to anyone. It is also discreetly situated and

mostly unmanned, to avoid any stigma its users may otherwise feel.

The organisers see the fridge as an opportunity for people to express their charitable nature, to make a direct difference to people's lives, and to make Halifax feel more like a community instead of just another town.

The fridge will accept any kind of vegetables, bread, cold food and alike all within their use-by date. To avoid any issues with food hygiene, the fridge will not home raw meat, fish or eggs.

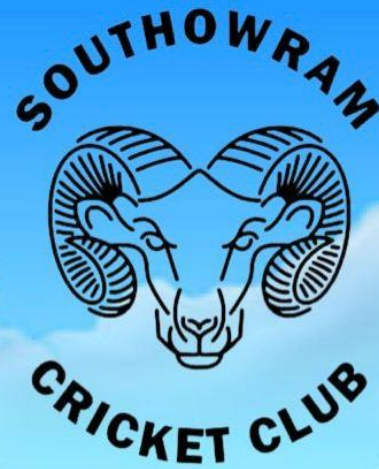
We will send a reminder on ClassDojo nearer the visit as we would be happy to take any donations that Withinfields' families feel they can offer when the Y4 children go and visit.

Advance notice of dates

World book day will take place on 3rd March which is in the first week back after half term. Children are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character for the day.

Comic Relief will take place on 18th March when children will be able to come in non-uniform but are encouraged to include something red within their outfit.

JUNIOR PLAYERS WANTED



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SCHOOL YEARS

Up to Year 7 - Boys

Up to Year 9 - Girls