



NEWSLETTER - 6.10.23



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Events coloured in green are either those which are funded by our enrichment pot or events that contribute to the pot as fundraising. Thank you for your support.

Day	Date	Event
Weds	11.10.23	6.30pm Poetry Festival evening
Thurs	12.10.23	Nasal Flu vaccinations - see attached letter
w/c	16.10.23	Y6 Assessments
Thur	19.10.23	8.45am and 2.30pm Y1/2 leading Harvest Festival - Y1/2 Grown-ups welcome
Tue	24.10.23	2.40pm Spain Demonstration of Learning
Wed	25.10.23	2.40pm Belgium Demonstration of Learning
Wed	25.10.23	pm Y6 visiting the Piece Hall
Fri	27.10.23	Last day of term and Community breakfast

BUN SALES – 50p

Date	Class to bring buns
13.10.23	Italy
20.10.23	Greece
27.10.23	Netherlands

TOAST ROTA – 50p

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

Monday Salmon Fishcakes with Mayo Vegetable Nuggets Ham Wrap Cheese Bap Chips, Peas and Sweetcorn Chocolate Mousse Fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday Oven Baked Sausage & Gravy Vegetarian Sausage & Gravy Chicken Sandwich Tuna Wrap Creamed Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans & Peas Jam Sponge Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday Roast Chicken Fillet with Sage & Onion Stuffing Quorn Fillets with Sage & Onion Stuffing Tuna Bap Ham Wrap Oven Baked Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Cauliflower Vanilla Ice Cream Tub Fruit Yoghurt
Thursday Creamy Chicken Korma Cheese/Tuna Melt Cheese Sandwich Ham Wrap Rice, Mini Naan, Mixed Vegetables Chocolate Sponge Fruit Yoghurt
Friday Margherita Pizza BBQ Chicken Melts Tuna Sandwich Ham Wrap Herby Diced Potatoes and Baked Beans Raspberry Ripple Mousse Fruit Yoghurt

News from this week

Y1/2 Walk around Southowram

Our Y1 and 2 children braved the weather on Tuesday to go and explore our local community. Many thanks to the group of parents and grandparents that supported us. The children love getting out and about but it wouldn't be possible without our willing volunteers!

Parents' Evening

Thank you to all those people who attended parents' evening on Wednesday or who have made an appointment to see class teachers at another time. Just over 90% of children were represented by parents or carers at parents' evening which shows the strength in the Withinfelds' community in working together for the benefit of the children. I hope you found it useful and informative.

If you were unable to attend but wish to speak to your child's class teacher, please contact them via ClassDojo and they will endeavour to make an alternative time available.

Peer to peer learning

We run a Phunky Foods campaign in our school with representatives from Y5 acting as Phunky Food ambassadors. This week the Y5 ambassadors have led a short assembly for the Y3, 4 and 5 children which focused on taking care of our teeth. It included encouragement to brush teeth at least twice a day for 2 minutes after breakfast and just before bed. They also educated children about drinking plenty of water as teeth love water and avoiding too many sugary foods.

Linked to this, I wanted to just remind parents and carers that the children should only be bringing fruit or vegetables as their snack for playtime during the morning. Some children have started to bring other items or are taking things from their lunchboxes to eat at playtime. I will remind the children in assembly on Monday as well.

Book Chats

A very big thank you to all those parents and children who are participating in our weekly reading conversations. The biggest number of comments this week came from Switzerland but they were closely followed by Sweden and the two Year 6 classes.

It is really important that children know how powerful reading is as a skill but also as an activity to enjoy. Joining in the 'book chat' on ClassDojo with your child is a really important way of demonstrating this to your child.

Information for next week

Poetry Festival

This event will take place on Wednesday evening from 6.30pm. The winners' parents have been notified by ClassDojo message and the children are all very excited to be taking part.

The evening will involve each year group's finalists reciting their poem for the audience with an opportunity for the audience to vote for their favourites. The audience vote will be amalgamated with the official judges' votes to determine a winner for each year group. We have a very special guest as one of the judges - a previous finalist from our very first Poetry Festival in 2021!

This is a ticket-only event with tickets costing £2 each. If you would like to attend, please purchase tickets via School Gateway. You are welcome to attend whether your child is taking part as a finalist or not as your children may want to come and support their friends. Please purchase tickets before Wednesday morning so that we can make appropriate arrangements for seating.

Thank you for your support in hopefully making this a successful event!

School Council

We are looking to elect our next School Councillors. School Councillors work with lead members of staff in school to bring about change or introduce ideas. For example, the school council organised and ran our Talent Show last year.

The School Council comprises of representatives from each class from Y1 to Y6 and are elected by the members of that class.

If your child would like to nominate themselves for the role of School Councillor, they need to create a poster which persuades members of their class to vote for them. They may also want to write a little speech which they can present in class prior to the elections.

The elections will take place next Friday with the new school councillors being announced in assembly the following Monday.

Other information

Active Challenge

Our active family challenge for October is to climb a hill. We have plenty to choose from around Southowram and further afield in Calderdale so let's make the most of our beautiful countryside and enjoy the views from the tops of our hills. Send your photos as usual to Mrs Wilson or Mr Griffiths.

School Uniform

We are at capacity with second-hand uniform storage at the moment so cannot accept anymore. If you have spare uniform, they do accept it at the YMCA in Halifax. Equally, if you need spare uniform, any parent is welcome to go and request sets of uniform from the YMCA. They also offer coats and shoes.

Harvest Donations

Our Harvest Festival will take place on Thursday 19th October with the Year 1 and 2 children leading this

special event. We will be collecting donations, from any families who wish to contribute, to support Calderdale SmartMove. They have asked for the following types of items:

- Cereals
- Pasta and sauce
- Tinned pies
- Tinned veg
- Packet mash and gravy
- Tinned meat and fish

Items can be sent in any time between now and the Harvest Festival on the 19th.

Job Opportunity

We are looking to recruit some staff for our Out of School Club. We are looking for one person to work every day from 3pm to 6pm and another to work two days a week but we may be able to be flexible with the two roles as long as the days that we need covering were all covered between the two members of staff. E.g. we may be able to have one person working 4 days and the other person working 3 days.

The role involves serving and clearing up after snack, playing games, being creative, reading stories and maintaining safeguarding and behaviour expectations within our Out of School Club provision. The Out of School Club includes children from Nursery up to Year 6.

If you are interested in applying, please email richard.laycock@withinfields.calderdale.sch.uk and ask for further details and an application form. The deadline for applications is Friday 13th October 2023 at 10am.