



NEWSLETTER - 10.11.23



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
w/c	13.11.23	Book Fair in school
Thur	16.11.23	Open Day for Reception 2024 - 9.30am, 1.30pm and 6pm
w/c	27.11.23	Y1, 2, 5 Assessment week
w/c	4.12.23	Y3, 4 Assessment week
W-F	6.12.23 - 8.12.23	Y5 Residential at Robinwood
w/c	11.12.23	Y6 Assessment week
Mon	11.12.23	2.40pm Sweden Demonstration of Learning
Tues	12.12.23	2.40pm Switzerland Demonstration of Learning
Weds	13.12.23	3.20pm Christmas Fayre
Thurs	14.12.23	2.40pm Denmark Demonstration of Learning
Mon	18.12.23	am Y3 Christmas Party
Mon	18.12.23	pm Y4 Christmas Party
Tues	19.12.23	am Y1/2 Christmas Party
Weds	20.12.23	am Y5 Christmas Party
Weds	20.12.23	pm Y6 Christmas Party
Weds	20.12.23	5pm EYFS Nativity Performance
Thurs	21.12.23	9.10am EYFS Nativity Performance
Thurs	21.12.23	pm EYFS Christmas Party
Fri	22.12.23	Christmas Jumper day including Church Service (pupils and staff only) and Christmas lunch
Fri	22.12.23	Last day of term

BUN SALES – 50p

Date	Class to bring buns
17.11.23	Austria
24.11.23	Belgium
1.12.23	Switzerland
8.12.23	Finland
15.12.23	Poland
22.12.23	Spain

TOAST ROTA – 50p

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

OUR SCHOOL MENU <i>(Subject to change due to stock shortages)</i>
Monday
Battered Fish Cheese Rolls Ham Sandwich Cheese Wrap Chips and Beans Strawberry Ice Cream Tub Fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday
Mince & Onion Pie & Gravy Savoury Quorn Mince & Yorkshire Pudding Turkey Sandwich Tuna Wrap New Potatoes, Cabbage & Carrots Apple Crumble Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday
Roast Chicken Fillet with Sage & Onion Stuffing Quorn Fillets with Sage & Onion Stuffing Tuna Sandwich Turkey Wrap Roast Potatoes, Carrot & Swede Mash, Broccoli Florets Jam Bun Fruit Yoghurt
Thursday
Pasta Bolognese Mac 'n' Cheese Cheese Sandwich Ham Wrap Garlic Bread, Mixed Vegetables Vanilla Sponge Fruit Yoghurt
Friday
Margherita Pizza Sausage Roll Tuna Sandwich Ham Wrap Diced herby Potatoes, and Sweetcorn Chocolate Rice Krispie Bun Fruit Yoghurt

News from this week

Assemblies

We are focusing on new topics in our assemblies this half term. On Mondays, we are looking at how we can be good friends which also links to our Anti-bullying activities on Monday (see below). On Tuesdays, we are learning about, and from, people with disabilities. In EYFS and KS1 assemblies on Wednesdays, we are learning about different customs and festivals. In KS2 assemblies on Thursdays, we are working on projects to achieve various awards for our school.

We have had our half-termly safeguarding assembly this week where we remind everyone about the rules in the playground to keep us safe. This includes staying off the grass and not talking to adults at the wall. Please don't ever be offended if your child won't talk to you if you are passing at playtime as they know that they can give a little wave but that we don't talk to anyone at the wall. I also reminded the children about our fire evacuation procedures and our lockdown procedures.

We have started to include a poem or rhyme at the end of our assemblies. We have realised that we read lots of stories and non-fiction texts in school but don't have as much opportunity to read poetry so have started to read one poem each day so that our children are exposed to different poetry. Key Stage 2 children listened to this poem after our assembly about Remembrance yesterday:

"The inquisitive mind of a child"

*Why are they selling poppies, Mummy?
 Selling poppies in town today.
 The poppies, child, are flowers of love.
 For the men who marched away.*

*But why have they chosen a poppy, Mummy?
 Why not a beautiful rose?
 Because my child, men fought and died
 In the fields where the poppies grow.*

*But why are the poppies so red, Mummy?
 Why are the poppies so red?
 Red is the colour of blood, my child.
 The blood that our soldiers shed.*

*The heart of the poppy is black, Mummy.
 Why does it have to be black?
 Black, my child, is the symbol of grief.
 For the men who never came back.*

*But why, Mummy are you crying so?
 Your tears are giving you pain.
 My tears are my fears for you my child.
 For the world is forgetting again.*

Author Unknown

Poppy Appeal

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to our Poppy Appeal this week. When we receive the total from the charity, I will let you know how much we raised.

Information for next week

Open Day for Reception 2024

We are holding three open day sessions on Thursday next week for families who may be considering joining our school for Reception 2024. If you know of families in your street who have a child who will start school next year, please let them know. The times of the three sessions are 9.30am, 1.30pm and 6pm. The sessions will involve a short introduction to the school from myself, a tour of the school including the Early Years classrooms and the opportunity to look at some children's work.

For those parents who have children in Nursery, you still need to apply for a Reception place for your child for September even though they are already attending our school. The applications open next Friday and are made through Calderdale Council

(<https://new.calderdale.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions>) unless you live outside the Calderdale boundaries in which case you can still apply for a place at our school but through the council in which you live.

Wellbeing Meetings

Thank you for the interest that some of you have shown towards the meetings on Tuesday after school that were explained on ClassDojo. There is still time to volunteer! If you are interested in supporting our school's drive to improve the wellbeing of our children, staff and families, please get involved. Biscuits and drinks included!

Book Fair

This is in school next week. We receive commission from all books sold which we can use to purchase books for use in school. The fair will be open each afternoon in the entrance hall. Please collect your children after school then make your way around to the main entrance if you wish to come. Alternatively, you can order a book through the order form which will come home with your child tonight. Payments can be via cash or through School Gateway.

Other information

Christmas preparations

I have added an advert for the Southowram Cricket Club's Christmas party at the bottom of this newsletter. This is a lovely community offer for our children. I hope that you can support it.

Your child will be bringing home a sheet this afternoon which asks them to design a Christmas Card which will be used by St Anne's Church as the design for their Christmas cards that they send out in the Southowram community. Please return any designs by Friday 17th so that winners can be chosen and designs forwarded in time for them to go to print!

Active Family Challenge for November

This month's challenge is to go out for a walk in the rain or other bad weather! Get those wellies and waterproofs on, and take the plunge. Send us your photos as always!

Uniform Policy

Please can I remind parents that if children are wearing earrings, they should be studs. The children also need to be able to independently remove them for PE or Swimming or refrain from wearing them on those days.

Woodland Trust Green Trees Schools Award

The Woodland Trust is the UK's largest woodland conservation charity. Their vision is a world where woods and trees thrive for people and nature. Their Green Tree Schools Award encourages outdoor learning and inspires pupils about trees, woods, and wildlife. Through the Green Tree Schools Award, Withinfields pupils will be taking part in fun, practical projects while helping the environment and improving our grounds. We will receive certificates as recognition of our achievements and a special plaque to display in our school.

Some of the work we have already completed means we have recently been awarded the Bronze award. Whilst we are pleased with this, we are aiming to complete more projects over the next year so that we can receive more recognition for the work that we do. We are aiming for Platinum by 2024!



Hoodie order

The hoodie order has been submitted and so we are hoping that they will be delivered at the end of next week. The next order will be done after Christmas.

Absences

If your child needs to be absent from school, please let the office know every day that they are still ill. As part of our safeguarding procedures, we have to account for every child, every day. If you have let us know about a holiday absence, we will not need contact every day but for all other absences, we need to be contacted every day.

As the office deal with all absences and absence codes, please can you let them know that your child is absent and the reason rather than letting class teachers or other members of staff know. The office can be contacted through ClassDojo (School Admin), by leaving an answer machine message, by text message, by School Gateway app or by email to admin@withinfields.calderdale.sch.uk.



YOU ARE INVITED TO

SOUTHOWRAM CC

Childrens XMas

PARTY

DECEMBER 16, 2023 | 12:30 PM ONWARDS
SOUTHOWRAM CC, ASHDAY LANE

EVERY CHILD TO RECEIVE A GIFT
FOOD AVAILABLE
PARTY GAMES AND CRAFTS
FREE ENTRY

CONTACT NICK ON 07827616750 OR PHIL ON 07760421860
ON WHATSAPP TO BOOK YOUR CHILDS PLACE