



NEWSLETTER - 17.11.23



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 |
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| 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 |
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| 24.11.23 | Belgium |
| 1.12.23 | Switzerland |
| 8.12.23 | Finland |
| 15.12.23 | Poland |
| 22.12.23 | Spain |

TOAST ROTA – 50p

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

| OUR SCHOOL MENU |
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| <i>(Subject to change due to stock shortages)</i> |
| 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

Children in Need

Many thanks for all the donations that we will send to Children in Need. At the point of writing, we haven't counted it up but the bucket was very heavy!

It is always lovely to see the children showing their own unique identities when it is a non-uniform day and for children to know that they can wear whatever they feel comfortable in without worrying about what others will think as everyone knows that "It's okay to be different at Withinfields!"

Safeguarding Meeting with Governor

As you will no doubt be aware, we have a Governing Body at our school with a group of people from parents, community members, people identified by the Local Authority and others with an interest in Withinfields. They are responsible for ensuring that the school continues to provide a high quality education and safe environment for the children.

As part of their duties, they sometimes come to school to look at a particular aspect of our practice. This week, Mrs Shirley Sunderland, our Chair of Governors, visited to look at aspects of our safeguarding provision and to question myself about our practice. We focused particularly on staff training which is of high priority to us so that we have everyone skilled to support in keeping children safe. She was impressed with what she heard and will report this back to the full Governing Body at their next meeting on Thursday.

Meeting with Public Health representatives and councillors

I have also met with a group of people this week who were keen to help to sort out traffic issues within the village and around school at drop off and pick up time.

They recognised that there are a range of difficulties and are looking to work with us to improve things in the coming months and longer term. I will update you as further plans are made.

Open Day for Reception 2024

We held three open day sessions yesterday for families who may be considering joining our school for Reception 2024. We met a number of lovely families over the three sessions and are looking forward to getting to know them better once places have been allocated.

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 opened today 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

We held three meetings on Tuesday looking at ways in which we can improve our Withinfields' Wellbeing.

We now have plans to develop the following ideas:

Outdoors: Re-establishing a quiet area in the playground where reading and storytelling is encouraged

Outdoors: Cultivating plants and areas for growing produce within the playground

Outdoors: Developing the use of the wild-life area by all pupils

Life Skills: Develop further roles within school which allow children to develop leadership skills

Life Skills: Produce a Yorkshire Passport with experiences in it for each age phase which children will have opportunity to engage in. Collate photos of these experiences within their Passport scrapbook as a record of memories from Withinfields when they leave.

Community: Develop links with other groups in the community to bring them into Withinfields or engage with them for the good of the community.

Over the coming months, we will be fundraising for some of these opportunities so that we can get them off the ground. We will keep you updated!

Book Fair

Thank you for attending or ordering from our book fair this week. We receive commission from all books sold which we can use to purchase books for use in school. We are looking to buy class sets of novels from the commission so that when a teacher is reading a story, all the children can follow in their own copy of the book.

Information for next week

Robinwood Meetings

Ms Wilson and Mrs Moore will be holding meetings on Monday at 3.20pm and Tuesday at 8.10am for parents and carers of children who are going to Robinwood. Please try to make it to one of these sessions.

Other information

Winter Disco

We are planning to hold two Winter Discos on Tuesday, 28th November with Year 1, 2 and 3 children invited to attend from 3.40pm to 4.40pm and Year 4, 5 and 6 children being invited to attend from 4.45pm to 5.45pm.

Tickets cost £5 per child and can be purchased via School Gateway. The ticket includes a hot dog, crisps and juice. You will not receive a physical ticket, we will record on a list the children who have paid so that we know how many to cater for.

This is a disco which will probably be quite noisy so will not be everyone's cup of tea so please only buy a ticket if your child likes noisy activities! We are planning to hold a cinema evening next half term which may suit children who prefer quieter activities and we will include the Early Years children in this too.

Proceeds raised from this event will go into the Enrichment Pot which we are hoping will grow large enough to support our Wellbeing plans too.

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!

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