





Withinfields' Newsletter - 18.10.24

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.	BUN SALES – 50p We hold a bun sale on Fridays at playtime. We ask for donations of buns from a different class each week as detailed below. Proceeds from these sales go into our Enrichment pot which funds trips and special events for all children.		TOAST ROTA – 50p Children can purchase toast each week by bringing 50p on their day as detailed below. This will be provided at playtime.	
22nd Oct - 2.40pm Spain Demonstration of Learning - Spain parents and grandparents welcome to attend 23rd Oct - 2.40pm Switzerland Demonstration of Learning - Switzerland parents and grandparents welcome to attend 24th Oct - Non-uniform day and Halloween style lunch 25th Oct - Last day of the half term 12th Nov - Open day for Reception 2025 intake	Date	Class to bring buns	Monday	Reception and Nursery
	18.10.24	Greece		
	25.10.24	Netherlands	Tuesday	Years 1 & 2
	8.11.24	Sweden		
	15.11.24	Austria	Wednesday	Years 3 & 4
	22.11.24	Belgium		
	29.11.24	Switzerland	Thursday	Years 5 & 6
	6.12.24	Finland		

School Dinner Menu

Although we aim to serve this menu next week, sometimes stock availability means that it does have to be altered at short notice.

	Main	Vegetables	Sandwich options	Side dish	Desserts
Monday	Salmon fish cake Vegetable nuggets	Sweetcorn Salad bar	Tuna sandwich Chicken wrap	Chips	Vanilla icecream Fresh fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	Chicken Korma Cheese/Tuna melts	Mixed vegetables Salad bar	Tuna sandwich Chicken wrap	Rice Naan bread	Chocolate sponge Fresh fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	Chicken fillet Quorn fillet	Carrots Peas Salad bar	Cheese sandwich Ham wrap	Roast potatoes	Biscuit Fresh fruit Yoghurt
Thursday - Halloween themed meal	 See separate sheet with menu for today 				
Friday	Pizza BBQ chicken melt	Baked beans Salad bar	Cheese sandwich Ham wrap	Diced potatoes	Mousse Fresh fruit Yoghurt

Buns and Toast Sponsor of the week

We are delighted that **BAPP** have donated £200 to ensure that all children can have a bun and toast that would like one in the weeks commencing 14th October, 21st October, 4th November, 11th November and 18th November . Thank you!

If you have a company that would like to sponsor a week or you wish to do it as a family, please let me know on ClassDojo or via email and I can let you have details of how to pay. You can use it as an opportunity to raise awareness of your business through being named in the newsletter, take the credit yourself or ask to remain anonymous.

News from this week

Highlight of my week

This week, the highlight for me was our KS1 Harvest celebrations. The children all sang beautifully, doing actions with enthusiasm and the children who had a speaking part were very brave to speak up in front of such a large audience! It was also lovely to see the huge amount of Harvest donations that have come into school which I will deliver to Focus4Hope on our behalf. It is important for our children to recognise that not everyone has the same resources and that charitable donations are a positive way to address this.

School Council elections

I am delighted to announce that the School Councillors for this year are:

Greece: Archie and Oakley

Sweden: Idrees and Brody

Austria: Harper and Seth

Belgium: Billy and Amelia

Finland: Ivy and Jaxon

Poland: Rueben and Libby

Switzerland: Charlotte and Eliza-Rae

Italy: Zach and Seb

Netherlands: Lilly and Bailey

Spain: Jasmine and Elsie-Mae

Denmark: Thomas and Aliza

I am sure that they will do an amazing job as ambassadors for our school. I am hoping that they will get involved in a few projects that we are looking at being part of including looking at traffic around school and improving our systems for recycling in school.

Community Breakfast

Thank you to those people who came to our Community Breakfast this morning. It was lovely to see families enjoying this event together. The next one of these will take place near to Mothers' day.

Information for next week

Non-uniform day

This is taking place on Thursday next week. Children can come in non-uniform or may wish to dress in Halloween costumes. Please make sure that children dress in costumes which are suitable for all age groups. Children wearing costumes which are deemed to be too scary or inappropriate in any other way will be asked to change. We want all ages from Nursery upwards to enjoy this event.

Demonstrations of Learning

These are taking place on Tuesday for Spain and Wednesday for Switzerland at 2.40pm. Please arrive punctually so that the children are not put off with late-comers arriving. We are looking forward to hearing about all the learning that has been taking place in these two classes.

Halloween Lunch

The kitchen are serving a Halloween style lunch on Thursday. If your child would like a lunch on this day, with a Halloween sweet as an extra treat, please pay for it using School Gateway or send the cash into school. If you are eligible for Free School Meals, just ask your child to say 'School Dinner' when the register is taken on Thursday morning. If you are unsure whether your child is eligible, please complete this form: <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims>

Other information

Social Media use

We are dealing with lots of children who are struggling emotionally at the moment due to their use of social media and this ends up coming into school and causing issues within school also. Primary School aged children should not be using social media as the age for all platforms apart from WhatsApp is 13 and WhatsApp's age restriction is 16. If your child has downloaded these apps and set up an account, they will have had to put an older date of birth in which is not teaching them safe internet habits. The reason that they are restricted by age is that children need a certain level of maturity before they can communicate effectively on social media platforms. Children in school are also putting themselves at risk by posting videos and photos on different platforms without appropriate security or controls. Please ensure that all controls and security measures on children's devices are in place and that you check regularly to make sure that your child has not changed these.

Children are also explaining in school that they have watched content which is not appropriate for their age and is frightening them or causing them to lose sleep. Youtube is often the source of these videos but also streaming services that they have access to. Please monitor the programmes and videos that your child is accessing.

Finally, children are playing games which have an age restriction above their age. This is leading to children recreating some of these in their play which leads to inappropriate play. Please ensure that they are only able to access games within their age range.

For further information, please visit [Homepage - UK Safer Internet Centre](#) or for more information about security controls and advice about social media, please visit [Social media guides - UK Safer Internet Centre](#).

Safety in the playground

Please can parents not allow children of any age to sit on the walls near the cloakroom doors of Finland, Netherlands, Italy, Spain and Denmark as it is one of our rules within the playground. Also, the trim trail is not to be used by children before and after school.

Gate and Registration in the morning

Registration happens at 8.40am each morning in the classrooms and therefore children should be in class by this time. The gate into the playground shuts at this time as the teachers and staff on doors need to be in the classrooms for the start of the day rather than in the cloakrooms or supervising the doors. Please do not be offended if you are asked to walk around to the main entrance, it just means that your child was not in class at 8.40am and therefore needs to be registered at the main entrance so that we know that they are in school. Parents who are still in the playground when the gates are shut will need to, from Monday, walk around the exterior of the building to get out through the car park gate.

OOSC entry in a morning

If your child is in OOSC in a morning, please ring the bell for OOSC so that a member of staff welcomes them at the door. They should not be allowed to enter with another adult as we have visitors and staff from Highbury in school and so every adult does not necessarily make sure that children from OOSC make it into the club.