

# Withinfields' Newsletter - 31.1.25

#### **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 or payment can be made via School Gateway at any time. This will be provided at playtime.

11.2.25 2.40pm Greece Demonstration of Learning

12.2.25 2.40pm Ireland Demonstration of Learning

13.2.25 2.40pm Poland Demonstration of Learning

14.2.25 Last day of half term 25.2.25 TUESDAY - Back to school

Date	Class to bring buns	Monday	Reception and Nursery	
7.2.25	Italy			
14.2.25	Greece Tuesday		Years 1 & 2	
28.2.25	Netherlands			
7.3.25	Sweden	Wednesday	Years 3 & 4	
14.3.25	Austria			
21.3.25	Belgium	Thursday	Years 5 & 6	
28.3.25	Switzerland			

# **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 option	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	Sausage Vegetarian sausage	Peas Salad bar	Cheese sandwich Ham wrap	Mashed potatoes	Lemon drizzle cake Fresh fruit Yoghurt
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 **ibuild scaffolding** have donated funds to ensure that all children can have a bun and toast that would like one for the next few weeks. 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

#### Marshalls

We are delighted that Marshalls have confirmed this week that they have chosen Withinfields as their community project for this year. This means that they will offer volunteer hours as well as other practical support to us as the year progresses. We are delighted with this support. They have started by sponsoring buns and toast for a few weeks and giving us a cheque for £500 to provide equipment for each class to use at afternoon games time and in the playground.

# Monitoring children's viewing habits

We have had some children playing inappropriate games in the playground this week based on the television programme, Squid Games, that has a 15 age rating. We have spoken to all children about the inappropriate nature of these games however, it appears to have happened because our older children have been able to watch the programme or content on TikTok which is based on the programme. The older children have then explained the game to the younger children. Clearly the content is inappropriate due to the level of violence included. Please monitor what your children are accessing, particularly on platforms such as TikTok and Youtube.

#### Information for next week

#### Valentine's day meal

We are holding a special school dinner on the last day of the half term which happens to be Valentine's day. The meal will consist of a hotdog (or vegetarian equivalent) and chips along with a heart-shaped biscuit and heart sweet. We are holding a poster competition with a winner in KS1/EYFS and a winner in KS2 getting VIP treatment with a chosen friend and a free lunch. If your child would like to take part in this competition, they need to create a poster advertising the meal. The poster then needs returning to school with the entry fee of £1 attached to it. An independent judge will determine who the winners are!

If your child would like to order a meal for this day and they don't normally have a school dinner, please complete this form: <a href="https://forms.gle/BefKs3oBUWWFdmbu5">https://forms.gle/BefKs3oBUWWFdmbu5</a>

#### Beetle Drive

### Just a reminder:

We are holding a Beetle drive on Wednesday 12th February at 4.15pm. This is a family event with parents and children joining it together. Tickets are available via School Gateway at £2 per person attending. Children cannot attend on their own.

For those that haven't been to a Beetle Drive before, this is how it works:

Participants sit on tables of 4 with each player having their own sheet and a pencil. On each table, the players take it in turns to shake a dice. Depending on the number thrown, a part of the beetle is drawn on the paper by that player.



The tables all keep going until one player in the room has completed their beetle. They shout 'BEETLE' and everyone in the room stops playing and counts the number of body parts that they've drawn which gives them a number of points to add to their score.

The person with the highest number of points on each table moves up to the next table and the lowest scoring person moves down. This means that you get to play with different people as the session goes on. A parent may wish to play as a pair with their child at a table if they think that they may need some support.

At the end of all the rounds, the person with the highest total score is the winner. We look forward to this being an enjoyable and successful event.

#### Other information

## Pupil end of term reports

An element of parental feedback at the end of last year suggested that parents would like more regular feedback about how their child was performing in school. We have decided, therefore, to create reports at the end of each term. We have worked on the format of these over the last few weeks and will be sending the first of these, based on the end of Autumn assessments, before half term. They will give parents a simple indication about the learning behaviours that your child demonstrates in different subjects and whether they are achieving the standards expected of a child of their age, achieving below this or achieving more highly. We will also provide a brief comment about what they have done well in the autumn term and something that they are working on this term. We hope you find these useful.

This will not replace parents evening and we will still be arranging a parents evening following half term for you to discuss your child's education with their teacher.

# **Improving Attendance Information**

What is my child's current attendance?

Before half term, we will be sending out reports as described above and we will print and include a copy of your child's attendance with this so that you can see the percentage of sessions that they have attended so far this year.

We met with the Education Welfare Officer this week who challenged us on the attendance of some children. She flags children up to us when their attendance is 90% or below or getting close to this measure. Some families will be receiving letters from her due to the level that the children's attendance is. Some others will be receiving letters from Mrs Bayliss, our Parent Liaison Officer, as the EWO agreed to let us work with you prior to her getting involved. If you receive a letter, please contact us to make an appointment to discuss what we can do to help improve your child's attendance.

#### **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities information**

Source of support for parents of our youngest pupils with Special Educational Needs

Please see below information about an event being held at Elland Family Hub and Nursery, Boxhall Road, Elland, tomorrow morning from 10am until 11.30am. If you can't make this one, maybe you could put the next one in your diary.









# Support group for SEN children under the age of 5 and their families



An interactive stay and play for children with identified additional needs.

Valuing inclusivity, individuality, diversity and equality for all.

Join in the fun, meet other families in a safe, stimulating and secure environment.

Support and advice monthly from specialist, dedicated inclusion worker.