



Withinfields' Newsletter - 14.3.25

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.

w/c 17th March Assessment week for Y1-5
Thurs 20th March Halifax Opportunities Trust running parents' training linked to PINS at Withinfields
Monday 24th March Parents' evening for Nursery, Reception and Y1-5
Tuesday 25th March Parents' evening for Y6
Tuesday 25th March pm Green innovators showcase for Y5 parents
Monday 31st March pm Ireland trip to Halifax Library
Monday 31st March 2.40pm Netherlands Demonstration of Learning
Tuesday 1st April 2.40pm Austria Demonstration of Learning
Wednesday 2nd April 2.40pm Italy Demonstration of Learning
Thursday 3rd April 8.45am and 2.15pm Y3/4 Easter performance
Thursday 3rd April pm Germany trip to Halifax Library
Friday 4th April Last day of term
Tuesday 22nd April Return to school

Date	Class to bring buns	Monday	Reception and Nursery
21.3.25	Belgium		
28.3.25	Switzerland	Tuesday	Years 1 & 2
4.4.25	Finland		
25.4.25	Poland	Wednesday	Years 3 & 4
2.5.25	Ireland		
9.5.25	Spain	Thursday	Years 5 & 6
16.5.25	Nursery		

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	Battered fish Cheese roll	Baked beans Salad bar	Tuna sandwich Chicken wrap	Chips	Strawberry mousse Fresh fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	Mince and onion pie Quorn mince with Yorkshire pudding	Carrots Peas Salad bar	Turkey sandwich Tuna wrap	New potatoes	Marble sponge cake Fresh fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	Chicken fillet Quorn fillet	Cauliflower Green beans	Cheese sandwich Ham wrap	Roast potatoes	Jam bun Fresh fruit

		Salad bar			Yoghurt
Thursday	Sweet and sour chicken Tomato and basil pasta	Mixed vegetables Salad bar	Cheese sandwich Ham wrap	Rice Wrap	Chocolate crispie bun Fresh fruit Yoghurt
Friday	Pizza Sausage roll	Sweetcorn Salad bar	Tuna sandwich Ham wrap	Diced potatoes	Chocolate sponge Fresh fruit Yoghurt

Buns and Toast Sponsor of the week

We are delighted that **a person who wishes to remain anonymous** has donated funds to ensure that all children can have a bun and toast that would like one this week. 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

Book Fair

Many thanks to those people who have purchased books from the book fair. We receive commission from Scholastic depending on how many books have been purchased so appreciate how many people have supported us.

Science Week

We have had a number of Science activities going on this week. It all started with the Science Fair on Monday which was a huge success. I will be posting photographs on the school website this weekend so that you can see what amazing presentations there were and how hard the children had worked on this. It was lovely to see lots of visitors coming to see the exhibitions too.

The whole school has also collated data about children's heights throughout school so that we can analyse average heights from Nursery up to Year 6. Lots of children have stopped me to have conversations about their own height and how much taller or shorter they are than their friends! We are looking forward to having a display of these findings in school over the next few weeks.

Visit from our local PCSO

We have invited our PCSO into school today to talk to the older children about the age of criminal responsibility and particularly the effects of anti-social behaviour on our community. We have recently received a number of comments from parents and grandparents about the inappropriate behaviour of some of our older children in the park after school. I have spoken to them about this in school and Liz Calkeld will also speak to them today. She is then hoping to visit the park more regularly so that she can hear from adults and children about both the issues and children involved so that any ongoing behaviour can be addressed.

Information for the next week

Parents' Evenings

Many parents have made an appointment for these events and therefore many parts of the afternoon and evening for some teachers are full. If you haven't yet completed the form, please tick as many possible time slots that you would be available so that we can aim to give you a time that is convenient.

We will be offering a second date for Nursery parents due to the number of children in Nursery. We will be in touch with parents about this where necessary.

Please follow these links to request an appointment.

Nursery, Reception, Years 1-5: <https://forms.gle/45hihMEoyxtDsYaP7>

Year 6: <https://forms.gle/XhDgamyMQ5C8ti5w5>

Other information

Mothers' Day Breakfast

We would like to invite children to bring their mums or people that act as mothers to a community continental breakfast on Friday 28th March from 7.45am. We are trialling a new-style breakfast for our mums this year which will include croissants, fresh fruit and yoghurts as well as fruit juice, tea and coffee all for the price of £3 per person. Please book via School Gateway, paying the amount for the number of people that will be eating.

Mrs Gonzalez-Hill's personal challenge

This is information from Mrs Gonzalez-Hill:

I will be completing part of the 'The Camino de Santiago' which involves me walking over 100km from Sarria to Santiago de Compostela in northern Spain. It is a personal goal to complete this as my father-in-law has completed this pilgrimage nearly every year for the past 20 years. Unfortunately, due to ill health he is no longer able to do this, so myself and family members are doing it on his behalf!

This will take place over 6 days during May half term and I would like to use this opportunity to raise some money for the school I have worked at for over 14 years.

I would like to give something back to Withinfields in recognition of the strong relationships I have developed with pupils, parents and the wider community over my time at the school.

This is the link -

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/simone-gonzalez-hill-1?utm_term=dN3Rjkbad

Stomp out event

I have attached a poster advertising a charity event which is being held during the Easter holidays. It is in aid of EdShift which is an organisation that offers support to children who have been impacted by domestic abuse. They have previously supported children from our school and it would be lovely if some of our families could support the event.

Book launch and author meet and greet

I have also attached a flyer for a book launch of Tom Palmer's newest book at The Thoughtful Spot in Skircoat Green, Halifax. Tom is a local author from Halifax and it would be a good opportunity for children to meet and ask questions of a successful writer of children's literature.

Improving Attendance Information

Surely being ten minutes late doesn't make much difference?

Although arriving late is better than not arriving at all and arriving before 9am doesn't affect children's attendance percentage, it does make a difference.

Being 10 minutes late every day means that your child misses 33 hours of learning in just one year. It also means that they don't have a routine start to the day which can lead to your child being unsettled for the morning.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities information


PINS coffee morning

Thank you so much for the fabulous attendance at our PINS coffee morning last week. It was lovely to see so many people there supporting each other and asking advice from the professionals in attendance. We had some lovely feedback from those in attendance.

British Sign Language

Are you looking to unlock the rewarding experience of learning British Sign Language?

North Halifax Partnership are hosting a 6 week course, starting at Ash Green Family Hub on the 7th May.

You can find out more here 

<https://northhalifaxpartnership.org/events/british-sign-language-course/> or scroll down for a picture of the flyer.



BSL Communication

developing communication skills

**Unlock the rewarding experience of learning
British Sign Language.**

**This 6 week course is perfect for people with
hearing impairments, and children in specialist
provision.**

- ★ Enhance communication skills
- ★ Foster inclusivity and understanding
- ★ Open doors to social interactions and community involvement.

**Embrace BSL and help build a more
inclusive society!**

**Ash Green Family Hub
Starting Wednesday 7th May (term
time only) 11am - 12pm.**

Contact laura.kuszyk-parker@nhpltd.org.uk to book

