



Withinfields' Newsletter - 28.3.25

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.

Monday 31st March am Y1/2 visit to St Anne's Church
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
4.4.25	Finland
25.4.25	Poland
2.5.25	Ireland
9.5.25	Spain
16.5.25	Nursery
23.5.25	Denmark
6.6.25	Germany

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

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	Side dish	Desserts
Monday	Fish fingers Vegetarian Sausage roll	Peas Salad bar	Tuna sandwich Chicken wrap	Potato wedges	Strawberry smoothie Fresh fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	Macaroni cheese Pasta bolognese	Mixed vegetables Salad bar	Tuna sandwich Chicken wrap	Garlic bread	Chocolate fudge cake Fresh fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	Chicken fillet Quorn fillet	Carrots Broccoli Salad bar	Cheese sandwich Ham wrap	Roast potatoes Yorkshire pudding	Jam sponge Fresh fruit Yoghurt
Thursday	Chicken burger Quorn burger	Sweetcorn Salad bar	Cheese sandwich Ham wrap	Diced potatoes	Biscuit Fresh fruit Yoghurt
Friday	Pizza Quorn nuggets	Baked beans Salad bar	Cheese sandwich Chicken wrap	Chips	Icecream tub Fresh fruit Yoghurt

Buns and Toast Sponsor of the week

We are delighted that **Marshall's** 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

Green Innovators

The Y5 showcase this week was the highlight of my week. To hear the children explaining their designs for 'Green' inventions was a thoroughly enjoyable experience. Each group had come up with a totally unique idea and were able to explain all aspects of it in clear and articulate ways. Well done to the whole of Y5 for being so enthusiastic throughout this project.

Mothers' Day Breakfast

Thank you to all those who participated in the Mothers' Day breakfast this morning. It is always lovely to have parents in school and the breakfasts always have such a positive atmosphere. As well as everyone enjoying the breakfast, we also raised about £150 which will be added to our enrichment pot which pays for all trips and workshop events for the children.

Information for the next week

Easter Raffle

We would love donations of Easter eggs and other Easter gifts for our Easter raffle. We will be sending raffle tickets home today. If you wish to buy them, please complete the details and return them to school with the cash or pay for them on school gateway. We will complete the draw before the end of the term and send prizes home with the children.

Easter celebration assembly

The Year 3 and 4 children will be performing their Easter assembly on Thursday at 8.45am and 2.15pm. Year 3 and 4 parents are welcome to join us for one of the performances.

Non-uniform day

The school council have decided to organise a pyjama day to raise funds for the enrichment pot which will be held on Friday. Children can wear their pyjamas for the day or non-uniform if they would prefer this. There will be a bucket collection at the gate. Please be generous!

Demonstrations of learning

Please see the diary dates box for details of whose demonstration of learning it is each day next week. Please arrive early enough for a 2.40pm start. Entry will be via the hall fire door.

Other information

Bike and scooter safety

We have a number of our older children that are coming to and from school on their bikes. Please can you all remind your children that they should be wearing a helmet if they are riding their bikes. There have been a number of children this week who have been without helmets.

We have also been asked by the residents at the top of Withinfields to ask families to remind their children that they need to take care when crossing driveways. There have apparently been some very near misses when children have come down the pathway from Pinnar Lane to the top of Withinfields on scooters and bikes and have not slowed down to check whether residents are moving vehicles in and out of driveways.

Sporting opportunities

We have included some information about sporting activities that are available locally with the newsletter today. Please use the details on these to make contact if you are interested.

Mobile phones in school

In Y5/6, children should only bring their phone to school if they have walked to school without a parent in the morning or are leaving without a parent at the end of the day. Children who are accompanied to and from school do not need their phone in school. Please be aware that any child that brings a mobile phone is expected to switch it off and hand it in. These phones are kept in a storeroom but we are not responsible for any damage or loss during this time and if you are worried about this, please do not send your child with a phone.

Children in Y4 and below are not allowed mobile phones in school.

Staff have noticed that sometimes parents are on their mobile phones when collecting children. This affects the transition for your child from school to home as they do not have your full attention. All children benefit from a warm welcome from their parent or carer when they leave school and a conversation with them about their day. Some schools have gone down a no-mobile use in the school grounds which we are not intending to implement but please consider how important the 5-10 minutes at pick up are to your child in terms of 'you-time'.

Improving Attendance Information

What is good attendance?

Children who attend for 97%+ of the year have regular attendance which will enable them to learn positively and maintain progress.

Children who attend 94.6%+ of the year have attendance which is in line or above national average.

Children with attendance below 94.6% are below national average for their attendance.

Children with attendance below 90% are persistently absent and the Educational Welfare Officers from Calderdale Council discuss these children with us in their termly visit.

We will provide a copy of your child's attendance so far this year with the termly report so that you can see what percentage your child has attended so far this year.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities information

We are having an SEND audit conducted by an external professional next week to determine which aspects of our SEND provision are strong and which need further development. We will let you know the findings once we have the report.