

# Withinfields' Newsletter - 12.9.25

#### **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.

Friday 26th Sept - pm Stay and Play and Phonics information session for Reception parents

Thursday 2nd Oct - Special US themed school dinner

Thursday 16th Oct - 8.45am and 2.30pm KS1 performing their Harvest assembly

Friday 24th Oct - Last day of the half term

### BUN SALES - 50p

We enjoy buns each Friday at playtime. We ask for donations of buns from a different class each week as detailed below. Buns are 50p and this can be paid in cash or via School Gateway. Proceeds from these sales go into our Enrichment pot.

Date	Class to bring buns
19.9.25	Nursery
26.9.25	Denmark
3.10.25	Reception
10.10.25	Italy
17.10.25	Greece
24.10.25	Netherlands
7.11.25	Sweden

Buns Sponsor of the week
We are delighted that <u>Sunnyside</u>
<u>Home Childcare</u> has donated £40
this week to ensure that all children can have a bun that would like one.
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 provide bank details. You can use it as an opportunity to raise awareness of your business or ask to remain anonymous.

Our Enrichment pot pays for all school trips and special workshops within school for our children so that parents are not asked to pay for these.

## Special moment of the week!

Miss Rothery and I had a walk around the school yesterday morning. We visited most classes to see the learning that was taking place and to review behaviour in this second week of the school year.

We were really impressed with the learning behaviour that we saw, with children being keen to learn and focused. We also saw children taking pride in their presentation including in Reception where they were just starting to write letters this week! We were particularly proud of the confident and fluent way that the children in Finland (Y3) were reading aloud in class during their lesson.

### Important information for next week

We are looking forward to welcoming Calderdale's Assistant Director for Education and Inclusion for a visit next week. She has heard about all the inclusive practice that we provide to all our children and has arranged to come and see it in action.

### Other information

**Poetry Festival -** Reading and a love of books is really important to us at Withinfields. For a number of years now, we have held a Poetry Festival in the Autumn term. Children in Years 1 to 6 will all be bringing a leaflet home today with a few poems in. The aim is for all children to attempt to learn one of the poems over the next few weeks and develop a performance of that poem. For children in EYFS, we would like them to choose a nursery rhyme to either say or sing in class.

In the week commencing 6th October, the children will then have an opportunity within class to recite their poem in front of the class. The classteacher will then choose a number of children to go through to a semi-final where the children will perform their poem for Miss Rothery and I. We will then choose the finalists who will perform at the Poetry Festival on 22nd October at 6pm with an audience of parents and carers.

Please support your child with learning a poem as it gives the children such a feeling of pride when they are able to perform in front of their classmates!

**Farewell -** After careful consideration, Mrs Dee has concluded that, after such a long absence from school, she has decided to leave the school for pastures new. She would like to take this opportunity to express her thanks to the governors, colleagues and all the families for their support throughout her time at Withinfields and says that she leaves with many happy memories.

**Clubs** - Information about our clubs for this half term went out via email and Class Dojo yesterday. Please complete the online form by Tuesday if your child is interested in taking part. Clubs usually run for 5 weeks each half term with new clubs being offered each half term and some running for more than one half term.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff who all volunteer their time to run these clubs over the course of the year. It is a lovely way for children to get involved in other activities and also get to know other adults in school.

**Good news assemblies -** These will start next Friday at 8.45am with the KS1 and EYFS children and KS2 will start the following week. For those parents and carers that are new to us, these are assemblies which celebrate the achievements of different children each week. If your child is to be celebrated, we will let you know earlier in the week so that you can hopefully arrange for a member of your family to be there.

**Road works** - Thank you for all your patience since the start of term with the road works on Withinfields. We are hoping that this work will finish today. A few parents have asked if the other work that the council consulted on will still be taking place on Law Lane. This is planned to be started in October with the contractors working short hours, like they've done on the road outside school, during our term time. They will then hope to finish the work during October half term. We are currently consulting with the Southowram Community Centre to see if we can arrange for parents to utilise their car park at drop off and pick up times which would hopefully ease some of the congestion around school. I will let you know if this progresses.