



Withinfields' Newsletter - 19.9.25

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
26.9.25	Denmark
3.10.25	Reception
10.10.25	Italy
17.10.25	Greece
24.10.25	Netherlands
7.11.25	Sweden
14.11.25	Austria

Buns Sponsor of the week

We are delighted that Sunnyside Home Childcare 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!

I spent lunchtime outside yesterday and enjoyed seeing all the children playing so well together. Because our playground is split into zones, it helps children to play appropriately with each other and it is always really lovely to see older and younger children playing cooperatively together. This is particularly true in the reading shed area and the loose parts zone where there are always lots of dens being built!

Important information for next week

After school clubs start next week for those children that have booked places. Please pick up children at 4pm after clubs from the hall fire door.

It is our Stay and Play sessions with phonics information for Reception parents next Friday afternoon. The children are looking forward to showing you all the things that they enjoy in their new classroom.

Other information

Phonics at home - If you would like to find out more about our Phonics scheme and teaching and how you can help your child at home, visit <https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>. This site holds lots of videos and information about how we teach your child as well as resources to support you in listening to your child read at home.

Special dinner - From time to time, our catering provider offers a special menu day. The first of these is taking place on 2nd October. We will post the menu on ClassDojo next week so that you can discuss with your child whether they want a meal that day. I believe they are hoping to include pancakes or waffles as dessert! If your child does not normally have a meal, they are welcome to have the special meal on 2nd October. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 would be entitled to the meal free. If you are not eligible for Free School Meals, you would need to pay £2.75 on School Gateway. If you are not sure whether you should be entitled to Free School Meals in KS2, please contact the office and they will be able to direct you to the appropriate website to check if you haven't done this already.

Dates for your diary - We have included a set of dates for parents with this newsletter. The list is not exhaustive but does include holiday dates, key events and other events involving parents. We do organise additional events as the year goes on which are posted on the weekly newsletter or on ClassDojo so please do keep a look out for information each week.

Buns - If you wish to pay for your child's Friday buns up front for the term or the year, this can be done online via School Gateway. There are 36 weeks left in the year (£18) or 12 weeks this term (£6). Some people find this easier than locating a 50p each week. Also, some people last year chose to pay it forward and fund a bun for another child in the school anonymously. If you feel that you would like to do this, please just add whatever you would like to donate to your donation on the gateway or send additional cash with your child.

There is also the option to sponsor buns for the week. This is because we don't like to have any child missing out on a bun so we always purchase additional buns to ensure that, with the donations of buns from the class whose turn it is, we have enough for everyone. This costs us about £40 each week. If you wish to sponsor a week as a family or individual, please let Mr Laycock know in the office or you may work for a company or organisation which would sponsor a week. We are incredibly appreciative of this support as it means the donations which we do receive from parents for buns can all go to pay for every child to have a school trip each year without having to ask parents for contributions for the trip.

Playground snacks - We have a fruit trolley which children can choose a piece of fruit from at playtime for free. Children are also able to bring their own fruit or vegetable snack from home to eat in the playground at playtime.

Volunteers - We are always happy to welcome volunteers into school to listen to children read, support children with different activities or help in other ways. If you are interested in this, please get in touch. You will be required to complete a short application form and a DBS application but can then start helping.

We are currently looking for a volunteer to organise our second-hand uniform and run a stall once a fortnight to support families who want to take advantage of this. If you are interested, please let me know.