



Withinfields' Newsletter - 3.10.25

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 10th Oct - Hello Yellow day - children and staff to wear something yellow - recognising World Mental Health day
Thursday 16th Oct - 8.45am and 2.30pm KS1 performing their Harvest assembly
Wednesday 22nd Oct - 6pm Poetry Festival
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
10.10.25	Italy
17.10.25	Greece
24.10.25	Netherlands
7.11.25	Sweden
14.11.25	Austria
21.11.25	Belgium
28.11.25	Switzerland

Buns Sponsor of the week

We are delighted that Owl Access 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!

We have held our School Council Elections this week which gives children in Years 1-6 the opportunity to visit a Polling station, have their name ticked off on the electoral roll and complete their ballot paper. This gives them a real insight into how democracy works. I am very proud of all the children that nominated themselves for the role of school councillor as without them, there would be no need for a vote. We will announce the people that have been elected in the whole school assembly on Monday and will then post on ClassDojos.

Important information for next week

We are recognising World Mental Health day next Friday by wearing yellow. This means that children can come in non-uniform for the day but, if possible, we would love them to wear something yellow even if it is just a yellow accessory! We will be doing a bucket collection at the gate. We are currently making plans to set up a new calm space in school and will use the proceeds of the bucket collection to purchase bean bags, soft furnishings and other items for this new space. If you would prefer to donate online, please use the 'Donations' payment request on School Gateway.

Other information

Y6 secondary applications - Just a reminder that Y6 parents need to complete their application for a secondary school place before the end of October.

Parking near school - Please be courteous to other road and pavement users when you are parking near school. A parent had to take a pram into the road this week as she couldn't get past parked cars on the cycle lane. Please also be aware that the road works on Law Lane will be starting in the coming weeks and you may be quicker walking to school if you live in Southowram when these are in place.

Lockdown practice - We held a lockdown practice this week. The children who were outside at the time moved quickly inside with the older children reminding the younger children to enter through the closest door. Once registered, we quickly got on with something quiet in classes. We have been practising procedures for getting children quickly inside the building for about 9 years now. Years ago, we used to include procedures such as asking children to sit under tables or playing sleeping lions once we were all inside but stopped this in more recent years and classes now just continue with their learning. This week, when we practised, there was a misunderstanding in the Y4 classrooms and so they were asked to sit quietly on the floor but this has been addressed now so that they know what to do in future.

Poetry semi-finals - Classteachers have been choosing semi-finalists from their class for the Poetry Festival this week or may be doing it at the beginning of next week. If your child is chosen as a semi-finalist, please support them in polishing their performance ready for Miss Rothery and my judging on Thursday next week! Once the finalists have been chosen, we will start to sell tickets for the Poetry Festival which will also feature acts from the Cheerleading Club and Choir.

Harvest donations - We are collecting items from next week for our Harvest festival. All items collected will be donated to local food banks so that our contributions support local people. So that we can offer a wider range of items, please can each class consider donating something as follows:

Nursery - Tinned soup

Reception - Toothbrushes or toothpaste

Sweden - Pasta sauces

Greece - Tinned meat

Austria - Tinned fish

Belgium - Condiments - salt, pepper, ketchup, mayo, etc.

Finland - Long life juice

Poland - Breakfast cereal

Switzerland - Long life milk

Italy - Baby items

Netherlands - Tinned fruit

Spain - Tinned desserts e.g. rice pudding, custard

Denmark - Tinned vegetables

Our Harvest Festival is on 16th October so we would appreciate any donations by this date please.

Random raffles - We often do raffles at the end of term but have realised that at Christmas and Summer this is a time when families have other financial commitments. We have therefore decided to do raffles at random times this year. We have a number of prizes that we have collated over the last few weeks so will be posting details on ClassDojo next week and sending raffle tickets home. If you would like to enter the raffle, you just need to send the tickets back with the right amount of cash and they will be entered into the draw. Alternatively, you can send the tickets back and will be able to pay on School Gateway. If you are not interested, please just recycle the tickets.