



Withinfields' Newsletter - 28.11.25

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.

Mon 1st Dec - Poet working in school with Y6
Tues 9th Dec - Christmas Fayre
Weds 10th - 12th Dec - Y5 Robinwood
Mon 15th Dec - Y3 (am) / Y4 (pm) Christmas Party
Tues 16th Dec - Y1/2 Christmas Party (pm)
Wed 17th Dec - Nativity (9.10am & 5pm) & Y6 Christmas Party (pm)
Thurs 18th Dec - EYFS (am) / Y5 (pm) - Christmas party
Friday 19th Dec - Christmas Dinner & Jumper day

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
5.12.25	Finland
12.12.25	Poland
19.12.25	Spain
9.1.26	Nursery
16.1.26	Denmark
23.1.26	Reception
30.1.26	Italy

Buns Sponsor of the week

Many thanks to our Bun Sponsor - iBuild scaffolding - who have kindly provided funding for the rest of this half term.

If you have a company that would like to sponsor a week or you wish to do it as a family, please complete this link.

<https://forms.gle/Bw5NCNcUdp6sfWb49>

You can use it as an opportunity to raise awareness of your business or ask to remain anonymous. It costs just £40 to purchase buns for those that haven't paid/forgot their money.

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!

This week nursery and reception had a visit from Steph from Living Streets who came to teach them all about a project called 'Little Feet Elmer'. The children were taught about the importance of walking or wheeling to school and how physical activity is good for their bodies and their minds.

Steph set the children a challenge of walking or wheeling to school as much as possible and, in return, they can add stickers to their class map. Once their map is full, they will all receive a certificate. The children have already been working hard to walk, wheel or park and stride to school each day and have loved adding stickers to their map. Steph even left the children their very own Elmer puppet to help them along the way.

Important information for next week

We will be starting to sell our Christmas fayre tokens next week. Please either pay on School Gateway or purchase in cash from the school office. For those that haven't experienced a Withinfields' fayre before, we operate a cash-less system at these events. Parents can purchase token cards with 5 spaces worth 50p each prior to the event for £2.50 or from the school office at the event. Each stall costs 50p and a token is crossed off each time you 'spend' one. You can

obviously buy as many token cards as you like by just paying multiples of £2.50.

The fayre will take place on Tuesday, 9th December straight after school.

Other information

Road closure - When we have staff available, we do put cones out to close the road up the side of school. We allow staff and residents through the closure. We also let Blue badge holders through the closure if there is room for them to park and they have their blue badge on display. If the road is already full, blue badge holders may, unfortunately, be turned away to prevent cars entering the road with nowhere to park.

Christmas week - We will post information next week about all our Christmas week activities. Please watch out for next week's newsletter!

Pre-loved school uniform - We have lots of pre-loved but very good quality school uniform. We have decided to start an online request service for this uniform. If your child has lost jumpers, cardigans etc. or simply outgrown their uniform, please complete this form:

<https://forms.gle/xXWL28t71UfSuxELA>

Once a week, we will collate any responses, put together a bag of items that you have requested (if we have any in stock) and send it home with your child. This will hopefully help families financially but will also reduce the storage space that we are currently using storing all this uniform! Once received, if you want to make a monetary donation for the uniform, you can do this via School Gateway or you may wish to simply donate uniform that they've grown out of back to us for someone else. I have put this link on to our school website under the information about uniform also in case you don't need it now but may need it in the future.

Crossing patrol - As some of you are aware, the service that organise crossing patrols in Calderdale have put a proposal together which includes the removal of the crossing patrol person near Withinfields. I am meeting the people who have put together this proposal next week and will be showing them the current situation at 3pm in terms of safety and traffic. They have also promised a parent consultation for those schools that are affected which I will circulate as soon as I have it as I know that many parents wish for their feelings about this to be known.

Sickness absence - Many schools are struggling with significant numbers of students of all ages who are unwell with symptoms such as high temperatures, sore throats, headaches, and sickness. In some schools this is affecting around 10-40% of the students as well as many staff. We have not been as affected as some schools but have had a number of children off this week.

The Public Health team have asked for the following information to be shared with parents and carers:

In Calderdale we have had high COVID rates, but they are starting to drop; and we currently have high RSV and rhinovirus rates in children. We're also seeing a flu variant that is affecting young people, and with increasing rates.

As such we would like to remind you that students and staff should remain away from school for the duration of a high temperature (a high temperature is 38C or more) and until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).

Although attendance is important to us, so is the welfare of all our children including those who are vulnerable due to medical or health conditions. Please follow the guidance above for your child.