



Withinfields' Newsletter - 23.1.26

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.

Fri 30th Jan - 1.30pm - Nursery Stay and Play session
Mon 9th Feb - National Child Measurement Programme by School Nursing Team for YR and Y6
Thurs 12th Feb - KS2 Choir concert - Young Voices in Manchester
Fri 13th Feb - Last day of term

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.

| Date | Class to bring buns |
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| 30.1.26 | Italy |
| 6.2.26 | Greece |
| 13.2.26 | Netherlands |
| 27.2.26 | Sweden |
| 6.3.26 | Austria |
| 13.3.26 | Belgium |
| 20.3.26 | France |

Buns and Toast Sponsor of the week

We are delighted that **HX5 Fitness** have 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 mention of the week!

I want to mention my whole staff team as the 'Special mention' this week. This time of year, when it is cold, dull and often wet or icy, is always harder in terms of keeping team spirit high. However, the staff this half term so far have proven that this doesn't have to be the case. Staff are cheerful, supportive of your children and each other and make Withinfields a lovely place to be. They do this all year, of course, but it has been particularly noticeable this last few weeks. We are lucky to have such a great team.

Important information for next week

The Nursery parents are invited to a Stay and Play session next Friday. Please keep an eye out on ClassDojo for details about times and other information. We are looking forward to seeing you all!

Other information

Wall and gates - Please can parents refrain from jumping over the wall or gates and lifting children over the wall or gates. I have arranged for the gate near France's cloakroom to be opened at 8.30am and at 3pm so that those who find it easier to walk through the car park to pick up from France can get through. Out of School Club staff have noticed a number of parents doing this before and after school. As a reminder, the playground gate will be open for OOSC parents from 7.30am to 8.10am. After 8.10am, children should be taken to the main entrance for OOSC. Similarly, at the end of the day, children should be collected from the main entrance if picking up before 4pm. The gate will be open from 4pm to 5.55pm when OOSC closes.

Lifting your child over the wall or over gates suggests to them that this is acceptable to do and may lead to them trying this at playtimes or lunchtimes. Equally, allowing children to see you jumping over gives them the same message.

Dogs - Just a reminder that dogs are not allowed on our premises except for assistance dogs. This includes carried dogs. Please can people coming to collect from OOSC refrain from bringing dogs into the playground.

Attendance - It has been lovely to meet some parents this week who we had invited in to discuss their child's attendance. Having an understanding of the difficulties that some families face is important to us as sometimes we can offer simple solutions which help the child and family to be able to improve punctuality and attendance. We obviously monitor all children's attendance regularly and invite those in whose attendance has dipped or whose attendance is causing us concern. Please don't feel though that you have to wait until this point for us to offer help. If there are ever circumstances that you feel we may be able to help with, please get in touch with Miss Bayliss in the office as she can offer advice and support.

Buns sponsorship - We have a sponsor to purchase the additional buns next week but after that do not have any sponsorship. If you would like to sponsor the buns for £40 either as a family, an anonymous donor, or a business, please let myself or Mr Laycock know.

Wildlife Area - We are pausing our Wildlife area time for classes until the weather improves. The area is incredibly muddy at the moment, as many of you will know from the state that your child's clothes and shoes are in after their session! Reception will continue to do their forest school session each week but they will be the only year group using the area.