



Withinfields' Newsletter - 9.10.26

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.

w/c 12.10.26 - Y6 assessments taking place
14.10.26 Nasal Flu Vaccinations
15.10.26 - 8.45am and 2.30pm Harvest Festival performance involving Years 1 and 2 - Y1/2 parents and carers welcome to attend either performance
16.10.26 1.30pm Nursery Stay and Play
21.10.26 - 6pm Poetry Festival finals
23.10.26 - Last day of the half 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
16.10.26	YR
23.10.26	Y1
6.11.26	Y2
13.11.26	Y3
20.11.26	Y4
27.11.26	Y5
4.12.26	Y6

Buns and Toast Sponsor of the week

We are delighted that **HP Landscaping and Garden maintenance** has donated 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 was honoured this week to be asked to speak in front of Calderdale Primary School Headteachers about our inclusion at Withinfields. It's also good to share our positive practice but I was particularly proud to talk about the ways in which we ensure that everyone feels included at our school as this is our passion and lies at the heart of our motto, It's okay to be different at Withinfields!

Important information for next week

Please see information below about our Harvest Festival which will take place next Thursday. We are hoping to have a huge pile of donations from TeamWithinfields.

Y6 children will be taking part in the first assessments of Year 6 next week which we use to identify gaps in their learning so that we can ensure that our teaching includes these.

Other information

Harvest festival - It is our Harvest festival on Thursday next week. We would love to accept donations of the following items which will be given to Focus4Hope in Brighouse.

EYFS - Hygiene products e.g. toothpaste, tooth brushes, body wash, soap, shampoo

Y1 - Tins of food

Y2 - Staple food e.g. pasta, rice, noodles

Y3 - Biscuits and cakes

Y4 - Cereal

Y5 - Longlife milk

Y6 - Tea, coffee, hot chocolate

There will be two performances for parents to attend, one at 8.45am and the other at 2.30pm. It will be Year 1 and Year 2 that are performing. We are looking forward to seeing lots of parents and carers there!

Safeguarding - We place huge importance on making sure that our children are kept safe and have someone to talk to if they have any worries about themselves or others. This comes through our strong relationships with children and by Senior Leaders being available every lunchtime for children to chat to, should they need to. Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are myself, Miss Rothery, Mrs Gonzalez-Hill and Mr Griffiths. If you ever have any concerns about your own or another child, please ask to speak to any of us. You can also report concerns to the Multi-Agency Screening Team (MAST) on 01422 393336 or via email at MASTAdmin@calderdale.gov.uk.

Our Governing Body - I am pleased to confirm that the result of the parent election is that Richard Barrett has been elected to serve as a parent governor on our Governing Body. He is looking forward to getting involved. I felt it may be helpful for parents to be aware of the work that Governors do so have decided to give a summary of the main work and decisions at the meeting in the newsletter after a meeting. They met on Tuesday evening with the following decisions and discussions taking place:

- Election of the co-chairs for the year who will be Mr Jamie O'Callaghan and Mr Nathan Shaw
- Approval of a number of statutory policies including the Protecting and Safeguarding children policy, the Attendance policy and the Allergy safety policy.
- Scrutiny of the current financial position and decision-making about aspects of school life that affect the budget situation.
- Report from myself about contextual data - proportions of children in various groups e.g. eligible for Free School Meals, SEND - and areas such as staff wellbeing, pupil performance in Reading, Writing and Maths, Attendance data, Behaviour data and partnership working.
- Approved the new format of our School Implementation Plans and how the governors will monitor the progress of these towards improvement in our priority areas.

If any parent wants to ever read the minutes of Governing Body meetings, they are available in school on request.

Closing dates - The closing date for parents applying for a secondary school place for their child is 31st October. Please contact Miss Bayliss if you need help with the completion of this. The closing date for expressing an interest in Nursery sessions for the January intake is Friday 23rd October. If your child is already in nursery, the deadline for letting us know about booking extra sessions or changing sessions for January is 16th October. Please contact Mrs McCulloch if you need any help.

School Council elections - These have taken place today with all children in Y1 to Y6 attending the Polling Station, having their name checked on the electoral roll and casting their vote. The

results will be announced in assembly on Monday!

Advance notice of coffee morning - We are holding a Coffee morning for parents on 10th November at 9am in our Out of School Club building. Key school staff involved in attendance, family support, mental health, SEND and behaviour will be there. Put it in your diaries and come along for support or just for a chat with free drinks and cakes!

Contact Catherine on
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Girls' Brigade
Boothtown

Seek, Serve and Follow Christ

I like coming to GB because I learn new things about
Christianity

We make friends and have fun.

We meet on Mondays from 6pm to 7.30pm

At Boothtown Methodist, Halifax

Come along and join us!