



# Nursery Newsletter 3

## November 2015

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We had a busy run up to half term and the children enjoyed events such as the Harvest festival and the discos. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of these.

Our School Council conference at Rothervalley was a great event and the children enjoyed the opportunity to work on team building tasks with pupils from other schools. Photos of this event, and of the Active Travel circus performance, can be viewed on our Family of Schools website at [www.westfieldfamily.org](http://www.westfieldfamily.org)

Your comments, as always, are welcomed and I would be happy to see you at any time if you want to catch me in the playground or call in at the office to make an appointment. If you do have any concerns or worries please have a word with your child's teacher as I know that they will do their best to help and to put your mind at rest.

Helen Stokes, (Headteacher).

### Senior leadership team



Mrs Helen Stokes  
Headteacher



Mrs Caryn Moffatt  
Foundation Stage  
Leader



Mrs Shelly Appleby  
Key Stage 1 Leader



Mrs Helen Towers  
Special Needs  
Co-ordinator

This is the **Nursery** version of the September Newsletter.

**To help you in seeing which items you may need to take action on a list is below:**

**Actions for you to take:**

- Please send your child with some suitable gifts for our bags on Charity day (11<sup>th</sup> November).
- Please complete Parentview [www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk).
- Please come to school in non-uniform, pyjamas or superhero costume on Children in Need Day ~ 13<sup>th</sup> November.
- Please send any unwanted gifts or prize donations to the office for our Christmas Draw.
- Please can children, arriving for Nursery dinners on 13<sup>th</sup> November, be in Nursery by 11:25a.m. at the latest.

**Items for action**

**Charity Day 11<sup>th</sup> November ~ 'Bags of Human Kindness'**

Every year we have a day where we help children to think about others who are less fortunate than themselves. We use this opportunity to support a charity. This year we are linking with Mosborough Church to support the many refugee children who are in camps escaping terrible situations in their home countries. We are making 'Bags of Basic Human Kindness'. These are like PE bags but they will contain items that a young child may need when away from home. A list of ideas is below:

- Socks
- Gloves
- hat
- underwear
- sunglasses
- Soft toys
- Simple games
- Picture books
- Skipping rope
- Toothpaste and toothbrush
- Soap and flannel
- Sudacreme
- Anything else you can think of!



At 2:35p.m. children in school will come together and will show some of the things they have been doing. At this time they will also bring in the gifts they have brought from home for us to put in the bags. Nursery staff will bring through items collected in Nursery.

We will then put together bags for boys and girls of different ages and will deliver them to Mosborough church to be sent away for children who face an uncertain future and possibly a hard winter ahead.

**Please send your child with some suitable gifts for our bags on Charity day.**

## We need your opinion...!



Parent view is one of the ways OFSTED and school collect views about a variety of different aspects of school life. The website you need is:

[www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk)

Even if you have completed Parentview previously please do log your views again for the school year 2015/2016.

## Children in Need day Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> is Children in Need day. As we have a different charity day in the same week we are not expecting families to donate to both charities. We do want children to have the opportunity to join in with this national event though so we will have a non-uniform day on 13<sup>th</sup>. Children may wish to come to school in their own clothes, their pyjamas (Emmanuel are having a pyjama day) or dressed as a superhero. If you would like to give a small donation we will collect these and forward them to the Children in Need charity.



Please come to school in non-uniform, pyjamas or superhero costume on 13<sup>th</sup> November.

## Christmas Draw 17<sup>th</sup> December

We will be holding our popular Christmas Draw again this year. This is to raise funds towards the Christmas presents we purchase for all children. Two books of tickets will be sent home with your child in a couple of weeks. We have a wide range of prizes, many donated by local businesses. Tickets are 20p each or £1 for a book. We would welcome donations of any unwanted unused gifts you have to add to our prize list.

Please send any unwanted gifts or prize donations to the office for our Christmas Draw.

## Fire and Lock down drills

In order to ensure that all children and staff know what to do, if an emergency did occur, we regularly practise exiting the building quickly when the fire alarm goes off as well as locking all doors and staying in a safe place when the Lock-down alarm goes off.

The children are always calm and sensible when we have a Fire or Lock-down drill. This half term we have a Lock-down drill planned for 13<sup>th</sup> November at 11:30a.m. This will take about 10 minutes so please try to avoid ringing the school at this time as we will not necessarily be able to answer the phone.



Please can children, arriving for Nursery dinners on 13<sup>th</sup> November, be in Nursery by 11:25a.m. at the latest. Thank you.

## Items for information:

### Taking children home from Nursery

Please can we remind parents that they **must not** take home another parer prior arrangement or speaking to the Nursery staff.

Sometimes a parent regularly collects a child from school to help out another parent but they should only do this when explicitly arranged. If a parent hasn't turned up to collect their child the teacher will need to ring them and check whether it is alright for another person to bring their child home.

### Tesco School Uniform

The Tesco website is available for uniform orders. You can access this by the website address [www.clothingattesco/icat/embschoolwear](http://www.clothingattesco/icat/embschoolwear). Once on the site you need to choose under 'find your school - local authority' - Sheffield and then Waterthorpe NI School from the drop down list and follow the website instructions from there. The school receives a 5% commission for any uniform sold. Any queries please do not hesitate to pop into the school office to discuss. Mrs Jones who works on Thursdays is our member of staff responsible for uniform.



### Bike-it sessions

Well done to all the children who joined the cycle skills sessions in October. The children worked really hard and enjoyed the session. A special well done to Oscar Selwood who was learning to ride his bike safely without stabilisers. Oscar rode his bike across the playground on his own.



### Kid's Club



Parents, do you need extra shopping time, or care for your child while you are at work?

Kids, fancy a fun, friendly place to play after School?



## COME TO WATERTHORPE KIDS CLUB!

- We run from 3-6pm on School Days, for £7.50 per child, per session (subject to a one off £2.00 registration fee per family).
- We plan lots of fun activities, both inside and out, with lots to make and do!
- We offer yummy, nutritious snacks!
- We provide safe, Ofsted registered care with kind friendly staff.

If you are interested please call in to Emmanuel Community Rooms for a chat with Sue, Lewis or Kezia, or call Sue on 0114 247 3123



On 20th October Kid's Club was inspected by Ofsted. The club was judged to be 'Good' in all areas. Ofsted said "Staff provide a calm and relaxed learning environment for children to play in. Children behave well and they have good relationships with staff and other children." The full report will be available on the Ofsted website by going to the following link:  
<http://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/CARE/300838>

Please note that a club session can be used as part of your 15 hours free entitlement. All bookings and payments for Kid's Club must be made in advance at the school office.  
The new club phone number is: 0114 247 3123 (between 3pm and 6pm)  
To contact the club during the school day please call Waterthorpe School: 0114 248 4943

### **Breakfast Club**

We offer childcare at our breakfast club from 7:55a.m. This includes a nutritional breakfast and a range of activities. The price of this is £3.50 per day. Children from nursery or school may attend but places must be booked in advance. Breakfast club can be taken as part of your free 15 hours entitlement in Nursery.

### **Sports Spotlight.**

Welcome to Waterthorpe Sports Spotlight. This part of the newsletter aims to shine a light on our fantastic PE and Sports Provision in school.

During the first half term children in Miss Wilson's class have been coached each week by a coach/first team player from the Sheffield Eagles Rugby League team. They have been learning the basic skills of rugby through fun games and activities. This links well with the Rugby World cup which many children have been watching on the television over the last few weeks.



Children in Year One have enjoyed a six week block of games and activities run by the FA skills program. During these sessions ball skills, team work, balance and co-ordination skills were promoted and developed. All the children had a great time.

After school clubs continue to be popular. At present we are running two sports clubs; rugby on Tuesdays night and gymnastics on Fridays. Children also have access to Karate on Thursdays. Both Nick Gill (Sheffield Eagles coach) and Jade (Gymnastics Specialist), as well as Carl and Kara (Karate instructors), have all commented on how well the children have been developing their skills.

Thank you for your continued support with sports in school.

Sports Spotlight will be back in the next newsletter.

Mrs C Robertson.

### **ECO group/School Council News**

We have been awarded the Fairtrade award 'Fairachiever' which recognises that our school is a Fairtrade school. Our Green flag has also been renewed for a further 2 years. These awards recognise the excellent work in school where we teach children about how they can grow up to look after their world and the people in it.



**Our new School Council for this year are:**

**Y2W - Mia Saeed, Zack Moulster, Amelia Ferguson and Freddie Thorpe:**



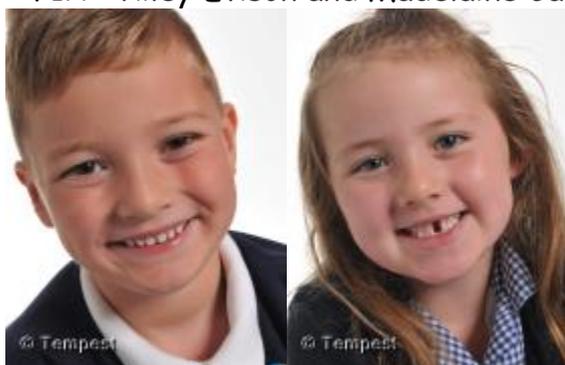
**Y2H - Macy Allott, Aaron Adlington, Sophie Hines and Radek Celt:**



**Y1R - Maisie Hartley and Mason Taylor:**



**Y1A - Riley Evison and Madelaine Cartwright:**



## **Harvest Festival gifts**

Thank you to everyone who contributed gifts to our Harvest Festival. We donated the gifts of food to 35 pensioners living in Beckton bungalows. The residents were delighted to receive the gifts and we received many thank you cards from grateful residents.



## **Westfield Family of Schools**

This can be found at [www.westfieldfamily.org](http://www.westfieldfamily.org). There is lots of useful information on the website and links to each school's individual website. Please have a look. There is a link on our school website to the Family of Schools website.



A Christmas Fayre is being held at Westfield School, for all schools in our Family, on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 10-3pm. Everyone is invited. Along with other schools, we will be running a home-made cake sale at the event and would welcome donations of homemade baking. Please send these into school on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you.

## **Carol Service**

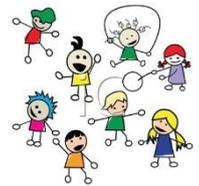
Our Family of Schools is holding a Carol Service at Crystal Peaks on 17<sup>th</sup> December at 6p.m. We will be singing outside the entrance door opposite the petrol station (near the Red carpark).



A group of children from Waterthorpe will be singing at the event. These children have been selected by our singing teacher. Please join us for the event.

## **Stepping Stones Playgroup ~ Places for 2 year old children**

The Stepping Stones Playgroup, that runs in the community rooms, has places for children over 2 years old on Monday, Tuesday and, from November, Thursday mornings 9a.m. to 11:30a.m. The cost is currently £9.25 per session, which includes a snack. If you would like more information, or to apply for a place, please call Diana on 0780 1349756 or Angela on 07787 518778. Stepping Stones are able to take children on the free 2 year FEL (Free Early Learning) places. Information about free places for 2 year olds can be found following this link:



<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/education/information-for-parentscarers/care-support/childcare/parents/earlylearning/2-year-early-learning.html>

## **Attendance**

We have noticed an improvement in attendance and punctuality thanks to the efforts made by families to ensure that children are in school as much as possible. Thank you to everyone for working with us to give children the best opportunities for a good education.

## Coats

The weather has turned much cooler now and it is important that all children bring a warm coat to wear at playtimes. Please ensure that names are in all items of clothing as children often leave things around school.



## School Meal News

A new menu started this half term. This is published in the main entrance each week and a copy has been sent for you to look at with your child. A copy of the menu is also on the school website and is on the drop down list under the 'parents' tab at the top of the home page. If you are ever unsure about what is for dinner please call the office and they will be happy to help.



All dinners must be ordered before 10a.m. so if your child is arriving late it is important that you ring school to order a meal or we will not be able to provide them with one. School meals are free to all children in Infant Schools. Nursery children still have to pay for their meal unless eligible for free school meals and attending for a full day.

## Outside classroom

Please can we request that children do not get things out or make a mess in the covered 'outside classroom', by Blue and Yellow Bases, in the morning and after school. Thank you.

## Diary Dates 2015 ~ 2016

Nov	11 <sup>th</sup>	Charity Day
	12 <sup>th</sup>	Parent's Evening 3:15p.m. to 7p.m.
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need Day
	16 <sup>th</sup>	Anti-bullying Week
	18 <sup>th</sup>	SEAL Family workshop 9:15a.m. in hall ~ All school Families welcome
	19 <sup>th</sup>	Blue Base class assembly 9:15a.m. in hall ~ families welcome
	26 <sup>th</sup>	Green Base Class Assembly 9:15a.m. in hall ~ families welcome
	26 <sup>th</sup>	R.E. Family Workshop 2p.m. in hall ~ Blue/Yellow/Green Base families
Dec	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pantomime For children in school (Cinderella) ~ School starts 8:30a.m
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Art Family Workshop 5:30p.m. in hall ~ everyone welcome
	9 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas dinner day
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Red Base Nativity Assembly in school Hall 10a.m.
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Y1/Y2 Nativity 2p.m. in church (no younger children please)
	16 <sup>th</sup>	Y1/Y2 Nativity 10a.m. in church (Crèche provided ~ please book)
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery parties in Community Rooms (Normal Nursery closed today)
	17 <sup>th</sup>	School Christmas Party 1:15p.m.
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Draw
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery Nativity in Church 9:30a.m.
	18 <sup>th</sup>	No Nursery sessions today
	18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>School breaks up for Christmas at end of day (Games/Toy day)</b>
Jan	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Return to school</b>
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Clubs start this week

	13 <sup>th</sup>	Literacy Family workshop 3:15p.m. in hall ~ Blue/Yellow/Green Base families
	21 <sup>st</sup>	SEAL Family workshop 9:15a.m. in hall ~ All school Families welcome
	28 <sup>th</sup>	Yellow Base Class Assembly 9:15a.m. in hall ~ families welcome
Feb	4 <sup>th</sup>	Safer Internet Day ~ Family Workshops at 5:30p.m. (Westfield School)
	5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Half term</b>
	15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Return to school</b>
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Class Assembly Green Base 9:15a.m. in hall ~ families welcome
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Fair Trade Fortnight
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Fair Trade Family Workshop 9:15a.m. in hall ~ All school Families welcome
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Class Assembly Red Base 9:15a.m. in hall ~ families welcome
	29 <sup>th</sup>	SEAL Family Workshop 9:15a.m. in hall ~ All school Families welcome
Mar	3 <sup>rd</sup>	World Book Day
	7 <sup>th</sup>	Humanities Family workshop 3:15p.m. in hall ~ Blue/Yellow/Green Base families
	9 <sup>th</sup>	Individual reports out today
	10 <sup>th</sup>	Blue Base Class Assembly 9:15a.m. in hall ~ families welcome
	10 <sup>th</sup>	3:15p.m. to 7p.m. Parent's Evening
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Garden Assembly 9:15 in hall (families welcome)
	16 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Bonnet Parade & Easter Draw (Children only)
	17 <sup>th</sup>	No Merit and Birthday Assembly. WW2 Day in Emmanuel (our children invited)
	18 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY ~ School closed to children
	18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Easter holidays</b>
Apr	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Return to school</b>
	6 <sup>th</sup>	Science Family Workshop 9:15a.m. in hall ~ Blue/Yellow/Green Base families
	21 <sup>st</sup>	SEAL Family Workshop 9:15a.m. in hall ~ All school Families welcome
	27 <sup>th</sup>	Maths Family Workshop 5:30p.m. ~ All school families welcome
	29 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY ~ School closed to children
May	2 <sup>nd</sup>	May Day Bank Holiday
	12 <sup>th</sup>	Class Assembly Blue Base 9:15a.m. in hall ~ families welcome
	13 <sup>th</sup>	1:30p.m. PE Family workshop ~ All families welcome
	19 <sup>th</sup>	Sponsored event
	26 <sup>th</sup>	Class Assembly Red Base 9:15a.m. in hall ~ families welcome
	27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Break up for Half term</b>
June	6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>INSET DAY ~ No children in school</b>
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Arts Week
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Arts sharing assembly 9:15a.m. (No merit and birthday)
	21 <sup>st</sup>	SEAL Family Workshop 9:15a.m. in hall ~ All school Families welcome
	29 <sup>th</sup>	Technology Family Workshop 9:15a.m. in hall ~ All families welcome
July	5 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Morning
	6 <sup>th</sup>	Class Swap day for transition (Y2 to Emmanuel)
	7 <sup>th</sup>	Parent's evening: Individual consultations 3:15 p.m. to 7p.m
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery Consultation Day ~ Nursery closed to children
	12 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 Leaver's performance for Families 9:15a.m. in hall

13<sup>th</sup> End of year Awards assembly 9:15a.m. in hall (Families welcome)  
14<sup>th</sup> Y2 Fancy Dress Party 1:15p.m.  
15<sup>th</sup> Final Merit and Birthday Assembly  
19<sup>th</sup> **Break up for Summer Holidays**

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Your feedback and comments:

