



Nursery Newsletter 4

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas is now upon us and everyone is very excited. We look forward to seeing you all at our Nativity performances. Please read on to find out more about the events that are taking place in school. I will wish a Merry Christmas to everyone now as our next newsletter will be in the Spring term of 2016!

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
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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 return all Christmas Draw tickets and money to school by 16th December.
- Even if you have completed Parentview previously please do log your views again for the school year 2015/2016.
- Please return the slip at the end of the newsletter if you would like us to send newsletters to other family members/carers
- Please complete the Family of Schools survey by clicking on this link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RRT266S>

Items for action

Christmas Draw 17th December

Two books of our Christmas Draw tickets have been sent home. Please return any unsold tickets to school so that we can offer them to other families. All ticket stubs and money must be returned to school by 16th December.

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Christmas Party Day - Thursday 17th December

Our Nursery parties will be held in the Community Rooms. Please bring children to the Community rooms (next to Emmanuel church) for the following times:

Morning	9am to 11 a.m.
Afternoon	12:45p.m. to 2:45p.m.



Children should be collected from the Community rooms. Please note there will be no nursery lunches on this day. (Please ensure that children are collected promptly at 2:45pm as the Community Rooms are used for Kid's Club and staff will need to set up at 2:45pm.)

Nativity Performances



At each of our nativities we will be holding a raffle to raise funds for the school. We will also have a charity collection. This year we are collecting for the Diabetes UK charity.

Photographs and videos will be permitted at the Nativities unless we notify you otherwise. If anyone has a particular reason for their child not to be photographed, or have any video

taken that includes them, please contact the Headteacher as soon as possible. It is important that parents and carers do not put any photos or video of children, other than their own, on social media sites without the explicit permission of their parents or carers.

Nursery Nativity 18th December

Our Nursery Nativity, otherwise known as 'Christmas Cheer', will be on 18th December in Emmanuel Church. Please bring children to the church between 9a.m. and 9:15a.m. and a member of staff will take your child. You can then take a seat for the performance. The Nativity will end at approximately 10:15a.m. Younger children are welcome to come along with you.

Please note that there are no nursery sessions on 18th December.



Parentmail

At our recent consultation meeting, about parental engagement, it was suggested that we get emails of grandparents and other carers of children to ensure that they get information about what is happening in school through newsletters. We were told that this would be really helpful where other carers/family members brought and collected children from school. If you would like any of your child's other carers to be included in Parentmail emails please can you let us have their name and email address.

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Family of Schools (FoS) Consultation

Our Family of schools Communication group are putting together a National Lottery 'Awards for All' bid for funding, backed by the Westfield Trust. We would like to plan some local community work across the Family of Schools and to organise a cultural dance project. In order to identify what would be the best focus of our work we have put together a very short web-based consultation for parents and carers.

We would be very grateful for your input into this. To complete the survey please click on the link below or copy it into your web browser.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RRT266S>

Thank you for your support with this.

Items for information:

Christmas Card Post Box



We have a post box in the Nursery entrance area for the children to post their Christmas cards in. Please can you put the child's name and class on the front of the envelope. This will help our post-delivery children to sort the cards into the right classes. You can use a coloured dot to indicate the class i.e. red, blue, yellow or green.

New Gate and people with disabilities

We have had a smaller gate installed on the main playground entrance. This is to aid entry and exit from school, as the double vehicle access gates are such large gates to open and close. You may have noticed that there is not a top lock on this gate. We are trialling this as we know that the top locks do make entry harder for visitors, especially for disabled visitors who are unable to reach it if they are in a wheelchair, so would like to avoid installing one. We can assure you that we have all the necessary risk assessments in place to protect the children and if we do have any children who we feel may try and open the gate we will consider having a top lock installed. Please continue to use the top locks on the other gates. We do have disabled children, volunteers and visitors to the school. The little gate will enable them to enter without having to reach up to the top latch. **Please note that we ask parents not to bring prams and bikes or scooters into the building however, where children or adults have disabilities: wheelchairs, buggies and prams are certainly permissible.**



Charity Day 11th November ~ 'Bags of Human Kindness'

Thank you all for your very generous contributions to this charity event. We were able to make up 100 bags to be sent to refugee children. This was an amazing achievement!



Children in Need day Friday 13th November

Thank you for supporting Children in Need this year with children getting dressed up. We asked for optional donations to the charity and raised £131.49.



ECO Team and School Council News:



Textile Bank: We would like to thank you for using our textile bank (the big red bin in the playground) for recycling clothes etc. The latest collection raised £182.40 for the school. This is a great help to the funds we have available for providing extra events and resources for the children.

Litter Poem Winners update! Mrs Marriott and the Y2 members of our School Council group were interviewed by Radio Sheffield for writing the winning Litter Poem. Photographs were also taken that have been on the Sheffield Live page and will appear in the Sheffield Star on Tuesday 8th December.

The Radio Programme went live on 26th November (Rony Robinson show). The children were on just after 12:30p.m. If you would like to hear the show you can do so on the internet by going to Radio Sheffield and Rony Robinson show for 26th November. You will need to move the show onto 2 hours 35 minutes rather than listen to it all. The following should be the link you need to get straight to the programme: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p037jxlc>

On the programme the children were also asked about what they wanted for Christmas and why. These clips will be used at different times up until Christmas.

Red Base Workshops

Thank you to everyone who attended one of our recent workshops. The feedback from parents and carers was very positive:



- *"Gave a clear picture of end of year expectations."*
- *"The workshop was completed in an informal way, ensuring that parents felt able to answer questions/talk to the teachers."*
- *"Good to know what they are learning in school and what to help them with at home. Nice to spend time with my son."*
- *"Lots of useful information."*
- *"It has been very informative. Things have changed a little in 2 years. The children enjoyed working with parents in school. Thank-you for giving parents support."*
- *"Good information about helping from home. Very useful and have better understanding on what she will be learning at school."*
- *"I found the workshop very useful to know how and what happens with each subject, within Red Base, and how I can help at home."*
- *"Good information about what is expected in the coming year. Things to work on. Nice informal atmosphere. Good to use a practical activity."*
- *"Was really helpful. Enjoyed doing the Diva lamps with my son and seeing how much he enjoys making them."*

Events coming up ~ Families are invited to join us in the church:

18th Nursery Nativity in Church 9:30a.m.

Westfield Family of Schools Events

Christmas Fayre

We raised £138.80 with our home baking at the Westfield Christmas Fayre. Thank you to everyone who sent in baking or came to the event. It was lovely to see some friendly faces on the day. All funds raised will be used for joint school events.

Carol Service

Our Westfield Family of Schools is holding a Carol Service at Crystal Peaks on 17th 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.



E-Safety Event for parents

Thank you to everyone who filled in the 'acceptable use' form and photo permissions form at Parent's evening. If you haven't collected one they are available from the office. We also put together a booklet to help parents with e-safety and this was emailed to parents and hard copies are available in school. The booklet is also available on our website. Our November entrance display included pages of this booklet showing parents the tools available to ensure that your children are using the internet safely.

We have arranged Family of Schools e-safety workshops for parents and children, aged 3 to 11, at Westfield School at 5:30p.m. on 25th February.

Please can we remind parents not to post photos of other people's children, on social media sites, such as Facebook without the explicit permission of their parents/carers. This is really important as we do have children in school who must not have their pictures shared publicly. Thank you.

'STANDING' NEWS ITEMS (These are things that are included in every newsletter for your on-going information)

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.



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

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

Tesco School Uniform



The Tesco website is available for uniform orders. You can access this through the following website link:

<http://www.clothingattesco.com/sheffield/waterthorpe-nursery-infant-school/inv/107064>

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.

School Meal News

We are working hard with Taylor Shaw to try and further improve the service of the school meals.

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.



Westfield Family of Schools

This can be found at 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.



Kid's Club

All bookings and payments for Kid's Club must be made in advance at the school office.

Message from Kid's Club ~ Do you need more time to get some of that last minute Christmas shopping done? Why not book your child into Waterthorpe Kid's Club to get it finished?



The Club is based in the Emmanuel Community rooms and we are open Monday - Friday 3pm - 6pm and cost just £7.50 per child per session. Our friendly team of experienced, fully qualified staff will collect your nursery or infant child from school and escort them to the club, junior children will make their own way to club through the main hall.

There are a variety of activities available for the children such as arts & crafts, dancing, snooker, dressing up, outdoor play, Wii Fit and events such as Kids Club's got Talent. We also plan special Christmas activities, such as crafts, Christmas DVDs and a party at the end of term.

We give the children a snack every day at club, which is a choice between a hot snack or cereal. Drinks and fruit are freely available.

If you require a place or would like to request a visit please arrange at Waterthorpe Nursery Infant School on 0114 2484943 or via the club landline on 0114 2473123.

Please Note: If you have booked your child into club please give 24 hours' notice for cancellation otherwise you will be charged as places can be in high demand.

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.

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, as soon as demand requires it, 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>

Waterthorpe Toddlers

Toddlers is held in the Community Rooms on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings between 9am and 11am. All parents and children aged 0 to 4 years are welcome to come along.



Diary Dates 2015 ~ 2016

Dec	3 rd	Pantomime For children in school (Cinderella) ~ School starts 8:30a.m
	8 th	Art Family Workshop 5:30p.m. in hall ~ everyone welcome
	9 th	Christmas dinner day
	11 th	Red Base Nativity Assembly in school Hall 10a.m.
	15 th	Y1/Y2 Nativity 2p.m. in church (no younger children please)
	16 th	Y1/Y2 Nativity 10a.m. in church (Crèche provided ~ please book)
	17 th	Nursery parties in Community Rooms (Normal Nursery closed today)
	17 th	School Christmas Party 1:15p..m.
	17 th	Christmas Draw
	18 th	Nursery Nativity in Church 9:30a.m.
	18 th	No Nursery sessions today
	18 th	School breaks up for Christmas at end of day (Games/Toy day)
Jan	4 th	Return to school
	4 th	Clubs start this week
	13 th	Literacy Family workshop 3:15p.m. in hall ~ Blue/Yellow/Green Base families
	21 st	SEAL Family workshop 9:15a.m. in hall ~ All school Families welcome

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

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



Parentmail details for grandparents/other carers

Child's Name..... Class.....

Please add the following family members to Parentmail so that they receive a copy of the parent newsletter and other important information:

Name:.....

Relationship to child:.....

Email addresses:.....

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Your feedback and comments:

