



School Newsletter 5

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! We all hope that you had a lovely Christmas. Thank you to everyone, from all the staff, for all the lovely cards and presents.

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 [School](#) version of the September Newsletter.

F2: Red Base

Y1: Blue Base

Y2: Yellow and Green Base

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

Actions for you to take:

- Order Nativity photos from the school office before 15th January.
- Please send milk money to the office. For the spring term this is £8.50. Cheques should be made payable to SCC.
- Please let us know if your child will be bringing sandwiches on census day ~ 21st January.
- Please complete the form to apply for income-based Free school meals and milk.
- Please return the English workshop reply slip (13th Jan) at the end of this newsletter.
- Please return the SEAL workshop reply slip (21st Jan) at the end of this newsletter.
- 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

Items for action

Photos Christmas performances:

Christmas photos are available to purchase from school. Photos are displayed in the main entrance area. Photos cost 50p each and should be paid for in advance. Order forms can be found at the office reception desk. Please ensure that you write down your order in the correct section: Nursery, Red Base or KS1 (Blue/yellow/green bases) to get the photos that you want.. Photo orders will be sent on Friday 15th January. No further photos may be ordered after this date.



- Order Nativity photos from the school office before 15th January.

Free School Meals funding:

All Infant children receive a free school meal but the funding that the school receives to pay for this is dependent on how many children take a meal on census day, **Thursday 21st January**. We would like all children to try a meal on this day to help ensure that the school receives full funding. The meal will be a 'Full-day' English breakfast (Bacon, sausage, mini roast potatoes and beans) or the usual jacket potato or sandwich. A meal flyer will be sent to you.



We are asking that parents let us know if their child **will not** be having a school meal. If we do not receive this information from you we will order your child a meal. Please support us by encouraging your child to try a meal on 21st January.

- Please let us know if your child will be bringing sandwiches on census day ~ 21st January.

Also on census day the government sets the funding we receive for children who are eligible for **income based free school meals**. Children get these whatever school year they are in and in Nursery if they attend for a full day. These children also get free milk. Funding is used to provide additional support

for children where required. The form to complete does not require much information from you; we will make your claim if you hand it into the office. If you need further information or help to complete the form please ask at the office. Forms must be returned by Thursday 21st January.

- Please complete the form to apply for income-based Free school meals and milk.

School Milk:



The cost of milk for the spring term is £8.50 (from January to Easter). Cheques should be made payable to SCC.

Free milk will continue to be provided to all children under the age of five or to those children who are in receipt of income based free School Meals/FSM.

Please send milk money to the office.

English Family Workshop Wednesday 13th January 3:15p.m.

Our Family Workshop for English will be held on Wednesday 13th January at 3:15p.m. in the school hall. At the workshop you will find out how we teach spelling in school and you will be able to take part in an activity with your child. The children will work with you to explore different methods for learning spellings. You will also be given a booklet that tells you about English at Waterthorpe. You are welcome to bring younger/older children with you.

- Please return the English workshop reply slip at the end of this newsletter.

SEAL Family workshop Thursday 21st January 9:15a.m. to 10a.m.in hall

We would like to invite families of children in school to join our SEAL workshop on Thursday 21st January. SEAL means Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning. We work on SEAL with all children on an on-going basis. Our theme this half term is 'Going for Goals'. Children will have worked on this in their class and in assemblies.



Each half term we have a parent workshop in the hall where we explain the work we are doing for a short time and we fetch children from classes for you to work on activities with them. The people who have attended in the past have all said that they enjoy the workshops and found them useful. This is the feedback from the same workshop that we ran last year:

SEAL Family Workshop Feedback - Going for goals - Jan 2015

- Really enjoyed the workshop it was fun doing the activities with my son and doing the stuff at school as well as home. Enjoyed it also will attend more.
- Really enjoyed the workshops and found it fun loved the reward chart and is looking forward to using the reward chart at home.
- Enjoyed the fun activity at the beginning which got everyone talking as a group and everyone motivated. Helped children understand about getting rewards for doing things at school and home.
- I think this will help to get a bit more motivated at home.
- Good ideas for helping you to motivate your child to do something they do not want to do. Good interaction.

- It was fun. We all enjoyed it. We enjoyed the memory game, especially the Ferrari.
- We really enjoyed the workshop, the reward system has really been a good idea and hopefully will encourage to reach his goal of trying more handwriting
- We both really enjoyed the SEAL workshops.
- Really enjoyed the workshop and found it useful ☺
- We really enjoyed the SEAL workshop today. and enjoyed working together and playing the games. It was good it was on my day off as usually on a day that I work.
- enjoyed colouring in and looking at the pictures. I thought the team game was a really good icebreaker. Nothing to change I was happy with the format.
- The workshop was really enjoyable. Really enjoyed the colouring of the reward chart and trying to remember the pictures.
- liked doing the reward chart. I enjoyed the memory game. It was good to review motivation and goals with him.

Please join us in the school hall after you have dropped your child off at school in the morning. Parents of children in Emmanuel and Waterthorpe are invited to attend.

- **Please return the SEAL workshop reply slip at the end of this newsletter.**

Items for information:

Free taster session at Kid's Club:

The staff at Waterthorpe Kids Club would like to inform you of our spring term offer. For any Waterthorpe Nursery Infant School or Emmanuel Junior School children that have not attended Kids Club before, we are offering a free taster session during this term (between now and Easter). Our usual one-off £2 registration fee per family would not apply if you are booking a taster session. This offer is available on Wednesday and Friday evenings. If you would like to book a place for your child or have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us either on our landline number (0114 2473123) or feel free to call in and see a member of Kids Club staff at Emmanuel Community rooms where the Club is located.

If your child enjoys their free session with us or you find that you need after school care at any other time, our price per session is normally £7.50. A choice of hot snack or cereal is served during the session and fruit and water is available at all times. We plan enjoyable activities for the children such as crafts and group games, as well as a wide range of free play activities, both indoors and out. Your child will be cared for in a safe environment with qualified staff. We are open Monday to Friday between 3-6pm during term time. The nursery and infant school children are collected from their classrooms at the end of the school day while children from the junior school come through the school hall and are met at the community rooms by a member of staff. We hope to see you at Kids Club soon!

After-School Clubs Year 1 (Blue Base) and Year 2 (Green and Yellow Base) only

Our spring term clubs have now started. We do have a few spaces on some clubs if you haven't already applied and your child would like to attend a club.



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Christmas Draw and Raffles



We raised £279.90 with our Christmas draw and Nativity raffles. The money raised was used towards purchasing Christmas presents for the children, who all enjoyed their visit from Santa! Thank you for all your donations and for buying the tickets. The prizes have now been drawn and prize winners contacted.

Collections at Nativities:

During each performance we had a collection for a Diabetes charity. Staff in school also made donations instead of sending Christmas cards to each other. Many thanks for everyone's generous donations. We raised £100.51 for the charity.

ECO Team and School Council News:



Takeback Ltd for Schools

We have recently registered with a recycling scheme to promote and encourage the recycling of used mobile phones, laser toner and inkjet cartridges. Please help us to promote recycling and also raise money for our school by bringing in any of the above used items. A box will be available in our reception for you to put your empty cartridges.

Family ART Workshop Feedback



Our latest Art workshop was really lovely. The children and families who attended seemed to really enjoy themselves.

We received the following feedback that we will take into account when planning future workshops:

"Good opportunity to learn all about the different 'types' of art and how I can encourage this more at home. The activities were enjoyable and a good range of different mediums."

"My daughter liked painting and drawing. The pebbles were a great idea -sculpting patterns and easily changing designs. My son made a reindeer with his hand and painted a Christmas tree with different shades."

"We really enjoyed working together and using the different materials available. Nothing you can change just wanted more time as my son didn't get to complete all tasks."

"Very useful. We had lots of fun exploring art. Run the workshop longer next time when you are having fun."

"It's great fun to be creative and do something together with children. They really enjoyed this workshop."

"It was really good for the kids. Lots of fun activities to choose."

"My daughter really enjoyed the opportunity to be creative and express her ideas. I hope she can participate in an after school art class. Thank you!"

"My son said he liked it, even the painting table."

Assemblies and workshops coming up ~ Families are invited to join us in the school hall:

January 13th English Family workshop 3:15p.m. in hall ~ Blue/Yellow/Green Base families

January 21st SEAL Family workshop 9:15a.m. in hall ~ All school Families welcome

January 28th Yellow Base Class Assembly 9:15a.m. in hall ~ families welcome

Attendance prize winners:

Winners in the draw for good attendance in the last half term are Jacob Dalton and Aaron Lucking. All children with good attendance received a certificate or sticker.



Sports Spotlight

The start of a new year is a time when many people are thinking about getting fit after the Christmas festivities. Here at Waterthorpe N I school we are fit and active all year round! We have a very busy program of after school clubs planned this term. These include Multi- sports delivered by the Sheffield Eagles Rugby players, a Street Dance club delivered by Jade, Karate with Carl and Kara alongside drama club and Film club.



The children in Yellow base had an active time before Christmas when they visited Westfield Secondary school to participate in the Christmas sports festival. A great festive time was had by all the athletes. Well done Yellow base, I heard you did us proud by working well as a team and collecting some great team points along the way.

We have lots to look forward to this half term as children in Year 1 will be working closely with the Points Learning Network Sports Coach Richard working on our agility, balance and co-ordination through different sports.

Thank you for your continued support with Sport and PE.
Mrs Robertson

Westfield Family of Schools Events

E-Safety Event for parents

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.

Lost Property and toys brought to school

We continue to get large amounts of lost property in our box each week. Often items have no names in so we are not able to return them to their owners. Please try and put your child's name on all their clothes and belongings and we will do our best to return them to you.

Please can we also ask that children do not bring in precious toys as things do sometimes get accidentally broken or lost. All toys should be small enough to fit into your child's drawer as space in class is limited. Thank you.



Stepping Stones Playgroup ~ Places for 2 year old children: Now opening on Thursdays

The Stepping Stones Playgroup, that runs in the community rooms, has places for children over 2 years old on Monday, Tuesday and, newly added, 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.



Note: Where families are not able to access their full 15 hours in Waterthorpe Nursery we can link with Stepping Stones to provide your child's free hours until spaces become available in Nursery.

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>

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

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.

- Please return the slip at the end of the newsletter if you would like us to send newsletters to other family members/carers

Attendance



Each half term we look at the attendance of each child and if it is below 95% they go on our monitoring list. Where we see continued low attendance we are more concerned and families will receive letters and may be invited to a meeting. Referrals may be made to the Attendance Officer. When attendance improves children are sent praise letters.

All children who had attendance above 95%, last half term, have been entered into our prize draw to win a prize.

All children who had 100% attendance last term received a voucher from Sheffield International Venues. This did not apply where attendance was affected by poor punctuality.

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.

School Meal News

We are working hard with Taylor Shaw to try and further improve the service of the school meals. Children wear different bands at lunchtime to identify their meal choices when they go up to be served: Red for dinners, yellow for jacket potatoes, purple for sandwiches and green for special diets. An orange band has now been introduced for the vegetarian option.

Children tell their teacher each morning, when the register is done, what their choice is. There is no need for parents to come to the school office. The only exception to this is the vegetarian menu. This must be pre-ordered and parents should let the office know on a Monday if their child requires this option any day.



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.

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/invt/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.

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.



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; places must be booked in advance.



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.



Attached to this newsletter/sent out separately:

- **Form to inform us that your child will be bringing their own sandwiches on 14th January**
- **Free School Meals/Milk application form**
- **Form for you to register a grandparent or other carer to receive the newsletter by email**
- **Invitation and reply slip to English Family Workshop**
- **Invitation and reply slip to SEAL Family Workshop**
- **Kid's Club Diary of activities for the spring term**

Your feedback and comments:



Diary Dates 2015 ~ 2016

Jan	13 th	English 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
	21 st	Census day ~ Special Menu School Meal
	28 th	Yellow Base Class Assembly 9:15a.m. in hall ~ families welcome
Feb	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
	13 th	End of year Awards assembly 9:15a.m. in hall (Families welcome)
	14 th	Y2 Fancy Dress Party 1:15p.m.
	15 th	Final Merit and Birthday Assembly
	19 th	Break up for Summer Holidays

School meals on Census Day 21st January

Please note all children should have a school meal on 21st January unless by special arrangement.

Please return the slip below if your child will not be having a school meal. Where a reply is not received we will assume that your child is having a school meal.

Child's/Children's name/s:.....

Class/classes:

I would like my child/children to bring their own sandwiches on this day. (Please tick)

Free School Meals and free milk Pupil Premium Form

We also need information about you and your child, so that we can provide them with the best education and support by making sure that their school receives all the government funding to which it is entitled. Please complete this form and return to your child's school by Wednesday 20th January at the latest.

About Your Child

Child's Last Name	Child's First Name	Date of Birth		

Parent / Guardian Details

	PARENT/GUARDIAN 1	PARENT/GUARDIAN 2
Last Name		
First Name		
Date of Birth		
National Insurance No. or NASS No.		
Daytime Telephone Number		
Mobile Number		
Address		
	Postcode:	Postcode:

Family Income and Benefit Details

Is your joint family income over £16,190 per year? (Please place an X in the appropriate box).

Yes No

If you have ticked yes, you do not need to complete the next section and can go straight to the declaration at the end of the form.

If you ticked no, please place an X in this box if you are in receipt of any of the benefits listed below:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and support Allowance

- Support from NASS (National Asylum Support Service) under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190
- Working tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit

Please place an X in this box if you are not sure whether your joint family income is over £16,190, or whether you are in receipt of one of the benefits listed above, but you would still like us to check whether your child is eligible for free school meals:

DECLARATION

The information I have given on this form is complete and accurate. I understand that my personal information is held securely and will be used only for Local Authority purposes. I agree to the Local Authority using this information to process my application for pupil premium. I also agree to notify the local authority in writing of any change in my family's financial circumstances as set out in this form.

Signature of parent/guardian: _____ Date: _____

ABOUT THIS FORM

All Infant children now receive a free meal but claiming Pupil Premium funding means your child will get free milk and a free meal when they move up to the Junior School. It will also help our school.

Registering could raise money for your child's school

Registering for free meals could raise an extra £1,300 for your child's school.

This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the benefits listed on the form.

How the information on this form will be used

The information you provide on this form will be used by the council to confirm receipt of one of the listed benefits. Once this is confirmed, this helps to decide how much money your child's school will receive each year.

You only need to complete this form once and it will last for the duration of your child's time at their current school.

Thank you for completing this form and helping to make sure your child's school is as well funded as possible.

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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Name:.....

Relationship to child:.....

Email addresses:.....

Family SEAL Workshop

Dear Parent/Carer

You are invited to the family SEAL workshop about 'Going for Goals' on Thursday 21st January 2016 at 9:15a.m. - 10.00am in Waterthorpe Infant School's hall. During this workshop you will be able to take part in an activity with your child.

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I will be attending the family SEAL workshop on Thursday 21st January 2016 at 9:15a.m.

Name

Childs Name

Class

English Family Workshop (with focus on spelling)

Wednesday 13th January 3:15p.m.



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Dear parents, carers and families,

Please join us for our English Family Workshop on Wednesday 13th January at 3:15p.m. in the school hall. This workshop is for families of children in school (Red, Blue, Yellow and Green bases). Please bring your children to the workshop with you.

At the workshop you will find out how we teach Spelling in school and you will be able to take part in some fun activities with your child. You are welcome to bring younger and older brothers and sisters.

You will be given a booklet that tells you about English at Waterthorpe.

The workshop will last for approximately 1 hour.

Please return the attached slip to let us know that you will be attending.

English Family workshop Wednesday 13th January at 3:15p.m.



Child/children's names &
classes:.....

Number of **other** children (brothers/sisters) attending the workshop with you:.....

Number of adults attending the workshop:.....

I will be attending the workshop on 13th January at 3:15p.m.

Signed:(parent/carer)

Waterthorpe Kids Club Activity Plan
Monday to Friday 3pm to 6pm

Welcome Back

Monday 4 th January	Role play and dressing up
Tuesday 5 th January	Playstation 3 and games
Wednesday 6 th January	Small world
Thursday 7 th January	Craft table
Friday 8 th January	Football

Sports and Games

Monday 11 th January	Outdoor play
Tuesday 12 th January	Obstacle course
Wednesday 13 th January	Ball games
Thursday 14 th January	Parachute games
Friday 15 th January	Outdoor play

Be Creative

Monday 18 th January	Create your own game
Tuesday 19 th January	Small world
Wednesday 20 th January	Home corner
Thursday 21 st January	Craft table
Friday 22 nd January	Painting

Around The World

Monday 25 th January	Flags from around the world
Tuesday 26 th January	North America
Wednesday 27 th January	South America
Thursday 28 th January	Africa
Friday 29 th January	Food tasting
Monday 1 st February	Europe
Tuesday 2 nd February	Australia
Wednesday 3 rd February	Antarctica
Thursday 4 th February	Asia – Chinese New Year
Friday 5 th February	Pizza making

Waterthorpe Kids Club closes on Friday 5th February and we open again on the first day back at school on Monday 15th February. We hope you have a lovely holiday and we'll see you next half term!