



Nursery Newsletter 8

April 2016

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our April Newsletter. We now have parent representatives who are working to improve and cascade the communications that you receive. These are: Claire Knott (Nursery), Lucy Dundon, Nicola Stephenson, Laura Green (Red Base), Joanne Hartley, Vicky Fitzpatrick, Lauren Lancaster, Rebecca Richards (Y1), Amanda Hemmingway (Y2) and Melanie Watson (Y2). Please feel free to ask any of these parents if you want to check about anything that is happening in school.

Please visit our website regularly and click on the 'NEWS UPDATE' tab to see what you need to know for the week ahead, what events are coming up and our latest news. Our newsletter is designed to help you pick out the most important information you need to know. The first section gives you reminders of the things to do. Following this is further explanation of these events. The second section has information about other activities in school and the last section contains further information about the things that happen all the time. We hope this helps families to read as much or little as they want and still be able to find out about the most important things.

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 April Newsletter.

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Foundation 1/F1 = Nursery

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

Actions for you to take:

- Please join us in coming to school, between 18th and 29th April, on bikes and scooters during the Big Pedal fortnight
- Please donate your old 'exterior' paint to Nursery
- Please donate your spare clothes to Nursery
- Please join us for a free breakfast on Friday 22nd April between 8:15a.m. and 8:45a.m.
- Check the school website for updates on current events (www.waterthorpeinfantschool.co.uk)
- Please register for School closure alerts at <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/register-for-alerts.html>.
- Please return the slip at the end of the newsletter if you would like us to send newsletters to other family members/carers
- Even if you have completed Parentview previously please do log your views again for the school year 2015/2016

Items for action



BIG pedal ~ 18th to 29th April 2016

Our school will be taking part in the Big Pedal again this year. This is where we count how many children and families have cycled or 'scooted' to school each day. The numbers are recorded on the Big Pedal website and schools compete to see who can collect the most journeys.

We are holding a Big Pedal Breakfast in the school hall on Friday 22nd April. If your child cycles, scoots or walks to school you are welcome to join us for a free breakfast between 8:15a.m. and 8:45a.m.

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Request for paint

Nursery staff are working hard to improve the Nursery Playground. They would like to paint the fence and add some colour. If you have any exterior paint that you don't need (any colour) please could you donate it to Nursery. Thank you.



- Please donate your old 'exterior' paint to Nursery

Request for spare clothes

We are really short of spare clothes for children and would welcome any donations. We particularly need:

- Boys trousers
- Cardigans
- Tights
- Socks and pants

- Please donate your spare clothes to Nursery

Items for information:

Change to New Meals Menu

There will be a change to the 'Week One' menu (which we have just had this week) starting from week beginning 25th April 2016.

Friday's hot dinner will now be 'Fish Fingers and Chips and tomato sauce'.



Asda:

A big thanks to everyone who posted their tokens in the box for our school at Asda. We have just received a cheque for £50.



ASDA

Sports Spotlight



Centre Of Excellence for PE and Sport Update:

Kathryn Mudge from South Yorkshire Sport has been into school this week to take some Press Photographs to celebrate our success of being the only school in Sheffield to achieve this award.

Disability children's charity ~ Brainwave

We have been asked to forward information about Brainwave to families. Brainwave helps children living with disabilities and additional needs to achieve greater independence. The children have a range of diagnoses: autism, cerebral palsy, Down's syndrome, developmental delay and rare genetic disorders.

Brainwave is holding a **free event for parents and children** taking place in Doncaster, South Yorkshire on Tuesday, 26th July 2016 (2-3pm) at the Doncaster School for the Deaf. The purpose of the event is to discuss the Brainwave programme, and for families to have an opportunity to consider joining.

Brainwave runs children's therapy centres and clinics across the UK. There are currently five locations and Brainwave aspires to add further locations in future. There are 570 children on the Brainwave programme, and we have capacity for 750 at present. We have identified South Yorkshire as being underserved, hence our desire to increase awareness in the area.

The Brainwave programme is an enhancement to the standard medical provision. What is special about the programme is that the home-based therapy sessions are tailored to each individual child. In addition, the assessments are comprehensive and across a range of mainstream disciplines. The initial assessment, for example, takes two days. Reassessments take one full day. Each time a child is reassessed, the therapy programme is updated to build upon their achievements to date. The range of expertise Brainwave provides includes:

- Speech & Language Therapy
- Paediatric Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Educational Therapy
- Sensory Integration
- Hydrotherapy

Here is a link to a brief video about the charity featuring our celebrity patron, the pop singer Olly Murs, and produced for us by the BBC.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A6pRTjylTFk>

RSVP is by email to: richardclarke@brainwave.org.uk

Term dates and holidays

We have now planned our INSET closure days for 2016/2017. You will find the full list of term dates at the end of the newsletter. These are also available on the website for your reference.



INSET Day 29th April: School and Nursery will be closed on this day for School Improvement Planning. As May Day is the following Monday, this should allow families a long weekend for trips away and outings.

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

School Website

Please visit our website at www.waterthorpeinfantschool.co.uk

There is lots of useful information and links on the website and we continually update it. If there is anything that you would like to see on the website please let us know on the comment slip at the end of the newsletter.

We now have a 'News Update' tab on our website. This shares events coming up to give you an extra place to check dates and things happening in school. We aim to update this each week. We have also added a search engine that should enable you to more easily find information that you are looking for.

- Check the school website for updates on current events (www.waterthorpeinfantschool.co.uk)

Closure Alerts

In the event of bad weather or other major incident such as heating failure or a major water leak there are occasions when we have to close the school. We always try to avoid this but our first priority is the safety of the children and staff.

If a closure does become necessary we will send out a text using our Parentmail system. Sometimes parents do not receive texts in a timely manner for all sorts of reasons such as having an out of date phone number on the system, phones being switched off, busy airways or a failure of the texting system. It is advisable to have an alternative way of receiving emergency information.

Sheffield City Council have a closure alert system for informing families and staff when a school is closed. To receive these alerts you need to sign up. The instructions for this and the link to do so are below:

Click on or type this link into your browser:

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/register-for-alerts.html>.

You will need to register your email address and then can select the schools you want to receive alerts from. You need to go to Education - School Closures - Then look under primary/secondary/special educational needs to find your school. Click on the schools you wish to receive alerts from.

You can also select to receive alerts about a wide range of other subjects; just click on the boxes to select these.

Once registered you will receive an email if the school sends an alert to say that we are closing.

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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 try not to bring in toys to Nursery as things do sometimes get accidentally broken or lost. Thank you.

Earrings



Nursery children **may only wear stud earrings** in Nursery. Any other earrings pose a risk in terms of getting accidentally 'caught' when children are playing. It is normal practice for children not to be allowed to wear any other form of earring in school or Nursery. Thank you.

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

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

Recycling:

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.



Clothing and textiles

Please use our red recycling bin in the playground for used clothes, shoes and textiles.

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. Leaflets about uniform from Tesco or School Trends are available in the entrance area.

We do still have a small amount of uniform stock in school.

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.

Waterthorpe Kids Club Planning Diary

Monday to Friday 3-6pm

The Environment

Monday 4 th April	Welcome back - catch up with your friends
Tuesday 5 th April	Painting plant pots
Wednesday 6 th April	Planting flowers
Thursday 7 th April	Kids Club garden
Friday 8 th April	Bug hunt

Monday 11 th April	Litter picking
Tuesday 12 th April	Nature walk
Wednesday 13 th April	Forest School - Bark rubbings
Thursday 14 th April	Taking photos of our environment
Friday 15 th April	Night at Waterthorpe Park

Being Safe

Monday 18 th April	Outdoor poster painting
Tuesday 19 th April	Outdoor play
Wednesday 20 th April	Free play
Thursday 21 st April	Outdoor exploring - Being safe
Friday 22 nd April	Night at Waterthorpe Park

Sports and Games

Monday 25 th April	Football
Tuesday 26 th April	Rounders
Wednesday 27 th April	Wheelie boards
Thursday 28 th April	Parachute games
Friday 29 th April	INSET Day - Kids Club closed

Monday 2 nd May	May Day Bank holiday - Kids Club closed
Tuesday 3 rd May	Obstacle course
Wednesday 4 th May	Table tennis
Thursday 5 th May	Basketball
Friday 6 th May	Free play

Art Week

Monday 9 th May	Drawing with Lewis
Tuesday 10 th May	Making banners
Wednesday 11 th May	Painting
Thursday 12 th May	Sewing
Friday 13 th May	Drawing with Lewis

Free Play

Monday 16 th - Thursday 19 th May	
Take part in your favourite activities	
Friday 20 th May	Pizza making

Have Fun In The Sun

Monday 23 rd May	Outdoor den building
Tuesday 24 th May	Creating a beach
Wednesday 25 th May	Snack outside in the sun
Thursday 26 th May - Friday 27 th May	Creating a beach

We hope you have a lovely half term holiday and we will see you on Tuesday 7th June! We are closed on Monday 6th June for the school INSET Day.

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. (Some days become full very quickly.) 24 hours notice must be given for cancellations, unless due to pupil illness, or you will be charged.



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:

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.



Payments at the office



The office can be very busy first thing in the morning. To avoid having to wait in a queue you may put payments in the black letter box on the wall near the main door. Please ensure all payments are in an envelope clearly labelled with child's name, class and what payment is for.

Attached to this Newsletter:

- Form for you to register a grandparent or other carer to receive the newsletter by email
- 2016/2017 Holiday dates

Diary Dates 2015 ~ 2016

Apr	21 st	SEAL Family Workshop 9:15a.m. in hall ~ All school Families welcome
	22 nd	Free Family Bike-it/Walk-it Breakfast in hall between 8:15a.m. & 8:45a.m.
	26 th	Y1R to attend Institute of Sport for Partnership Games 8:15a.m.
	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
	11 th	1:30p.m. PE Family workshop ~ All families welcome (Change of date from 13 th May)
	12 th	Class Assembly Blue Base 9:15a.m. in hall ~ 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

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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Relationship to child:.....

Email addresses:.....



Your feedback and comments:

School Holiday Dates for 2016/17



Please find following the holiday dates for 2016/17:

Autumn Half Term 1

Term starts Thursday 1st September 2016 - Friday 21st October 2016
Half-term holiday Monday 24th October 2016 - Friday 28th October 2016

Autumn Half Term 2

Term starts Monday 31st October 2016 - Friday 16th December 2016
Christmas Holiday Monday 19th December 2016 - Monday 2nd January 2016

Spring Half Term 1

Term starts Tuesday 3rd January 2017 - Friday 17th February 2017
Half-term holiday Monday 20th February 2017 - Friday 24th February 2017

Spring Half Term 2

Term starts Monday 27th February 2017 - Friday 7th April 2017
Easter Holiday Monday 10th April 2017 - Friday 21st April 2017

Summer Half Term 1

Term starts Monday 24th April 2017 - Friday 26th May 2017
May Day Holiday Monday 1st May 2017
Spring Bank Holiday Monday 29th May 2017 - Friday 2nd June 2017

Summer Half Term 2

Monday 5th June 2017 - Tuesday 21st July 2017

INSET days will be: -

Thursday 1st September 2016
Friday 2nd September 2016
Monday 31st October 2016
Friday 7th April 2017
Monday 5th June 2017