



# Nursery Newsletter 10

## June 2016

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are entering the final half term of the year and there are lots of events that you are invited to this month and in July. We hope that you will be able to join us for one or more of them. You will soon find out which class your child will be in from September and there will be time for your child to get to know their new teacher. Moving from one class, or school, to another can be a big change for young children and we work hard to ensure that this is a success for your child.

Mrs Helen Towers is retiring at the end of the summer term, having worked at Waterthorpe for many years. Our thanks go to Mrs Towers for all her years of hard work and dedication, especially in her role of Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO). Mrs Taylor has been appointed as our new SENCO. We have appointed a new teacher, Miss Faye Baggaley, to work in Red Base from September. Miss Baggaley recently spent the day planning with Red Base staff and I am sure that she will be a valuable addition to our staff team.

Please regularly visit our website at [www.waterthorpeinfantschool.co.uk](http://www.waterthorpeinfantschool.co.uk) to find out about events in school. The 'News Update' tab is changed weekly.

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 Key Worker 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



Miss Kerrie Bryce  
Nursery Teacher



Mrs Helen Towers  
Special Needs  
Co-ordinator

This is the **Nursery** version of the June 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 book an appointment to see your child's Key worker for Open day on 11<sup>th</sup> July
- Please note that Nursery is closed to children on 11<sup>th</sup> July
- Please send your child with a sunhat or cap and their shoulders covered on sunny days
- Please send donations for the Rainbow raffle in the colour your child's class has been given
- Please buy your raffle tickets from the school office (20p each)
- Please send in donations of baking for cake sale on 27<sup>th</sup> June
- Please send any remaining sponsor money to the school office as soon as possible
- Please put your Green tokens in the Waterthorpe box if you shop at ASDA
- Please complete a Kid's Club Contract if planning to use the club and a booking contract if you would like to use the club on a regular basis (Please return by 17<sup>th</sup> June)
- Please ensure that you get a receipt for all payments
- If you are interested in the role of governor please return the slip at the end of the newsletter
- Check the school website for updates on current events ([www.waterthorpeinfantschool.co.uk](http://www.waterthorpeinfantschool.co.uk))
- 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
- Please ensure that breakfast club bookings are made in advance to ensure you get a place.
- Please give 24 hours notice to cancel a place or a charge will still be made. (This is particularly important when we are full and turning people away.)

### **Items for action**

#### **Nursery Consultation Day**

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July Nursery is closed to children. Throughout the day parents can meet with their child's key worker and find out how their child has been progressing in Nursery. You can have a look at their journals and next steps for your child will be shared.

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- Please note that Nursery is closed to children on 11<sup>th</sup> July

#### **Sunny Days**

Please apply sun screen/cream to your child on sunny days. As the application of cream in school is difficult to manage we would prefer you to use the sun screen/cream that only needs applying once a day as this can be done in the morning before school. (We do have a few trial packs in school if you want to try one.) If absolutely necessary, we are able to help your child apply cream but this must be brought to the office and labelled clearly with your child's name and class. Please can children also bring a sunhat or cap and a top where their shoulders are covered to wear when playing out in the sunshine. (Please write your child's name inside the hat/cap.)



- Please send your child with a sunhat or cap and their shoulders covered on sunny days

## Family Picnic and Rainbow Raffle 4:30p.m. 27<sup>th</sup> June

After the success of our family picnic last year we have planned another for Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June. The picnic will be held on the field adjacent to Emmanuel School. The event will start at 4:30p.m. until 6p.m. but families are welcome to bring their picnics and go straight onto the field after school if they wish. A family game of rounders and other sporting activities will be run by Westfield Sport's leaders. We will also have a cake stall and a Bouncy castle (£1 charge) starting at 4:30p.m.



We are collecting for a 'Rainbow Raffle' and prize tickets will be drawn at the picnic. Each class have been given a colour and children are asked to donate new items of that colour to put in their class raffle box. A letter has been sent home with your child. Tickets are on sale from the office, and will also be on sale at the picnic.

- Please send donations for the Rainbow raffle in the colour your child's class has been given
- Please buy your raffle tickets from the school office (20p each)
- Please send in donations of baking for cake sale on 27<sup>th</sup> June

## Sponsored Bounce/Obstacle Thursday May 19<sup>th</sup>

Thank you so much for all your support with our sponsored obstacle and bounce. To date we have raised £1750! This is the best by far that we have ever done. We have used funds to order new benches for the school playground and a shed for the Nursery.



- Please send any remaining sponsor money to the school office as soon as possible

## ASDA Green Tokens

Asda have kindly got Waterthorpe as one of the Green token schools again. We have a volunteer from ASDA who works in school each week and she has also arranged support for our Sports Day. Thank you ASDA!

- Please put your Green tokens in the Waterthorpe box if you shop at ASDA

## Kid's Club (Ofsted Number for use with Tax credits: 300838)

As you will know, we have been trying really hard to find a way to keep Kid's Club after-school childcare provision open. In order to do this we have had to make Lewis redundant, we have put up fees and made a change to terms and conditions. Letters and new documents have been emailed home (a hard copy has been sent to all club users) and are also available on the website at:

<http://www.waterthorpeinfantschool.co.uk/kids-club/>

We have researched private providers and found that many insist on payments well in advance and also charge a full fee when children do not attend regardless of the reason.

The key changes to our terms and conditions from 20<sup>th</sup> June are:

- All parents must sign a new agreement
- A booking contract is available to commit to a certain number of sessions per week/per month
- For bookings on a booking contract the fee per session will be £8.50
- For occasional bookings without a contract the fee per session will be £9
- Bookings must be paid for 7 days in advance or when making the booking (If an emergency booking is made, on the day of the booking, payment must be made on collection of your child)
- In order for a refund to be received, for cancelled bookings, 7 days' notice must be given
- If children are ill and miss their session, half the fee is still payable

We realise that the changes may make the club less affordable for some families but it is the only way to try and ensure that working parents have easily accessible childcare available. The additional 50p per session, for families who do not complete a booking contract, is to ensure fairness for those who do commit and then have to pay the full cost if cancellations are not made 7 days prior to a session. The charge for days missed due to illness means that neither the parent nor the club forfeits the full cost of the session.

It is important to note that tax credits can be used to claim back up to 85% of the cost of childcare. Parents can also use childcare vouchers if their employer uses this scheme. Fees for childcare are then tax free to the employee. Please enquire at the school office if you would like to set up payment using childcare vouchers through your workplace.

- Please complete a Kid's Club Contract if planning to use the club and a booking contract if you would like to use the club on a regular basis (Please return by 17<sup>th</sup> June)

### Message from Lewis

I just want to say a massive thank you for the donations, kind words and well wishes. I will be coming back to volunteer and to cover in Kid's Club so I'll look forward to seeing you all then. I have never worked with a nicer group of parents and children.  
Best wishes to all of you, Lewis xxx

### Payments

We are reviewing our system of payments and we are currently looking at an online payment system. From September we will not have an apprentice in the office so there will be less staff available to deal with direct payments.

We have purchased some new receipt books and are now giving out a receipt for every payment. If you send your payment to the office in a clearly labelled envelope (this can be posted in the black box in the office reception area) a receipt will be sent home with your child. If you do not receive a receipt please enquire at the office as soon as possible so we can check that we have received your payment.

- Please ensure that you get a receipt for all payments

## Items for information:

### Assemblies and events you are invited to this month:

27<sup>th</sup> Family Picnic 4:30p.m. to 6p.m. Waterthorpe Field/Thorpe Green

### July Events:

- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June** ~ You will find out which class your child will be in next year
- **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July** ~ Nursery Consultation Day ~ book an appointment (Nursery closed to children)

### School Council News

#### **Litter Picking at Waterthorpe**

Following consultation with children we found that they felt there was a problem with litter around our local area, so as part of our continued work to keep our school and the surrounding area litter free we decided to do weekly class litter picks.

After a recent litter pick with a class of Year One children they were asked what they thought about litter and the weekly litter picks. All the children said they enjoyed litter picking and these are some of their individual comments as to why they feel the litter picks are important.

"If we pick up litter our world is a nicer place to live."

"It's good when we all have a litter picker because we can all go out together."

"It's good that we pick up litter because it makes our world clean."

"It's good that we do litter picks or it would be a horrible place to live"

### Sports Update:

Waterthorpe have won a Yorkshire Regional Sport Premium Award. Mrs Robertson has worked hard to organise sport through school and to make the best use of our Sport Premium so it is great that this is being recognised. The Award will be presented in Harrogate on 27<sup>th</sup> June.

We had a lovely morning when an Olympic torch visited the school. A slide show of the event can be seen on our website. Kenzie Needham was an excellent ambassador for the school when he carried the torch to the next destination. Thank you to everyone for the efforts you made to dress your children in carnival colours and clothes.

This half term children in Red Base are enjoying working on sports with Richard on Tuesdays through our Westfield Sports Partnership.



Green and Yellow Base continue to go swimming at Westfield and they are making good progress with swimming skills. Some of our children also benefitted from free swimming lessons in the school holidays. Further free lessons should be advertised for the summer holidays so please look out for them.

Many children in school continue to enjoy multi-sports, karate and dance after school.

### **Christmas Pantomime**

We have booked to take all the children who will be in school from September to the pantomime in Rotherham in December. This will link with work that we will be doing in school and is a great opportunity for children to experience live theatre in the company of other children. The cost of this trip is £13. We wanted to give families plenty of time to start putting money aside for the trip.



Please note that this trip is for children who will be in school and not Nursery children.

### **'STANDING' NEWS ITEMS (These are things that are included in every newsletter for your reference)**

#### **Food Bank**

In partnership with volunteers from Sheffield University and the Salvation Army, St Mark's church is about to launch a Food Bank for the S20 area. They have support from Sheffield City Council in providing premises in partnership with Shortbrook School, and from a number of grant making organisations to get up and running but they will need continuing support as they move forward.



We will shortly be planning foodbank collections at schools across the Westfield Family and will send you the details when we have them.

#### **Parent Governor recruitment**

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor. We would welcome applications for this voluntary post. We are particularly looking for someone with skills in communication who is able to make a regular commitment of time to the school.



- If you are interested in the role of governor please return the slip at the end of the newsletter

#### **School Website**

Please visit our website at [www.watenthorpeinfantschool.co.uk](http://www.watenthorpeinfantschool.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. We have also added a translator so that families are able to select the language they wish to view the website.

- Check the school website for updates on current events ([www.waterthorpeinfantschool.co.uk](http://www.waterthorpeinfantschool.co.uk))

### **Safeguarding Contact Numbers**

Ensuring that children are safe is a responsibility for everyone. There have been many incidents over the years where children have come to harm and neighbours or local people have said that they were concerned but didn't take action or know what to do. To help you if you are concerned about a child there are some numbers below that can be used to report concerns. If you do this please try to provide as much information as possible. Calls may be anonymous.

- Sheffield Safeguarding team: 0114 2734855
- NSPCC: 0808 800 5000 or email [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)

When school staff have concerns about a child they inform the Designated Safeguarding Lead (Mrs Helen Stokes) or the Deputy (Mrs Caryn Moffatt). In most cases a member of staff speaks to the parent about the concern. We may ring the safeguarding team first to ask for advice about this. There are some concerns where we have to refer to Social Care. Please be aware that this is our professional responsibility and we always put children's well-being first.

When an incident of domestic abuse has taken place in a family we are notified by the safeguarding team at MAST (Multi-Agency Support Team). We may be able to support families who are suffering from domestic abuse and signpost or refer for support. It is also helpful to understand what may be happening in the life of a child outside school so that we can be supportive of any changes in behaviour.

It is really helpful for parents and families to keep the school informed about anything that may have an impact on their children.

### **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 toys to Nursery as things do sometimes get accidentally broken or lost and this causes upset for the children.

### **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](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

### **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](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.

## **Breakfast Club (Ofsted Number for use with Tax credits: 107064)**

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. 24 hours notice must be given for cancellations, unless due to pupil illness, or you will be charged.



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- Please ensure that breakfast club bookings are made in advance to ensure you get a place. Give 24 hours notice to cancel a place or a charge will still be made. (This is particularly important when we are full and turning people away.)

## **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>

## **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
- Governor Interest slip
- Kid's Club Summer 2 planning
- 2016/2017 Holiday and Term Dates

## Diary Dates 2015 ~ 2016

June	13 <sup>th</sup>	Arts Week
	13 <sup>th</sup>	10 Day Active Challenge starts ~ Find an 'Active Way' of getting to school
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Arts sharing assembly 9:15a.m. (No merit and birthday)
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Information about new September 2016 classes sent home today
	21 <sup>st</sup>	SEAL Family Workshop 9:15a.m. in hall ~ All school Families welcome
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Meeting in Emmanuel for all parents of Y2 moving to Juniors 5:30p.m.
	27 <sup>th</sup>	Family Picnic 4:30p.m. to 6p.m. Waterthorpe Field/Thorpe Green
	29 <sup>th</sup>	Technology Family Workshop 2p.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>	<b>Break up for Summer Holidays</b>



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## **Additional email address to add to Parentmail**

Name of child:..... Class.....

Relationship to child:.....

Email addresses:.....

Mobile phone Number.....



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## **Parent Governor Interest**

Parent's Name:..... Contact number:.....

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

I am interested in the role of parent governor.

Please tell us a little about yourself (interests/skills/what you feel you could offer as a governor:

**Waterthorpe Kids Club Monday to Friday - 3 to 6pm**

**Pirate Week**

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Hat making
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Outdoor play
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Treasure maps
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Pirate activities
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Free play

**Art and Craft Week**

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Poster painting
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Drawing with Lewis
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June - Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Art project

**Free Play**

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> June - Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Join in with your favourite game
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Cooking

**Team Games**

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Den making
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Treasure hunt
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Rounders
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Obstacle course
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Outdoor play

**Fun in the Sun**

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Sand and water
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Snack outside
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Sand and water
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Visit to the park
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Water fight
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Trip to Crystal Peaks
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Party Night

**We hope you have a fun Summer holiday and we'll see you on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> September are INSET days). Good luck to all our Year 6's in your new schools!**

## 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 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016

Half-term holiday Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016 - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016

### Autumn Half Term 2

Term starts Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016 - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Christmas Holiday Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2016 - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2016

### Spring Half Term 1

Term starts Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Half-term holiday Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017 - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2017

### Spring Half Term 2

Term starts Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017 - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Easter Holiday Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017 - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2017

### Summer Half Term 1

Term starts Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017 - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017

May Day Holiday Monday 1st May 2017

Spring Bank Holiday Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2017 - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017

### Summer Half Term 2

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017 - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017

### INSET days will be:-

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2016

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017

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Your feedback and comments: