

# School Newsletter 11

## July 2016

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are nearly at the end of another busy year that has 'flown by' again. We are sad to see our Year 2 children preparing to leave us along with those other children who are moving onto new schools. We would like to wish them all the best in their new schools.

We have been working hard on our school improvement plans for 2015/2016. Our key focus has been 'Parental engagement' and we plan to further develop this in the coming year. Part of this focus has been the wide range of Family Workshops and I know that the staff, families and children, who attended some of these, have enjoyed participating. Please fill in the consultation feedback form to help us evaluate what we are doing.

We hope you all enjoy the events coming up, have a lovely summer and have safe and happy holidays!

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 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 June Newsletter.  
F2: Red Base Y1: Blue Base Y2: Yellow and Green Base

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

**Actions for you to take:**

- Please send your child with a full PE kit and plimsolls or trainers on 5<sup>th</sup> July (If they come to school in these they must bring their uniform to change into.)
- Please send your child a drink of water in a bottle and a sunhat on 5<sup>th</sup> July
- Please put sunscreen on your child before school on 5<sup>th</sup> July
- Please bring your child to their new classroom door at the usual time on 6<sup>th</sup> July. Collect them from this door at the end of the day. Junior children should be taken to their classroom door in Emmanuel at 8:45a.m.
- Please book an appointment for Parent's Evening on 7<sup>th</sup> July
- Y2 parents please join us for Leaver's Assembly on 12<sup>th</sup> July 9:15a.m.
- Please join us for Awards and Attendance assembly on 13<sup>th</sup> July at 9:15a.m.
- Y2 children bring party food and dress up on 14<sup>th</sup> July for Fancy Dress party
- Volunteers to help at party please arrive at school at 1:15p.m. on 14<sup>th</sup> July
- If your child has their birthday between 10<sup>th</sup> July and 19<sup>th</sup> July, or is in Y2 and has a birthday in the summer holidays, please join us for birthday assembly on 15<sup>th</sup> July
- Please return reading books to school by 15<sup>th</sup> July
- Please bring labelled inexpensive toys or games and a bag on last day of term (19<sup>th</sup> July)
- Please check Lost Property boxes for any missing items
- Please complete and return the After-school club application form by 8<sup>th</sup> July
- Please complete the Parent Engagement Consultation
- Please pay for after-school clubs for the half term when you receive the place notification
- Please ensure that you pay invoices for Nursery session by the end of the first week of each half term
- Please ensure that you get a receipt for all payments
- Please bring a full PE kit for your child to keep on their peg
- Please pay for £11.90 for milk in the autumn term and collect a receipt from the school office (cheques should be made out to SCC)
- Please complete a Kid's Club Contract if planning to use the club
- Please complete a new booking contract if you would like to use Kid's club on a regular basis in the school year 2016/2017 (available from the school office)
- Please call and speak to Mrs Stokes if you are in need of a food parcel or, if you wish, you can self-refer by going to the S20 Information Station on a Monday between 1p.m. and 3p.m.
- 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 year 2015/2016
- 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.)

## Items for action

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

As we near the end of the school year there are a number of events planned to either support transition or celebrate the achievements of the children this year. The list below is for your information:

- **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 9:30a.m. Emmanuel field**~ Sports morning (**Families invited to watch**)
- **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July** ~ children will spend the day in their new class or school. (Where children are moving to a school other than Emmanuel it would be a good day to plan a visit to their new school)
- **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 3:15 to 7p.m.** ~ Parent's Evening ~ Teachers will share your child's end of year assessment outcomes (sign up in class for an appointment)
- **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 9:15a.m.** ~ Y2 (Yellow and Green Base) Leaver's Assembly for families ~ the children will perform their favourite songs etc. and certificates will be given to children who have acted as Y2 monitors (**Y2 families invited**)
- **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July ~ 9:15a.m.** ~ Awards Assembly for children who have been chosen for special awards by their teachers plus any other annual awards we may give out such as 100% attendance and School Council certificates (**We will email or text you and let you know if your child will be receiving an award before the assembly.**)
- **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July** ~ Y2 Leaver's Fancy Dress Party Day. Helpers welcome from 1:15p.m.
- **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July** ~ Final Birthday & Merit assembly (Y2 summer holiday birthdays to come up today)
- **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July** ~ Children may bring toys and games to school for the last day. Please also send a bag to take their things home in.

### Sports Morning ~ 5th July 9:30a.m.~ 11a.m.

If the weather is fine we will be holding our annual sports morning on 5<sup>th</sup> July. This will be run by Westfield Sports leaders. and will be held on the field next to Emmanuel school. This year Asda are supporting our Sports day and providing refreshments and awards for the children.



Children should ensure that they have a change of clothing. **They must also bring a sun hat!** Children should have/wear a T-shirt, a sweatshirt or top in case it is cool, shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers or pumps. If children choose to come to school in sportswear they should bring their uniform to change back into after the event.

Please apply sun cream to exposed faces, necks, arms and legs before your child comes to school.

Asda will be providing refreshments for school children but please remember to bring drinks for yourself and any other younger children who come along to watch. Please can your child also bring a bottle of water with their name on so that they can have a drink at any time if they get thirsty, especially if it is hot.

Parents/carers may sit on the grass and watch the activities; I would suggest that you bring something waterproof to sit on. If the field is very wet we may have to hold the event in the school playground. Please can parents/carers watch the event from the edges and not mingle in with the children as, when this happens, it makes it very hard to ensure all our children are safe and in sight of a member of staff. Please note that we will not be able to rearrange the event if we have to cancel it due to the weather.

- Please send your child with a full PE kit and plimsolls or trainers on 5<sup>th</sup> July (If they come to school in these they must bring their uniform to change into.)
- Please send your child a drink of water in a bottle and a sunhat on 5<sup>th</sup> July
- Please put suncream on your child before school on 5<sup>th</sup> July

### **New Class Transition Day 6<sup>th</sup> July**

On the 6<sup>th</sup> July all children will be spending the day in their new class. Classrooms will not be set up for September as the current year groups are still using them. Children can use any peg in the cloakroom that they wish. The children will visit the classroom before 6<sup>th</sup> July so they will know which door to come in, where to put lunchboxes and book bags etc.

- Please bring your child to their new classroom door at the usual time on 6<sup>th</sup> July. Collect them from this door at the end of the day. Junior children should be taken to their classroom door in Emmanuel at 8:45a.m.

### **Parent's Evening Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

A list for you to sign up for an appointment is in your child's classroom. This is an opportunity for you to find out how well your child has achieved over the year. Teachers will be able to explain the result of the Foundation Stage Profile (Red Base children), the Phonics Test (Blue Base and some Green and Yellow Base children) and the end of KS1 assessments (Green and Yellow Base children.)

Please try not to bring children to your appointment as it is difficult to have the end of year discussion when they are present. Parents should wait in the hall until the teacher comes for you. If children are in the hall please ensure that they are supervised and do not play with the musical instruments or the sports equipment.

If your child is in Blue, Yellow or Green Base you will find their work in a drawer on the tables in the hall. Please look at this while you are waiting.

If you find you need longer than 10 minutes please ask the teacher to arrange another time with you to ensure that parents get seen at their appointment time.

- Please book an appointment for Parent's Evening on 7<sup>th</sup> July

### **Y2 Leaver's Assembly Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 9:15a.m. in hall**

Parents and families of children in Yellow and Green bases are invited to our special assembly to celebrate the work and efforts of our Year 2 children who will shortly be leaving us for the Juniors. At the assembly all the children will be involved



and they will share some of their Infant memories, sing some songs and tell us about what they wish for their futures. We will also be presenting certificates to our special Y2 monitors who have put a lot of effort in this year into making our school run smoothly.

- Y2 parents please join us for Leaver's Assembly on 12<sup>th</sup> July 9:15a.m.

### Awards and Attendance Assembly Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July ~ 9:15a.m.

At our Awards Assembly we will be presenting certificates and trophies to children who have been chosen for special awards by their teachers plus any other annual awards we may give out such as 100% attendance and School Council certificates. (We will email or text you and let you know if your child will be receiving an award before the assembly. We will not do this for football medals as they are given to any child who regularly plays football at lunchtime.)

- Please join us for Awards and Attendance assembly on 13<sup>th</sup> July at 9:15a.m.

### Year 2 Leaver's Fancy dress party on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 1:15p.m.

The Y2 children (Green and Yellow Base) will be celebrating their time in the Infants with a Fancy dress party on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July. They may come to school dressed up and wear their costumes for the day, or get changed at the beginning of the afternoon.



There will be a fancy dress parade for the school in the afternoon and the best judged costumes will win a small prize. **Please can your Y2 child bring cakes, savoury snacks or crisps for 4 children on this day.** These should be brought to your child's classroom.

We rely on **parent helpers** to set up in the hall for the party tea. If you would like to help from 1:15p.m. please let your child's teacher know. Thank you.

- Y2 children bring party food and dress up on 14<sup>th</sup> July for Fancy Dress party
- Volunteers to help at party please arrive at school at 1:15p.m. on 14<sup>th</sup> July

### Final Birthday & merit assembly 15<sup>th</sup> July 9:15a.m. in hall

All parents and families are invited to our final birthday & merit assembly. At this assembly we will celebrate any birthdays that children have recently had plus birthdays that any of our Year 2 children will be celebrating in the holidays. We will celebrate the end of July/August birthdays of other children in September.



- If your child has their birthday between 10<sup>th</sup> July and 19<sup>th</sup> July or is in Y2 and has a birthday in the summer holidays please join us for birthday assembly on 15<sup>th</sup> July

### Reading Books



Please return all reading books by Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July so that we can stock take during the holidays. Thank you.

- Please return reading books to school by 15<sup>th</sup> July



## Final day of school Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July children may bring a toy or game, clearly labelled with their name. Please do not send anything valuable or precious in case it gets lost or broken.

It would also be useful for children to bring a bag, with their name on it, to take home any belongings.

- Please bring labelled inexpensive toys or games and a bag on last day of term (19<sup>th</sup> July)

## Lost Property

We have a lot of lost property once again. The lost property boxes are located inside the main entrance in the corridor to the Junior school. Please check through the boxes before the summer holidays when we will dispose of everything via our clothing bin or spare clothes boxes.

- Please check Lost Property boxes for any missing items

## Club News

All clubs continue this half term with the children currently attending. Clubs will not run on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July when we have Parent's Evening. Clubs end for the summer term on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July. There will be no clubs following this date.



**Clubs in September** will start in the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> September. A letter for you to complete and return to school is attached and has been sent out to children in Red and Blue bases. Please send this back as soon as possible so that we can allocate places for the autumn term.

The new clubs from September are:

- Monday Drama
- Tuesday Badminton
- Thursday Karate
- Friday Dance

- Please complete and return the After-school club application form by 8<sup>th</sup> July

## Consultation on our School Improvement Parent Engagement work

Our whole school priority: To work in partnership with parents and families to enable everyone to be fully involved with their child's education and the life of the school

What we have done:

- Added a News Update page to the website.
- Set up volunteer parent class reps who have the responsibility of sharing information and promoting events. These reps are sent a weekly update letter to share e.g. through the Facebook page that Laura Green (Red Base Parent Rep) has set up.
- Putting a News Update on the classroom doors each week so you can easily check the things that are happening during the week.

- Enhanced the website to provide up to date information and slideshows showing what is happening in school.
- Produced curriculum booklets for parents that tell you about how we teach each subject within school (these are on the website, available in the entrance and are given out at Family Workshops).
- Run Family workshops for Early Years and different curriculum areas. This has been to help families understand national expectations, the curriculum content that children learn in school and how families can help at home (we have run these at different times of the day and on different days of the week to help ensure that all families have the opportunity to attend at least one.)
- Shared expectations in different areas, e.g. phonics, by sending information leaflets home with children and publishing these on the website.
- Run family events such as the picnic and disco where families can come together in school with children and staff
- Run the Raising Early Achievement in Literacy (REAL) project with families in our pre-nursery and Nursery groups.
- Worked with children and provided opportunities for families to be involved and have information through our 'Enhanced Healthy Schools' project (This year our focus has been teeth. We have previously worked on healthy eating/the lunchtime experience and sleep).
- Shared information with families about assessment and tracking of progress through individual parent's evening meetings, open evening, individual reports and an explanation booklet about the new assessment system.

#### Participation Outcomes:

The following table show the % of families that have been to each event and the total percentage that have attended at least one event.

<b>Workshop</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Group invited</b>	<b>% attending of those invited</b>	<b>% of whole school</b>
Open Evening	16/9/15	KS1	26%	17%
SEAL (New Beginnings)	2/10/15	KS1	13%	8%
F2 Expectations	17/11/15	F2	22%	9%
Parent's Evening	12/11/15	F2 and KS1	86%	86%
SEAL (Anti-Bullying)	18/11/15	F2 and KS1	8%	8%
RE	26/11/15	KS1	9%	6%
Art	8/12/15	KS1	11%	8%
English	13/1/16	KS1	11%	8%
SEAL (Going for goals)	21/1/16	F2/KS1	7%	7%
Fairtrade	23/2/16	F2/KS1	13%	13%
SEAL (Good to be me)	29/2/16	F2/KS1	5%	5%
Humanities	7/2/16	F2/KS1	5%	3.85%

Parent's Evening	10/3/16	F2/KS1	96%	77%
Science	6/4/16	F2/KS1	12%	12%
Maths	27/4/16	F2/KS1	12%	12%
SEAL (relationships)	21/4/16	F2/KS1	12%	12%
PE	11/5/16	F2/KS1	8%	8%
SEAL (Changes)	21/6/16	F2/KS1	10%	10%
Technology	29/6/16	F2/KS1	10%	10%

**Attended at least one event: 96% of children represented**

Your feedback:

We would really appreciate you taking a few minutes to give us some feedback. This can be done online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/F92K2T3> or by filling in and returning the consultation sent home with your child.

- Please complete the Parent Engagement Consultation

## Items to think about for the new year in September:

### Payments

From September we are asking that all payments for clubs are made for the half term. This is to reduce the number of transactions at the office as we will have less staff. Once you get notified of which clubs your child has been given please call at the office to pay.

Invoices for Nursery fees, for any additional hours (particularly where the 2 ½ day option has been selected) have been sent home. An invoice will be sent you each half term for the following term. We ask that you pay this by the end of the first week of each half term. We are sending them out now to give families time to put aside the money each week in readiness for payment in September. Parents will then be able to do the same in each half term in preparation for the invoice being sent in advance of sessions. We are also exploring an electronic payment system.

- Please pay for after-school clubs for the half term when you receive the place notification
- Please ensure that you pay invoices for Nursery session by the end of the first week of each half term
- Please ensure that you get a receipt for all payments

### PE Kits

Children who will be in Year 1 and 2 (Blue, Green & Yellow bases) should have a PE kit, including a plain t-shirt, shorts and pumps/plimsolls, that they keep in school on their peg.

- Please bring a full PE kit for your child to keep on their peg

## School Meals

School meals continue to be free to children in Infant Schools. The price of a dinner for Nursery children is £1.75 per day. In September we will continue with the current menu and will be on Week 1. A copy of the menu is available on the website at [www.waterthorpeinfantschool.co.uk](http://www.waterthorpeinfantschool.co.uk)



## Milk for Autumn term 2016



The cost of milk for the next term, commencing 5<sup>th</sup> September to 16<sup>th</sup> December, is £11.90. Please pay this at the school office before the end of this term to ensure that your child gets milk from the first day next term. Please ensure that you are given a receipt as this will act as proof of payment. Cheques should be made payable to Sheffield City Council (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 pay for £11.90 for milk in the autumn term and collect a receipt from the school office (cheques should be made out to SCC)

## Food Bank

In partnership with volunteers from Sheffield University and the Salvation Army, St Mark's church have launched 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.



The S20 Information Station (in the old Westfield TARA building) offers a relaxed environment and it is open on Mondays 1pm to 3pm. They also have a housing officer and Citizen's Advice Worker on hand to offer support.

We have planned dates for foodbank collections at schools across the Westfield Family. We are able to refer any families who would like a Food gift.

- Please call and speak to Mrs Stokes if you are in need of a food parcel or, if you wish you can self-refer by going to the S20 Information Station on a Monday between 1p.m. and 3p.m.

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

If you would like to book places for Kid's Club after-school childcare for the autumn term:

- All parents must sign an 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

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.

Some of the club children have made a poster to promote the club:



- Please complete a Kid's Club Contract if planning to use the club
- Please complete a new booking contract if you would like to use the club on a regular basis in the school year 2016/2017

## Items for information:

### Thank you and Goodbye



Mrs Towers is retiring at the end of term, having worked at the Nursery and school for many years. Mrs Towers has been our Special Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) since the amalgamation of the Nursery with the school and she has supported many families and children with additional needs. Mrs Taylor is taking over her SENCO role in September.

We will miss Mrs Towers very much but I know she will keep in touch and will call in and visit us from time to time.

## **Local Information:**

Police Officers have stepped up patrols in the Waterthorpe area following the incidents - one last Friday and the first on April 12. In both incidents elderly women, aged 71 and 81, had their bags snatched as they walked from Crystal Peaks to the Beckton estate.

Police officers are carrying out high visibility and undercover patrols.

A South Yorkshire Police spokesman said: "Foot patrols have been conducted on the footpaths in the Beckton area due to an elderly female having her bag snatched recently.

"Please be mindful if walking in this area alone."

Anyone with information should call South Yorkshire Police on 101.

Read more: <http://www.thestar.co.uk/news/police-issue-safety-warning-after-two-muggings-in-sheffield-suburb-1-7989267#ixzz4D7cmsYMq>

## **Teacher's Strike Action 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

Teachers at Waterthorpe will not be taking strike action on 5<sup>th</sup> June> The teachers have asked me to share the following statement with you:

*"Although NUT staff, at Waterthorpe, agree with the principles behind the teachers' strike on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July, we are not striking on this occasion. We do believe that the longstanding attack on pay and conditions and the constant changes to the curriculum and testing arrangements are extremely detrimental to the education of your children. However, we believe that a strike, at the current time, is not appropriate.*

*Thank you for your on-going support."*

*From the Waterthorpe Teachers.*

## **Family Picnic and Rainbow raffle**

Thank you so much to everyone who supported this event. It was a really lovely evening and everyone looked as though they were enjoying themselves. We are delighted to inform you that we raised £426.60 which is remarkable! We still have two prizes to be collected: Blue tickets 737 and 647. Mrs Appleby is currently identifying the class who filled their box the most and they will be receiving a summer treat.



## **Medication in School**

With a few exceptions, we are able to administer medication in school. Parents must fill in a medicine form and label medicine clearly with your child's name.

We are finding that at times we have a large number of children requiring medication and we often have requests to administer this at different times during the day. As you can imagine this can be quite difficult when there are lots of other demands on the time of the school staff. To help us make

this process as quick and simple as possible, ensuring that we don't miss anyone, we will administer all medicines at a single point at lunchtime. This doesn't apply when children are on a special care plan for their medication.

Please can we remind you that we can only administer medication for a maximum of 1 week. After this point we will return your medicine to you and if further doses are required you will need to come to the school office.

### **10 day Active Challenge**

Thank you for taking part in the challenge. We have ordered badges for all the children who took part.

### **Sponsored Bounce/Obstacle**

Thank you so much for all your support with our sponsored obstacle and bounce. We have raised £1889.51!



The winning children are:

RT	Brandon Crookes
RJ	Freddie Fox
RM	Eliza Hewitt
1A	Oscar Selwood
1R	Bailey Gregory
2H	Mila Hatt
2W	Hayley Robinson
F1	To be confirmed

These will all receive their prize when the new picnic benches arrive.

We were planning to buy two sheds for the Nursery playground with some of the money raised however Jan Richards (One of our Nursery volunteers ~ 'Grandma Jan') and her husband Dave Richards have donated the money for the sheds as an extremely generous gesture of support. Our enormous thanks goes to Jan and Dave.

### **School Council News**

This term the School Council have been working through a list of actions which were raised during Class Council sessions. The children have spoken to all the children in Year One and Two to raise the profile of the buddy bench and to ensure children know how to use the bench. We will be arranging for them to visit the children in Red Base to explain how the buddy bench works shortly.

They have also met to decide on a new playtime award which they thought should be awarded to someone who is a 'good friend' to others at playtime. This would be someone who has been kind and helpful to others including looking after people on the Buddy Bench. The award is called the 'Playtime Friendship' award and will be given out in birthday and merit assemblies.

At the moment the School Council are in the process of recruiting new Year 2 monitors ready for September when our current Year Two children will be moving to the Juniors. The Year One children who are selected will be taught their roles by the current monitors and then supported by staff in September until they are confident to carry out their roles independently.



#### **Wear It Wild Day:**

Thank you for all your efforts on Wear It Wild Day last month. The children looked amazing in their outfits and had a great day learning about some of the endangered animals and the need to protect these animals. We raised £5 which has been donated to the WWF.

#### **Sports Update:**

We are delighted to announce that Waterthorpe NI School have won a prestigious award. We are now the proud winners of the Yorkshire Primary PE and Sports Premium Award 2016 for Pupil Engagement in Physical Activity. The award was presented in Harrogate on 27<sup>th</sup> June. Mr Rodgers will be putting the plaque on the wall in the main reception area.



#### **Children's University**

Our School subscribes to the Children's University and children earn 1 credit for every club they attend. Each term we submit our registers; certificates and medals are then awarded to children as they reach a given number of credits. This year to date we have also had four children attend a special ceremony in town where they wore a cap and gown to receive their awards.



There are lots of activities running over the summer holidays and your child can earn CU credits with if they have a passport. These are available from the library for £2. You need to take them to get stamped when you attend an activity. This is not necessary for clubs in school as we automatically register children's attendance.

Information about the 'Festival of Fun' Children's University Summer activities is available on the website, from the school office and will be emailed to families.

#### **Feedback from Technology Family Workshop:**

Our Family workshop, run by Mrs Taylor, was very well attended. Mrs Taylor had hoped to run the workshop in the Forest School but unfortunately the weather did not permit this. With a quick change of plan Mrs Taylor made some alterations to activities and the workshop went ahead successfully.

Here is the feedback from families who attended:

- "Brilliant workshop. Lots of fun for the children, parents and grandparents. We would like these workshops more often."
- "We enjoyed making a fox and a moving picture together."
- "We really enjoyed working on three design projects together."
- "I like workshops." 😊

- "We both enjoyed making all the things. There were lots of materials to choose from and every activity was different. Thank you."
- "It was lots of fun making things."
- "We really enjoyed making all the different things. We had lots of fun."
- "We really enjoyed the workshop. It was great to have a range of different materials available for us to use our initiative with."
- "Great fun making things with my children. They both enjoyed thinking of how to design and make things."
- Really enjoyable. The kids enjoyed making the woodland animals with all the different materials. Thank you."
- "I think that all the children got ideas from the workshop. Very enjoyable."
- "Extremely creative. Very enjoyable."

### Christmas Pantomime ~ Snow White

We have booked to take all the children 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.



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

#### 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. 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 to wear when playing out in the sunshine. (Please write your child's name inside the hat/cap.)

#### 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.waterthorpeinfantschool.co.uk](http://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 or on the parent consultation form sent home with your child or accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/F92K2T3>

Please check the 'News Update' tab on our website. We also have a translator on the site 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 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.

## 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.

## Book bags



It is helpful for all children in school to have a book bag. Book bags with our school logo on are available from the School Trends shop (just off Owlthorpe Greenway), however any suitable non-logo book bag is fine to use.

## 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.



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 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
- After School Club Letter
- Holidays 2016~2017
- Diary dates 2016~2017

## Diary Dates 2015 ~ 2016

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>

## 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 AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS: AUTUMN TERM 2016

Clubs run after school every day except Wednesday. Clubs in the Autumn term are only open to children in Year 1 and Year 2 (Blue, Yellow and Green bases). Clubs start in the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> September.

Karate Club is £15 per half term (paid directly to the karate teacher), which includes a free karate suit in the first term on joining the club. (Additional fees for competitions and gradings apply but these are optional.)

We ask for £1 per week for each of the other clubs. This is to help support costs.

We ask that all clubs are paid for at the beginning of each half term. Refunds will only be given for illness.

Please tick the clubs that you would like your child to attend:

- |  |                                 |                          |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Monday from 12<sup>th</sup> September</b>   | Drama (£6 for half term)        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Tuesday from 13<sup>th</sup> September</b>  | Badminton (£6 for half term)    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Thursday from 15<sup>th</sup> September</b> | Karate (£15 per half term)      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Friday from 16<sup>th</sup> September</b>   | Street Dance (£6 for half term) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Child's name:..... Class:.....

My contact number between 3:10 p.m. and 4:10p.m. is: .....

Signed:.....(person with parental responsibility)

If you would like your child to attend any after school clubs please complete the application and return to school asap. **Please note that it is important to return this form even if your child currently attends a club.**

**Please return this form by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July.**

Letters will be sent out before the end of term informing you if your child has a place in clubs.

Thank you,

Helen Stokes

## **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

## Diary Dates 2015 ~ 2016

September	1 <sup>st</sup>	INSET Day ~ School closed to children
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	INSET Day ~ School closed to children
	5 <sup>th</sup>	Return to school
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Merit & Birthday Assembly (please note this is a Thursday)
	9 <sup>th</sup>	New Parent's Meeting in hall

### RED BASE Hours for New children:

	12 <sup>th</sup>	9am-12 noon
	13 <sup>th</sup>	9am-12 noon
	14 <sup>th</sup>	9am-12 noon
	15 <sup>th</sup>	9m-1.15pm (to include school lunch)
	16 <sup>th</sup>	9am-1:15pm
	19 <sup>th</sup>	9am-1:15pm
	20 <sup>th</sup>	9am-1:15pm
	21 <sup>st</sup>	9am-1:15pm
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9a.m. to 3:10p.m. (Full time from today)
	16 <sup>th</sup>	Food Drive Friday
	21 <sup>st</sup>	SEAL Family workshop New Beginnings theme 9:15a.m. to 10:15a.m.
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	5:30p.m. to 6:30p.m. Key Stage 1 Open Evening (Blue, Yellow & Green Base)
October	5 <sup>th</sup>	Individual photos ~ Family photos from 8:15a.m.
	6 <sup>th</sup>	Green Base class assembly 9:15a.m.
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Blue Base class assembly 9:15a.m.
	13 <sup>th</sup>	2p.m. Red Base Family workshop
	19 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Festival 9:15a.m.
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Break up for Half term at end of today
	31 <sup>st</sup>	INSET Day ~ School closed to children
November	1 <sup>st</sup>	Return to school
	9 <sup>th</sup>	Parent's Evening 3:15p.m. to 7p.m.
	17 <sup>th</sup>	SEAL Family workshop ~ 9:15a.m. to 10:15a.m. Getting on & Falling Out Theme
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need Day No Merit & Birthday Assembly
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	RE Family Workshop 3:15p.m. to 4:15p.m. in Yellow Base
	24 <sup>th</sup>	Yellow Base class assembly 9:15a.m.
December	1 <sup>st</sup>	Pantomime ~ Snow White
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Red Base Christmas Assembly 10a.m. in hall (doors open at 9:45am)
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Blue, Yellow & Green Base Nativity 2p.m. in church (doors open 1:45p.m.)
	14 <sup>th</sup>	Blue, Yellow & Green Base Nativity 10a.m. in church (doors open 9:45p.m.)
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Party Day
	15 <sup>th</sup>	6p.m. Carol Singing at Crystal Peaks

	16 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery Nativity in church 9:30a.m.
	16 <sup>th</sup>	Break up for Christmas at end of today
January	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Return to school
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Food Drive Friday
	19 <sup>th</sup>	SEAL Family workshop ~ 9:15a.m. to 10:15a.m. Going for Goals theme
	26 <sup>th</sup>	English Family Workshop 9:15a.m. to 10:15a.m.
February	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Green Base class assembly 9:15a.m.
	7 <sup>th</sup>	National E-Safety Day
	9 <sup>th</sup>	Maths Family Workshop 2p.m. to 3p.m.
	16 <sup>th</sup>	Blue Base class assembly 9:15a.m.
	17 <sup>th</sup>	ECO Family Workshop 9:15a.m. (No Merit & Birthday assembly)
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Break up for half term at the end of today
	27 <sup>th</sup>	Return to school
March	2 <sup>nd</sup>	World Book Day
	9 <sup>th</sup>	Science Family Workshop 9:15a.m. to 10:15a.m.
	13 <sup>th</sup>	SEAL Family Workshop 9:15a.m. to 10:15a.m. Good to Be Me theme
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Yellow Base class assembly 9:15a.m.
	27 <sup>th</sup>	Individual Reports to parents out today
	28 <sup>th</sup> Or 29 <sup>th</sup>	March 4p.m. Singing Performance Y2 at Westfield School
	30 <sup>th</sup>	Red Base class assembly
		Parent's Evening 3:15p.m. to 7p.m.
April	5 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Garden assembly 9:15a.m. to 10a.m.
	6 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Bonnet Day
	6 <sup>th</sup>	Family of Schools Celebration Event 5:30p.m. Westfield School
	6 <sup>th</sup>	Break up for Easter at the end of today
	7 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY School closed to children
	24 <sup>th</sup>	Return to school
May	1 <sup>st</sup>	May Day Bank Holiday
	5 <sup>th</sup>	Food Drive Friday
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Sponsored Bounce/Obstacle Day
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Class photos
	26 <sup>th</sup>	Break up for Half term at end of today
June	5 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY School closed to children
	6 <sup>th</sup>	Return to school
	16 <sup>th</sup>	SEAL Family Workshop 9:15a.m. to 10:15a.m. Changes theme (No Merit Assembly)
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Blue Base Class Assembly
	26 <sup>th</sup>	Design & Technology Family Workshop 2p.m. to 3p.m.
	29 <sup>th</sup>	Red Base Class Assembly
July	4 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Morning 9:30a.m. to 11a.m.
	10 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery Consultation Day ~ Nursery closed to children
	12 <sup>th</sup>	Class Swap Day
	19 <sup>th</sup>	Leaver's Assembly & Y2 Monitor Awards 9:15a.m. to 10a.m.
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Attendance and Awards Assembly & Birthdays

Y2 Leavers Party Day (Fancy Dress)  
21<sup>st</sup> Toy Day (No Merit and Birthday Assembly)  
Break up for Summer at end of today



**Your feedback and comments:**