



School Newsletter 2

October 2016

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our October newsletter. Please read to find out about the things that are happening in school. The section at the end: 'standing newsletter items' is for you to refer. If there is any information you would like to see in this section please let me know. We break up for half term on 21st October and return to school on Tuesday 1st November.

Thank you for being supportive, with our new office payments system, by paying for the half term in advance and placing all payments in an envelope for office staff to deal with at a quieter moment. This is helping to reduce queues at the office. Receipts are sent out for all payments so please let us know if you have not received one and we can look into it promptly. Please note that karate fees should be paid directly to the coach when you collect your child.

Please regularly visit our website at 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 Michelle Taylor
Special Needs
Co-ordinator

This is the [School](#) version of the October Newsletter.

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

Actions:

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- Please send an item of tinned/dried fruit or vegetables for our Harvest Festival on 19th October
- If there is any support that you need, or you want to discuss a concern please do not hesitate to come and see your child's Classteacher or Mrs Stokes and we will look at what we can do in school, what links we can give you to other services or advice, and whether a referral to MAST would be helpful for you
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- Please ensure that your child's dinner is ordered before 9:45a.m. (please note earlier time) by telephone if you are going to be late for school
- 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.)
- Check the school website for updates on current events (www.watertorpeinfantschool.co.uk)
- Even if you have completed Parentview previously please do log your views again for the school year 2016/2017

Items for action

Events you are invited to this month:

Blue Base class assembly on 13th October at 9:15a.m. in the school hall ~
At this assembly the children in Blue Base will share some of the things that they have been working on this half term. Families of children in Blue Base are welcome to join us.



Harvest Festival on 19th October at 9:15a.m. in the school hall ~ On 19th October we are holding our annual Harvest Festival. Our theme this year is fruit and vegetables. At this assembly children will bring an item of food from home to the front. All the food will be donated to the S20 Foodbank this year so please try to send non-perishable items such as tins and packets. You can refer to the 'shopping list' sent out for our Foodbank collection in September. A copy of this is available from the office and is on the school website.



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Family Coffee mornings 12th October

These are held in Emmanuel Junior school every two weeks on Wednesday mornings. The next one is on 12th October. The Multi-Professional Support Team (MAST) run a drop-in at these events. There are a group of parents who regularly attend and they find it helpful to meet with other parents to share experiences and advice. The purpose of these events is also for families to have access to a MAST worker who may be able to give on-the-spot support with an issue or help them with a referral for further support. The MAST worker will be able to talk with you in a private room; an appointment can be made but is not necessary. Other services also sometimes attend these coffee mornings and run workshops on different areas such as healthy eating or sleeping difficulties. The MAST worker will also be in our playground from 8:30a.m. on the mornings of the drop-ins. Please ask Mrs Stokes if you would like an introduction to the worker.



MAST are a team of workers based at Shortbrook School. They include the school nursing team, parenting support trainers, Prevention workers for low level support, Intervention workers for more in-depth support, Attendance officers, a mental health nurse and Senior Learning Mentors who can advise people or come into school to work with a child or a group of children. MAST can also help you to link with other services such as housing, benefits or Domestic Abuse workers. A referral for support can be made through your GP, through the school or you can self-refer by ringing tel: 2053637. The school nursing team are available to give advice on areas such as concerns over a child's bedwetting and can check your child's vision and hearing and make referrals to the hospital if you are concerned. With the exception of the Attendance Officers all referrals are voluntary and are only made if you wish to receive support. To identify exactly what support you need the school may complete a Family Assessment Framework (FAAF) with you. This identifies where you need help and also what the strengths are within your family e.g. the network of support family members offer you.

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Change of Date Red Base Family workshop change from 13th October to 17th November:

Red Base Family workshop on 17th November at 2pm in the school hall ~ This is a workshop for parents and family members of children in Red Base. At this workshop you will find out more about what your children will be learning in Red Base, how we teach and assess them, how to borrow our Story Sacks and how you can help your child at home. Your child (in Red Base) will be brought to join you for part of the workshop. If you are unable to join us please try to send a friend or family member to represent your child. Please note that we have changed the date of this meeting.

- Families of children in Red Base ~ Please join us for the Family workshop on 17th November at 2p.m.

Settling children into class in the mornings

Now that children have been in school for a while we would like them all to say goodbye to you at the classroom door and come into their class in the mornings independently. As you can imagine it is a little intimidating for children to be surrounded by lots of 'big people' when they come into the class or cloakroom in the morning. If you need to speak to the teacher urgently please feel free to come in but please speak to them at the end of the day, when they have seen the children out safely, for less urgent matters.

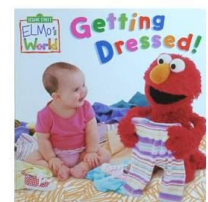


The problem is most pronounced in Red Base and we feel that the cloakroom, in particular, has become hazardous to children as there are so many adults crowding into it. Some parents have also told us that they are trying to let their children come in alone but are concerned that they are getting crushed by the other parents on the way in or out. We do have a member of staff at the door so please try to say goodbye to your Red Base child at the entrance to Red Base.

- Please say goodbye to children at the classroom door and let them come into school independently

Resilience and getting changed for PE/sports clubs

As explained in our last newsletter, this half term we are working on being 'Resilient'. This means that we "keep on going even when things are difficult". Children in Blue, Yellow and Green bases do PE several times a week and many attend a club after school. This means that they have to get changed and make sure that their clothes are kept together and put away properly so that they don't lose them. Many children are finding this difficult and they get upset when they can't do it. Please help your child by encouraging them to get dressed and undressed themselves and to fold up their clothes and put them



in a neat pile when they take them off. It is also very helpful to make sure that your child's name is in their clothing so that they can make sure they put on the right uniform when they get dressed after PE.

- Please encourage your child dress and undress by themselves
- Please put your child's name in their school clothing

Kid's Club

Thank you for putting Kid's Club payments in the post box near the office. Booking and contract forms are available from the office if you would like your child to start attending the After-school Kid's Club. The club provides care from the end of the school day up until 6p.m. If you want to book your child in for a session, and it is on the day of the booking, please make sure the office staff know so that they can check if there is a place available and then put your child's name on the list.

- Please book places for Kid's club at the office and put payment (in an envelope) in the office post box

Parent Representatives

Our class Parent Representatives are there to share information with you about what is happening in school. Reps receive a weekly update from school to share with other families. If you are not sure about something you can ask a Rep and they should find out the answer or point you in the right direction.



At our meeting Reps shared concerns that parents had highlighted. The key points raised were:

- Parents swearing in playground/near school when children present
- Problem of dog-dirt around school and bags discarded/hung on trees
- Problems around children crossing or people driving through the bus gate
- Children (usually older siblings) riding bikes in the playground

Our reps are as follow:

Nursery: Awaiting recruitment to post

Red Base: RJ ~ Emily Wilkinson (Ruby Mallender), RM ~ Rebecca Ford (Mia) and RB ~ Claire Knott (Imogen)

Blue Base: Y1A~ Laura Green (Oliver), Lucy Dundon (Isaac), Lauren Lancaster (Lillie Maher) & Vicky Fitzpatrick (Holly Jennings) Y1T ~ Nicola Stephenson (Harry)

Yellow Base: Lauren Lancaster (Sophie Maher) and Vicky Fitzpatrick (Ethan Jennings)

Green Base: Rebecca Ford (Daisy) and Joanne Hartley (Maisie)

Laura Green also runs the 'Friends of Waterthorpe' Facebook Page and this is a good source of information.

- If you would like to be a Nursery Parent Representative, please contact Mrs Stokes with your email address

10 day Active Travel Challenge

Our school will be taking part in Sheffield City Council's 10 Day Active Travel Challenge starting on **Monday 10th October** and finishing on **Friday 21st October 2016**.

The challenge is for pupils & their families to choose an **active way** of getting to school over the 10-day period.



During the challenge each classroom will have a wall chart on which pupils who have travelled actively will record their journey by adding a special sticker to the chart. Those pupils with between 8 and 10 stickers on the chart at the end of the 10-day challenge will be awarded a footprint enamel badge.

- Please try to walk, run, cycle, scoot or use any other 'active' means of coming to school between 10th and 21st October
- Please ensure that children do not ride bikes or scooters in the playground

Parking and driving near school

We understand that some families need to come to school by car but parking is very limited. Residents have complained about people parking on the grass, pavements and across drives. Please be considerate in your parking. If you park a short distance from school and walk for the remainder of the journey (park and walk) your child will be able to earn awards during 'Active Journeys to School Week'. Please do not drive through the bus gate; this is illegal and increases the risk to families crossing over the road outside school.



- Please be considerate when you park your car; try parking a short distance from school and walking for the last part of your journey
- Please do not drive through the bus gate

Family of Schools project ~ Educating Responsible Dog Owners

Across the Westfield Family of Schools (Westfield, Waterthorpe NI, Emmanuel J, Reignhead, Mosborough, Shortbrook, Halfway NI, Halfway J, Beighton NI and Brookhouse Juniors) we are running a project, supported by Amey, around improving our environment through educating dog owners to clear up after their dogs. The problem of dog fouling locally was identified through our parent consultation last year when 77% of parents (who completed the consultation across the 10 schools) stated that dog-dirt was an issue locally. We have been working on this in assembly and a letter about the project and the poster/poetry competition has been sent home. We have had some great entries and these are displayed in the school entrance.



If any children would like to make posters or write poems at home we would very much welcome them. Please bring any entries to the school office and ensure that your child's name, age and class are clearly marked on the back. The closing date for competition entries these is 14th November.

- Please send posters and poems to the school office before 14th November 2016

Christmas Pantomime ~ Snow White

Please return the consent slip and pay for the pantomime trip before the 20th October as we have to pay for the pantomime tickets in advance. The cost of this trip is £13.



- Please complete and return the pantomime trip letter with payment by 20th October
- Please ask for a payment book at the office if you wish to pay by instalments

Items for information:

Fire and Lock-down practice



Each term we have a Fire Practice where children/adults in school rehearse exiting the building quickly in the event of a fire. We also have a Lock-down practice. This is where a different bell is rung and children/adults in school practise going into locked classrooms, as they would do in the event of a threat to the school e.g. an unwanted intruder. We do both of these to ensure that we all know what to do in an emergency. They help us to identify and solve any problems that may occur. In our experience the children handle these events calmly and are not anxious or upset when the bells are rung.

It is also important that families have a plan at home for what to do if there was a fire, especially at night when you may get trapped upstairs. The Fire Service visit school periodically to talk to children about fire safety and plans at home in the event of a fire.

Every Child Matters Consultation

This annual survey has been taking place since 2006. Around 6500 children and young people from 69 schools took part in the last survey (2014/15). Our Y2 will be involved in the survey in October. The survey will be taking place on **Monday 17th October 2016**.

Our school finds the survey data very useful in helping us to identify priorities for development work.

Further information about the ECM Survey, including the summary report of the findings from last year can be found at www.sheffield.gov.uk/ecm

New School Meals Menu

After half term there will be a new school meal menu. A copy can be collected from the school entrance lobby and the menu is also available to view at any time on the school website:



www.watertorpeinfantschool.co.uk/school-meal-menu

Sometimes children arrive late in school. We have to order all meals now by 9:45a.m. (please note earlier time) If a child arrives after this time, and the parent has not rung school prior to this to order a dinner, the kitchens may not be able to provide your child with the meal that they want.

- Please ensure that your child's dinner is ordered before 9:45a.m. (please note earlier time) by telephone if you are going to be late for school

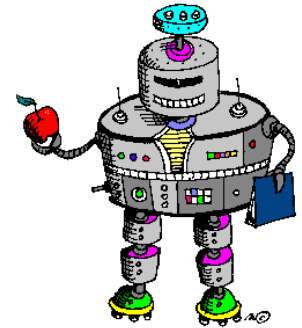
Parent Governor

We have appointed a new Parent Governor. Emily Wilkinson has a daughter, Ruby, in Red Base who has just joined the school. Emily is a Business coach and she runs events and will hopefully help us with ideas about continuing to improve communication. She is due to go on maternity leave shortly and is looking forward to spending some of her time supporting the school through her new governor role. Emily has also become one of our Parent Reps for Red Base.

Free Family Event in Half-term ~ THE IMAGINARIUM ~ Saturday 29th October 10a.m. to 3p.m. at The Diamond, 32 Leavygreave Road, Sheffield. S3 7RD

Sheffield Hallam University are running a free family event with interactive activities aimed at celebrating Sheffield's past, present and future engineers. Activities include:

- Treasure Hunt
- Bubbling Experiments
- Rambling Robots
- Cracking Chocolate
- Venture into Space with Suzie and Ricky



For further information contact Angela Bairstow on 0114 2222161/a.bairstow@sheffield.ac.uk or just come along on the day.

Computer, English and Maths classes for adult learners

We have a computer class for adults on Friday mornings between 9:15a.m. and 11:15a.m. The class caters for all levels and the trainer Denise will help to identify a programme of study for each individual. The cost of the computer course is £10 for 10 weeks if there is evidence of a means tested benefit, £60 if not.



Maths and English classes are free but take place at Frecheville, in venues on the 120 bus or tram route.

- If you are interested in a Maths, English or Computer course, please telephone Denise Milner at Birley Community College, 0114 2392531, for more information or to book a place

2016/17 Short Break Grant Programme: If you attend meetings at school for your child's special needs you should be eligible for this grant.

The Short Break Grant Programme provides a one-off payment of up to a maximum of £400 per family, to help parents / carers of children and young people with special needs or disabilities to have a short break from their caring responsibilities (e.g. gym membership, day trips, contribution to a holiday, cinema tickets, etc.). The break is intended for parent carers who need support to be able

to continue to care for their child or young person at home, as well as to allow them to do so more effectively.

Applications are accepted from parents or carers who have a disabled child aged 0-19, where the parent / carer is a resident of Sheffield and where the Local Authority has a responsibility for the child / young person (e.g. education) and who meet the criteria in the guidance notes / application form.

If you are a parent or carer of a child with special needs or a disabled child or young person, you are now able to apply for a Short Break Grant for the year 2016/17.

Received a grant before:

If you received a grant last year, you will automatically receive an application form or you can download the form and the guidance notes on the website. Please ensure you read the guidance notes before filling in the form.

Not received a grant before

You can download an application form and the guidance notes on the website.

The website link is:

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/caresupport/childfam/children-disabilities/short-breaks/grant.html>

Sports Update:

10 children from Y2 attended the Hallam FM Network games at the Institute of Sport on 21st September. Our school was competing against children of all ages from Primary schools across Sheffield. We came joint 16th out of 35 schools.



Children in Blue, Yellow and Green Base have been working with a sports coach, Richard on Tuesdays developing their co-ordination and control skills. Richard has also been running the after-school badminton club.

Arts Update:

Children in Blue, Yellow and Green Base have been working with a singing teacher, Laura on Thursdays developing their singing and music knowledge and skills. Laura has been working in school with us for the last two years and she has helped to improve the quality of singing through school. The autumn term sessions have been funded by money raised at the Family Picnic.



Laura is involved in the Sheffield Festival choir and is trying to encourage children to become new members. A letter about this is attached to the newsletter and further information can be found by clicking the link below:

<http://sheffieldmusichub.org/sing-and-play/music-hub-festival-choir>

Rainbows

www.girlguiding.org.uk



In this area we have a Rainbow group (for young children to join before Brownies and Guides) who meet at 5:30p.m. on Wednesdays in the Community room. Please call in for further information.

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

Registering for Nursery

We have a simple form for parents to fill in to register children for our Nursery. Please do this early, however old your baby or toddler is now, as it allows us to plan for future places if we know how many children to expect in the future.

- Please collect a form from the office to register your child for Nursery

Nursery Lunches:

Meal choices: Nursery children can have the main set meal only and are not able to switch or choose between the daily meal choices/jacket potatoes. A vegetarian option can be arranged by prior agreement with the kitchens. The cost of a lunch in Nursery is £1.75 per day.

Absences: Parents of children attending lunch and the afternoon nursery session need to cancel their child's meal before 9:45am, if they are going to be absent, or will have to pay for the ordered meal. Where 'Afternoon' children have been absent from nursery and they wish to have a school meal on their first returning day, parents must ring school to let us know they are returning so that we can order their child's meal before the 9:45am. deadline.

Assembly reminders



Parents/carers and family members are welcome to join us for our merit and birthday assemblies on Friday mornings at 9:10a.m. During these assemblies we celebrate children's birthdays and they have the opportunity to bring one of their presents to share with us and to blow out the candles on our birthday cake.

We also give out awards for good work and behaviour, reading certificates and bookmarks for children who have read frequently at home, dinnerladies awards, Playtime Friend award, Mrs Abbey Award for good Manners/thoughtful behaviour and 'Star of the Week' awards to children in each class. If children have received a certificate or award for activities out of school they are invited to bring them in to share in assembly. We believe in a positive reward system for good behaviour and our merit assemblies are an important part of this. We hope that you will be able to join us during the year.

There are occasions when we are unable to hold these assemblies on Fridays due to other commitments. The diary attached to this letter gives dates when the assemblies are to be held on a different day.

Dates for class assemblies on Thursday mornings are listed in the attached diary.

Family and friends are welcome to our assemblies but please take out younger children if they start to make a noise as this can be distracting for the performers and spoil the enjoyment of others. Please note we may ask parents to take out younger children who are causing a distraction. Thankyou.

Free School meals for all!

School meals are free for all children in Infant schools. (Children in Nursery still have to pay for meals) This means that your child will be able to choose a hot dinner, potato or grab bag from the menu free of charge. Please ensure that children know what they are choosing each day when the teacher completes the dinner register.



As we receive considerable funding based on Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility it is really important to us and to your child that you still apply for this. Children on FSM will receive free milk. When your child moves to the Junior school claims must have been completed in order for them to continue to get a free meal.

(If meals are not ordered before 9:45a.m. each day the kitchens are unable to provide your child with a meal.) It is therefore important for you to let us know if your child is going to be late for school.

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.

PE kit/pumps/ pierced ears

All children in Year One and Year Two (Blue/Yellow/Green Bases) must bring a pair of pumps or 'non-scuff sole' trainers and a PE kit (shorts/t-shirt or leotard) for PE.

Children may not be able to do PE if they do not have suitable kit and footwear. We will send a note home with your child to inform you of any missing kit or any reason that they have not been able to do P.E.

Please can children leave their PE kits in school and just take them home occasionally for a wash (half termly perhaps). Children may do physical activity, where kits are required, at any point during the week.



Children with long hair must have it tied up for PE. Children **must** remove earrings for PE and we are not allowed to do this for them or to tape ears. On your child's PE days please remove earrings, unless your child is able to do it themselves before the lesson starts. As we have many different activities going on throughout the term/week it would be really helpful for children to learn to remove their own earrings. Children are only permitted to wear stud earrings in school. No other jewellery is permitted.

If you wish to donate your child's old uniform or PE pumps/kit, we would be very grateful to use these as spares for other children. These can be handed into the office or class teacher.

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.



There are many activities out of school where 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. Please ask at any non-school clubs if they are registered with the Children's University. This is not necessary for clubs in school as we automatically register children's attendance.

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.



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.

School Website

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

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)**

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

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

If you would like any of your child's other carers to be included in Parentmail emails and to receive the newsletters electronically please can you let us have their name and email address.

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 2016/2017

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

Our uniform is as follows. Please note that it is **Navy Blue (not royal blue)**

Navy Blue, Red or Grey sweatshirts or cardigans

Navy Blue, Red or White polo shirts, t-shirts, shirts or roll necks

Navy Blue, Black or Grey trousers, skirts, pinafores, jogging bottoms and shorts

Red and White/Blue and White checked or striped dresses

Uniform does not need to have the school logo on.



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>

Click on the 'Back to School' tab and then 'embroidered uniforms'. Then enter our school postcode (S207JU).

F&F school uniform online has moved to the Tesco direct website. You'll still be able to shop for school uniform and our Uniform Embroidery Service, but you'll now find them alongside the full online range of non-food products from Tesco. They hope you'll find this much more convenient.

If you don't have an account registered with Tesco Direct then all you need to do is register a new account with Tesco direct to keep shopping for uniform. F&F orders will be subject to the same delivery charges as Tesco Direct.

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 and uniform is also available by visiting the School Trends shop.

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. We have ordered some book bags that will soon be available for you to purchase from 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.

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.)

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

A list of activities and dates of when things are happening in Kid's Club is attached. Please take a look and see if there is any day that your child might like to attend.

Please note that the school office no longer take payments for Kid's Club You must either pay Sue Moore at Kid's club or put your money in a clearly labelled envelope in the post box just inside the Infant School entrance. Sue will check the box each morning. A receipt may be collected from Sue at the club. Bookings can be made at the school office.

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

- 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

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- 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
- Please book Kid's Club sessions through the school office
- Please put payments for Kid's Club in an envelope and put in the office post box or pay Sue at the club

Stepping Stones Playgroup ~ Places for 2 year old children: Mondays, Tuesdays and 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>

Diana and Angela, who run playgroup, also run a toddler group in the church on Wednesday afternoons between 1pm and 3pm. Everyone is welcome to come along for a play and a chat.

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:

- Diary dates 2016~2017
- Red Base Workshop invitation and reply slip
- Festival Choir letter

Diary Dates 2016 ~ 2017

October	10 th	10 day Active Challenge starts today	
	13 th	Blue Base class assembly 9:15a.m.	
	19 th	Harvest Festival 9:15a.m.	
	21 st	Break up for Half term at end of today	
	31 st	INSET Day ~ School closed to children	
November	1 st	Return to school	
	9 th	Parent's Evening 3:15p.m. to 7p.m.	
	17 th	SEAL Family workshop ~ 9:15a.m. to 10:15a.m. <i>Getting on & Falling Out</i> Theme	
	17 th	2p.m. Red Base Family workshop	
	18 th	Children in Need Day No Merit & Birthday Assembly	
	22 nd	RE Family Workshop 3:15p.m. to 4:15p.m. in Yellow Base	
December	24 th	Yellow Base class assembly 9:15a.m.	
	1 st	Pantomime ~ Snow White	
	7 th	Christmas Dinner day	
	8 th	Red Base Christmas Assembly 10a.m. in hall (doors open at 9:45am)	
	13 th	Blue, Yellow & Green Base Nativity 2p.m. in church (doors open 1:45p.m.)	
	14 th	Blue, Yellow & Green Base Nativity 10a.m. in church (doors open 9:45p.m.)	
	15 th	Party Day	
	15 th	6p.m. Carol Singing at Crystal Peaks	
	16 th	Nursery Nativity in church 9:30a.m.	
	16 th	Children can wear Christmas jumpers if they wish Break up for Christmas at end of today	
	January	3 rd	Return to school
		13 th	Food Drive Friday
19 th		SEAL Family workshop ~ 9:15a.m. to 10:15a.m. <i>Going for Goals</i> theme	
26 th		English Family Workshop 9:15a.m. to 10:15a.m.	
February	2 nd	Green Base class assembly 9:15a.m.	
	7 th	National E-Safety Day	
	9 th	Maths Family Workshop 2p.m. to 3p.m.	
	16 th	Blue Base class assembly 9:15a.m.	
	17 th	ECO Family Workshop 9:15a.m. (No Merit & Birthday assembly)	
	17 th	Break up for half term at the end of today	
	27 th	Return to school	
March	2 nd	World Book Day	
	9 th	Science Family Workshop 9:15a.m. to 10:15a.m.	
	13 th	SEAL Family Workshop 9:15a.m. to 10:15a.m. <i>Good to Be Me</i> theme	
	23 rd	Yellow Base class assembly 9:15a.m.	
	27 th	Individual Reports to parents out today	
	28 th Or 29 th	March 4p.m. Singing Performance Y2 at Westfield School	
30 th	Red Base class assembly		

		Parent's Evening 3:15p.m. to 7p.m.
April	5 th	Easter Garden assembly 9:15a.m. to 10a.m.
	6 th	Easter Bonnet Day
	6 th	Family of Schools Celebration Event 5:30p.m. Westfield School
	6 th	Break up for Easter at the end of today
	7 th	INSET DAY School closed to children
	24 th	Return to school
May	1 st	May Day Bank Holiday
	5 th	Food Drive Friday
	18 th	Sponsored Bounce/Obstacle Day
	25 th	Class photos
	26 th	Break up for Half term at end of today
June	5 th	INSET DAY School closed to children
	6 th	Return to school
	16 th	SEAL Family Workshop 9:15a.m. to 10:15a.m. Changes theme (No Merit Assembly)
	22 nd	Blue Base Class Assembly
	26 th	Design & Technology Family Workshop 2p.m. to 3p.m.
	29 th	Red Base Class Assembly
July	4 th	Sports Morning 9:30a.m. to 11a.m.
	10 th	Nursery Consultation Day ~ Nursery closed to children
	12 th	Class Swap Day
	19 th	Leaver's Assembly & Y2 Monitor Awards 9:15a.m. to 10a.m.
	20 th	Attendance and Awards Assembly & Birthdays Y2 Leavers Party Day (Fancy Dress)
	21 st	Toy Day (No Merit and Birthday Assembly) Break up for Summer at end of today

Red Base Family Workshop

Thursday 17th November 2p.m.



Dear parents, carers and families,

Please join us for our Red Base Foundation Stage Family Workshop on Thursday 17th November at 2p.m. in the school hall. **This workshop is for families of children in Red Base.** Your 'Red Base' child will be brought to join the workshop with you. Younger sisters and brothers are welcome to come along and join in too.

At the workshop you will find out more about the Foundation Stage in school and you will learn ways in which you can support your child.

You will be given a booklet that tells you about the Foundation Stage at Waterthorpe.

The workshop will last for approximately 1 hour.

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



Red Base Family workshop Thursday 17th November at 2p.m.



Child's name:.....

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

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

I will be attending the workshop on 17th November at 2.p.m.

Signed:(parent/carer)

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Sheffield Music Hub Festival Choir
Rehearsals Sunday 13th/20th November 2016 and Sunday 11th December 2016
Concert Sunday 12th December 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Sheffield Festival Choir is a unique opportunity to get your child involved in singing workshops, meeting new people, and performing in exciting venues. Laura Lister, a vocal music leader, will use interactive games, exercises and songs to develop musicianship skills while also having a lot of fun on their Sunday afternoons. There is also an opportunity for the boys in our group to work with Peter Taylor, our male vocal coach on boys voice change. The performance this term will collaborate with other groups from around the city to form our Music Hub Christmas Extravaganza!

Rehearsal dates:

Sunday 13th November 2016 – 1.00pm – 4.30pm

Sunday 20th November 2016 – 1.00pm – 4.30pm

Sunday 11th December 2016 – 1.00pm – 4.30pm

Rehearsal Venue

The University of Sheffield Diamond Building, 32 Leavygreave Rd, Sheffield S3 7RD
Workroom 1 & 2

Concert date:

Monday 12th December – Rehearsal 3.40pm and Concert @ 7.00pm

Concert Venue

Sheffield Cathedral, Church St, Sheffield S1 1HA

The cost for the full term is just **£10**. This includes all rehearsals and the concert.

If you have any further questions, please contact me on laura.lister@sheffield.gov.uk. Visit sheffieldmusicclub.org for application forms

Kind regards,

Laura Lister



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