



School Newsletter 3

November 2016

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our November newsletter. I hope that everyone enjoyed the half term school holidays. We are quickly coming up to Christmas and this is an exciting time in school. We are very fortunate to work with children and to be able to enjoy this magical time with them. We have lots of events planned and hope that you will be able to join us for some of our workshops and performances. Our main School Improvement themes this year are around reading skills and the engagement of families in understanding age related expectations, where your child is in relation to these, and how to support your child's learning and development. Our workshops will provide opportunities for families to take part in focussed learning enquiries with children; I am sure that you will find them enjoyable and they will provide ideas for activities you can do at home.

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



Mrs Shelly
Appleby
Key Stage 1



Mrs Michelle
Taylor
Special Needs

This is the **School** version of the October 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:

- Please book a time to see your child's teacher on 9th November 2016 for Parent's Evening
- If you would like any advice or support please come to the office between 8:45a.m. and 10a.m. on 9th November and we will take you to the MAST worker
- Please join us for the SEAL workshop on 17th November 9:15a.m. ~ fill in the reply slip attached to the newsletter/call at the office for a slip to fill in
- Families of children in Red Base ~ Please join us for the Family workshop on 17th November at 2p.m. ~ fill in the reply slip attached to the newsletter/call at the office for a slip to fill in
- Please encourage your child to decorate an envelope with spots and collect money for Children in Need. Please return this to school on 18th November
- Please join us for the Children in Need sharing assembly at 2:40p.m. on 18th November
- Please return the RE workshop reply slip at the end of this newsletter and join us on 22nd November
- Please join us for Yellow Base class assembly on 24th November at 9:15a.m.
- If you have any payments left to make for the pantomime on 1st December, please do as soon as possible.
- Please ensure children are in school by 8:45a.m. on 1st December
- Please send chocolate donations for our Christmas raffle and return the attached tickets and money to the office in an envelope
- Please donate your soft toys to school for the Christmas Fayre stall
- If you would like to volunteer to help run the Christmas stall at Westfield School Fayre on 4th December please call at the office to let us know
- Please come along to Westfield on Sunday 4th December between 10a.m. and 2p.m.
- Please consider using Kid's Club for childcare whilst you go Christmas shopping. Places can be booked at the school office
- Please send any 'Dog' posters and poems to the school office before 14th November 2016
- Please pay for clubs for this half term
- Please look out for the Spring term club letter and return it to school
- Please try to pay for all clubs in advance and ensure that your child attends regularly
- Please return the slip at the end of the Newsletter if your child will be bringing their own sandwiches or having a school sandwich lunch on Christmas dinner day (7th December)
- 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
- 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
- Please collect a form from the office to register your child for Nursery
- Check the school website for updates on current events (www.waterthorpeinfantschool.co.uk)
- Even if you have completed Parentview previously please do log your views again for the school year 2016/2017
- 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.)
- 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

Items for action

Events you are invited to this month:



Parent's Evening 9th November 3:15p.m. to 7p.m.

Please make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher on 9th November. This is an individual appointment where you will be able to discuss your child's progress and share ideas on how to help them achieve their best.

A list of appointments is available in the classroom. Please pop in and book a time. If you are unable to call in, please telephone (0114 2484943) or email (enquiries@waterthorpe.sheffield.sch.uk) to let us know the times you are available. We will do our best to book you a suitable slot with the teacher.

On Parent's evening we will leave some activities, for children to play with, in the school hall but please ensure that someone is there to supervise your child. Please can we also ask that children do not get out PE equipment, musical instruments or Breakfast club toys (which are kept in library drawers) and that they only play with the toys that we have put out.

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MAST Coffee Morning/drop-in

The next drop-in is on Wednesday 9th November. If you would like to book an appointment with a support worker please call at the office and we will arrange it for you. Alternatively, Mrs Stokes can introduce you to the worker or you can go to either Waterthorpe or Emmanuel School Office on 9th November and you will be taken to a worker/the coffee morning.



- If you would like any advice or support please come to the office between 8:45a.m. and 10a.m. on 9th November and we will take you to the MAST worker



SEAL Family Workshop ~ Getting on and Falling out 17th November 9:15a.m. to 10a.m.

Families are invited to join us on Thursday 17th November for our workshop on the theme of 'Getting on and Falling Out'. The aims of this workshop are to share ideas for dealing with conflict and those minor disagreements that children often have. At the workshop you will find out how we teach this in school and you will have the opportunity to participate in fun activities with your child. Children from Emmanuel are welcome to join parents and younger children are also welcome.

- Please join us for the SEAL workshop on 17th November 9:15a.m. ~ fill in the reply slip attached to the newsletter/call at the office for a slip to fill in

Red Base Family workshop on 17th November at 2pm to 3p.m. 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.



- Families of children in Red Base ~ Please join us for the Family workshop on 17th November at 2p.m. ~ fill in the reply slip attached to the newsletter/call at the office for a slip to fill in

Children in Need Charity Day 18th November ~ No Merit and Birthday assembly



BBC

Children in Need

The theme of this day is to be Spotacular! All children will be sent home with a plain envelope. We are asking them to decorate this envelope with spots, to ask for donations to put in it and to bring these to school in the envelope for Children in Need.

We will have an assembly at the beginning of the day for just the children but families are invited to join us at 2:40p.m. to see some of the things we have been doing and to watch the children bring their envelopes to the 'Children in Need Box'.

This will be a non-uniform day. Children may wear colourful or spotty clothes and may wish to paint their hands or faces with spots for the day.

- Please encourage your child to decorate an envelope with spots and collect money for Children in Need. Please return this to school on 18th November
- Please join us for the Children in Need sharing assembly at 2:40p.m. on 18th November

Religious Education (RE) Family workshop 22nd November 3:15p.m. to 4:15p.m.

Our family workshop for Religious Education (RE) will be held on Tuesday 22nd November at 3:15p.m. in the school hall. At the workshop you will find out how we teach RE in school and you will be able to take part in an activity with your child. The children will explore Festivals and will create a Festival that they celebrate such as Christmas or Diwali. You will also be given a booklet that tells you about RE at Waterthorpe. You are welcome to bring younger and older children with you.



- Please return the RE workshop reply slip at the end of this newsletter and join us on 22nd November

Yellow Base Class Assembly Thursday 24th November 9:15a.m.



Parents and families of children in Yellow base are invited to join us in the hall for their class assembly on Thursday 24th November at 9:15a.m. At this assembly the children will share some of the work they have been doing.

Younger children are welcome but we would kindly request that they are taken out of assembly if they start to make a noise so that the children performing can be heard.

- Please join us for Yellow Base class assembly on 24th November at 9:15a.m.

Christmas Pantomime ~ Snow White 1st December

All the school will be visiting the Theatre in Rotherham to see Snow White on 1st December. We plan to leave school promptly at 9a.m. and will open the classroom doors at 8:40a.m. We kindly request that all children arrive at school by 8:45a.m. If children arrive after the coaches have left they will unfortunately miss this trip.



- If you have any payments left to make for the pantomime on 1st December, please do as soon as possible.
- Please ensure children are in school by 8:45a.m. on 1st December

Christmas Chocolate Raffle

Our Christmas raffle this year will be on a Chocolate theme. Children are asked to bring in items made of chocolate and each class will make up a chocolate hamper for the raffle. A letter and tickets are attached.



- Please send chocolate donations for our Christmas raffle and return the attached tickets and money to the office in an envelope

Westfield Christmas Fayre Sunday 4th December

Our school is running a stall at the Christmas Fayre on 4th December at Westfield School. Claire Knott, parent governor, will be running the stall and would really welcome some volunteers to come along and help for a short while on the day.

The theme of our stall is 'Adopt a teddy/animal'. If you have any teddies or soft toys, that are clean and in good condition, please donate them for our stall. Donations can be brought to the school office anytime up to 2nd December.

- Please donate your soft toys to school for the Christmas fayre stall
- If you would like to volunteer to help run the Christmas stall at Westfield School Fayre on 4th December please call at the office to let us know
- Please come along to Westfield on Sunday 4th December between 10a.m. and 2p.m.

Kid's Club

We have continued to monitor the finances of the club and we are currently 'breaking even'. In order to secure the long term future of the after-school provision we need to continue trying to raise numbers of children using the club. We have a number of spare Kid's Club places, particularly on Thursdays and Fridays. Please have a look at the attached plan of activities and see whether you would like to book your child into club one evening and give yourself some time for Christmas shopping. The price for occasional bookings is £9 for a session from 3:10p.m. to 6p.m. This includes a substantial snack as well as fruit, drinks and, of course, fun activities.

- Please consider using Kid's Club for childcare whilst you go Christmas shopping. Places can be booked at the school office

Family of Schools project ~ Educating Responsible Dog Owners



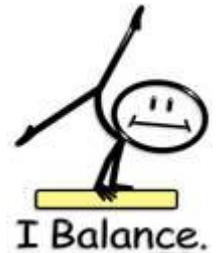
We have had some excellent posters and poems. These are displayed in the school office area. The closing date is 14th November and we have judges coming into school shortly after that. Entries from all schools in our family will be judged and winners chosen. Radio Sheffield and The Sheffield Star will hopefully be publicising the winning poems and posters.

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 any 'Dog' posters and poems to the school office before 14th November 2016

After-School Clubs

An invoice for the cost of after-school clubs was sent to all children, who currently attend a club, before half term. Please pay this as soon as possible. Copies of invoices are available from the school office.

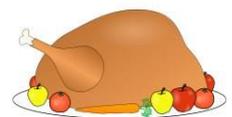


After Christmas we will start new club registers. A letter for you to apply will be sent out shortly. You must reapply if you want your child to go to a club in January ~ This helps us to maintain an accurate register so that teachers know who is going to a club; it also makes it fair to children who haven't had a place the previous term.

Please note that we will charge if your child has a place in a club and does not attend, unless they are ill.

- Please pay for clubs for this half term
- Please look out for the Spring term club letter and return it to school
- Please try to pay for all clubs in advance and ensure that your child attends regularly

Christmas Dinner 7th December



Christmas dinner day will be on 7th December. This will be a traditional turkey dinner with icecream for dessert. There will be no jacket potatoes on this day.

If your child will be bringing sandwiches, or wants to order a school sandwich, please complete the slip at the end of this newsletter and return it to the office by 2nd December. This pre-ordering is to help the kitchens with ordering the correct amount of food. We will order a Christmas dinner for anyone who does not return the slip.

- Please return the slip at the end of the Newsletter if your child will be bringing their own sandwiches or having a school sandwich lunch on Christmas dinner day (7th December)

Items for information:

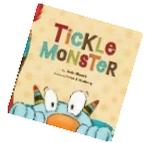
Birthday treats and holiday gifts



We have an increasing number of children who are thoughtfully bringing rock or sweets for the class, when they return from holidays, or cake when they have had their birthday. Whilst it is lovely that everyone is able to share gifts, it is also causing some problems as we have a large number of children who have special diets due to allergies and intolerances. It can also mean that there are certain times when we are giving children a lot of sugary foods in school.

We would ask that you consider the alternative:

- If your child has had a birthday they buy a book for their class ~ the teacher can read this to everyone and then keep it in the class book box so everyone can share the child's gift ~ you could write in the front of the book e.g. 'To my class, love from.....'
- If your child returns from a holiday they could bring something, they have found or bought on their holiday, to show the class and talk about at class story-time/'Show and Tell'



It would be really helpful if you would not send in class sweets and cake so that we don't have the problem of upset children when they are not able to have any due to their personal dietary issues. Thank you.

Coats

The weather has turned much cooler now and it is important that all children bring a warm coat to wear at playtimes. Please ensure that names are in all items of clothing as children often leave things around school.



Certificates for Merit Assembly



Mrs Jones writes all the certificates on Thursday mornings. If reading diaries are brought to the office for a certificate after Thursday morning the certificate will be given on Friday of the following week in merit assembly.

Taylor Shaw Catering Recruitment

Taylor Shaw are looking to recruit a Catering Assistant to work at Emmanuel Junior Academy for 10 hours a week, £8.25 per hour. For further information please contact either Olenka Crane on 07730 089 072 or Claire Beresford on 07808 203 422.

New School Meals Menu

We have 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

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

Arts Update:

Family of Schools Christmas Carol Concert at Crystal Peaks Thursday 15th December 6p.m.



We would like to invite families to join us for our third annual Family of Schools carol concert at Crystal Peaks. Everyone is welcome. Over the next few weeks we will be identifying enthusiastic singers in assemblies. Ten of these children will be invited to sing at the carol concert and we will send letters to families of these children.

Sports Update:

Miss Wilson has taken over as leader for sports and PE at Watertorpe. She has been auditing our sports provision and planning for future developments. A Christmas Sports Festival at Westfield School has been arranged for one of our Key Stage 1 classes. Swimming lessons for children in Y2 have been arranged for the summer term starting on Monday 8th May 2017. We are currently organising after-school clubs for the spring term.



'STANDING' NEWS ITEMS (Included in every newsletter for 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.

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.



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), Vicky Fitzpatrick (Ethan Jennings) and Sara Shaw (Alfie Shaw)

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

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)

Family Coffee mornings

These are held in Emmanuel Junior school every two weeks on Wednesday mornings. 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 (FCAF) 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.

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 in school and 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. 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

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.

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 and/or sent out seperately:

- Diary dates 2016~2017
- Red Base Workshop invitation and reply slip
- RE Workshop invitation and reply slip
- SEAL Family Workshop invitation and reply slip
- Christmas dinner reply slip for sandwich children
- Chocolate raffle letter and raffle tickets
- Envelope to decorate for Children in Need
- Kid's Club Autumn 2 Planning

Diary Dates 2016 ~ 2017

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
	24 th	Yellow Base class assembly 9:15a.m.
December	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
May	24 th	Return to school
	1 st	May Day Bank Holiday
	5 th	Food Drive Friday
	18 th	Sponsored Bounce/Obstacle Day
	25 th	Class photos
June	26 th	Break up for Half term at end of today
	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.
July	29 th	Red Base Class Assembly
	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.

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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 2p.m.

Signed:(parent/carers)

Religious Education (RE)
Family Workshop
22nd November 3:15p.m.



Dear parents, carers and families,

Please join us for our Religious Education (RE) Family Workshop on Tuesday 22nd November at 3:15p.m. in Yellow Base. This workshop is for families of children in school. Please come into school through the main entrance.

At the workshop you will find out how we teach RE in school and you will be able to take part in an activity with your child through a focussed enquiry. The children will explore Festivals and will create a Festival that they celebrate such as Christmas or Diwali.

You will be given a booklet that tells you about RE at Waterthorpe. You are welcome to bring younger children with you.

The workshop will last for approximately 1 hour.

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

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

Number of **younger** children attending the workshop with you:.....

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

I will be attending the workshop on 22nd November at 3:15p.m.

Signed:

.....(parent/carers)

Family SEAL Workshop



Dear Mum/Dad/Carer

You are invited to the family SEAL workshop 'Getting on and falling Out' on Thursday 17th November at 9.15am - 10.15am. During this workshop we will be able to do an activity together.

Love from your child

What is SEAL?

Social Emotional Aspects of Learning

It builds on work already in place in school and focuses on five social and emotional aspects of learning: self-awareness, managing feelings, motivation, empathy and social skills.

SEAL is what so many of you have been waiting for. If young people feel good about themselves, have skills to cope with their lives and get on with each other, with good teaching, they will achieve their potential. SEAL can support us getting there.

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I will be attending the family SEAL workshop on Thursday 17th November.

Parent Name

Child's/children's name/s

Class/classes.....

I would like my other children in Emmanuel to join the workshop. (We will collect the children for you.)

Name/s:.....

Class/classes:.....

Christmas Dinner Day 7th December

Child's name.....

Class:.....

Please tick and return if your child does not want a cooked Christmas dinner.

My child will be bringing their own sandwiches.

My child would like to order sandwiches.

Waterthorpe Kids Club Monday to Friday 3-6pm

Bonfire Night	Monday 31 st October Tuesday 1 st November Wednesday 2 nd November Thursday 3 rd November Friday 4 th November	INSET DAY Firework pictures Junk modelling fireworks Craft rockets Chocolate apples
Free Play	Monday 7 th November to Friday 18 th November - Take part in your favourite activity	
Superhero Week	Monday 21 st November Tuesday 22 nd November Wednesday 23 rd November Thursday 24 th November Friday 25 th November	Design a Superhero Make your own comic book Outdoor play Dress up role play Superhero DVD
Winter	Monday 28 th November Tuesday 29 th November Wednesday 30 th November Thursday 1 st December Friday 2 nd December	Outdoor play Winter glitter pictures Den making Winter playdough Making S'mores
Christmas	Monday 5 th to Friday 9 th December - Assorted Christmas activities Monday 12 th to Friday 16 th December - Assorted Christmas activities	

Merry Christmas and a happy new year! We will see you all on Tuesday 3rd January 2017.

Chocolate Christmas Raffle

We are having a **Chocolate Christmas Raffle** to raise funds for the school. The draw will be held on **Thursday 15th December**.

We would like each child to bring in a chocolate item which will then be used to make chocolate hampers for the raffle. Each class will put together their own chocolate hamper. There is no restriction on the size of the chocolate donation or how many items each child brings. The more creative the better, anything chocolate!

Please bring your donation to your child's classroom by **Wednesday 14th December**.

A sheet of raffle tickets is attached to this letter. Tickets are priced at **25p** each. Please fill in the details of the person who is purchasing each ticket and return the tickets & money to the office, or your child's class, in an envelope before **Wednesday 14th December**. (You can just put on your child's name and their class on the ticket if the prize would be for them.)

If you require more tickets, they are available from the school office.

Thank you for your support in our fundraising.



Chocolate Raffle Tickets 25p each /£2.50 for sheet.

Waterthorpe NI School Chocolate Raffle

Name: _____

Telephone: _____
or

Child's Name _____

Class _____

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