



Nursery Newsletter 5

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to all our children and families. We hope you all had a great Christmas and you enjoyed your holiday. All the staff would like to thank you for the lovely cards and gifts sent to us by the children. Your kind thoughts are much appreciated. January brings a range of events aimed to inspire the children and support families. We hope to see you at some of these events. Please read our newsletter and the weekly 'News Update' page on the website for more information.

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



Miss Kerrie
Bryce
Nursery Teacher



Mrs Michelle
Taylor
Special Needs

This is the **Nursery** version of the December Newsletter.

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

Actions:

- Please complete the Communication consultation by collecting a hard copy from the office or clicking on the link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YL9KMMX>
- Please send any items from the Food Bank 'shopping list' sent out with this newsletter, available from the office and the school website
- Please call and speak to Mrs Stokes if you are in need of a food parcel or, if you wish you can self-refer by going to the S20 Information Station on a Monday between 1p.m. and 3p.m.
- If you would like any advice or support, please come to the office between 8:45a.m. and 10a.m. on 18th January or 1st February and we will take you to the MAST worker
- Please allow children to 'wear red' on Monday 30th January for our Allergy Awareness raising day
- Please call at the office and complete the form to apply for income-based Free school meals and milk
- Please Order and pay for Nativity photos at the school office before 30th January
- Please complete the order slip for home study books and return to the office by 20th January
- Please contact the school before 9a.m. on any day that your child will be absent due to illness. For holidays or medical appointments please contact the office to complete the appropriate absence forms
- Even if you have completed Parentview previously please do log your views again for

Items for action

Family of Schools Communication Consultation



It is now 2 years since our last Family of Schools Communication Consultation. This is an online consultation where we collect the views of families across our 10 schools (Westfield, Mosborough Primary, Halfway Juniors, Halfway Nursery Infants, Shortbrook Primary, Emmanuel Juniors, Waterthorpe Nursery Infants, Reignhead Primary, Beighton Nursery Infants and Brook House Juniors).

It is really important for us to find out how well you feel we communicate with you so please click on the link below to complete the short questionnaire. (The link is also on the school website and Westfield FoS website.)

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YL9KMMX>

If you would prefer to fill in a hard copy please ask for one at the school office. These should be returned to the office by 30th January.

The consultation will close on 3rd February to allow us to collate results and decide on what actions we need to take to improve.

Don't forget to visit the Westfield Family of Schools website for information about what is happening in our schools. The website also shares a lot of information and guidance about Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. The website address is <http://www.westfieldfamily.org/>

- Please complete the Communication consultation by collecting a hard copy from the office or clicking on the link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YL9KMMX>

EVENTS COMING UP:

Food Drive Friday 13th January

Our next Food collection for the S20 food bank is on Friday 13th January. 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 are able to refer any families who would like a Food gift. Our next Food Bank collection in school is on Friday 13th January. Children are asked to bring food gifts into Merit assembly where they will be collected ready to send to the Food Bank.

- Please send any items from the Food Bank 'shopping list' sent out with this newsletter, available from the office and the school website
- Please call and speak to Mrs Stokes if you are in need of a food parcel or, if you wish you can self-refer by going to the S20 Information Station on a Monday between 1p.m. and 3p.m.

MAST Coffee Morning/drop-in Wednesday 18th January and 1st February



The next drop-in is on Wednesday 18th January and 1st February. 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 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 18th January or 1st February and we will take you to the MAST worker

Allergy Awareness Day across the FoS ~ Wear Red on 30th January



On Monday 30th January we are holding a Family of Schools Allergy awareness raising day. We have chosen to focus on allergies as we have an increasing number of children in school with allergies and intolerances.

This will be a 'WEAR RED' day and children do not need to wear uniform but should wear something red (Red school sweatshirts will do). We will work on awareness raising of allergies and intolerances, with the children, during the day.

Website: www.allergyuk.org

- Please allow children to 'wear red' on Monday 30th January for our Allergy Awareness raising day

Free School Meals funding ~ Census Day 19th January 2017:

On census day, January 19th, the government sets the funding we receive for children who are eligible for **income based free school meals**. Children get these, whatever school years they are in, including Nursery if they attend for a full day. These children also get free milk when they are 5 and other children start paying for milk. Funding is used to provide additional support for children where required. The form to complete does not require much information from you; we will make your claim if you hand it into the office. If you need further information or a form to complete, please ask at the office. Forms must be returned by Thursday 19th January.

- Please call at the office and complete the form to apply for income-based Free school meals and milk.

School Improvement Work

This year we are working with the children on their independent learning skills, using Building Learning Power (BLP), to help them understand how to be better learners. We have been observing the children to identify what makes it harder for them to make good progress in school and we have planned our work around our findings.



Our BLP focus is around teaching children how to be '**Resourceful**'. This involves thinking for yourself and showing independence in finding the things that you need to solve problems. A big part of this work is helping children accept that it is ok to get things wrong, not to always win at something or to be first, as long as you try your best.

Information on being Resourceful:

Resourcefulness is about working together and helping each other by using what you already know to solve problems.

Resourcefulness is one of the **four R's** we are working on in school (the others are **Resilience**, **Reciprocity** and **Reflectiveness**). We work on these in school to make the children better learners. During this half term we will be giving the children lots of opportunity to take part in problem solving activities and develop their **resourcefulness**. **Ask** them how they have been **Resourceful** at school! As part of this work we would like the children to **think about** and **talk about** being **resourceful** at home.

Children might like to be resourceful by:

- Getting their own school bag ready for school
- Getting their clothes ready for the next day
- Cleaning their own shoes, bike, football boots
- Tidying their bedroom
- Setting the table for a meal
- Helping an adult with a job such as washing up, folding clothes



You might have your own ideas about how to be **resourceful** at home. We hope lots of children will come back to school and be able to **talk** about how they have been **resourceful** at home.

Photos Christmas performances:

Christmas photos are available to purchase from school. Photos are displayed in the main entrance area. Photos cost 50p each and should be paid for in advance. Order forms can be found at the office reception desk. Please ensure that you write down the correct photo number to get the photos that you want.



This year we are trialling printing our own photos. They will be printed on card and, if the photo quality allows, as A3/extra large size. If you would like a smaller photo please let us know.

Please Order and pay for Nativity photos at the school office before 30th January.

Attendance

If your child is ill, please contact the school before 8:30 a.m. on the morning of any absence. It is really helpful if you ring early on as it saves us having to check why they are not in Nursery.



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- Please contact the school before 8:30 a.m. on any day that your child will be absent due to illness. For holidays or medical appointments please contact the office to complete the appropriate absence forms

Items for information:

Fund Raising:

Thank you all for your contributions to our fund raising events this Christmas. We raised the following amounts:

Nativity raffles	£102.49
Charity collections for 'Congenital Heart Problems' at nativities	£126.45
Chocolate Raffle	£128.50

The chocolate raffle winners were Gracie-Mae Elliott, Ethan Jennings, Bailey Gregory, Louie Hardwick, Noah Moulster, Jayne Wynne, Ben the Bursar and Maisie Hartley. All prizes have been collected.

Gates

We have had a query, from a Nursery family, about why we lock the side gate during the day as it means families having to walk up the side road which traffic may be using. Unfortunately, we were forced to start locking this gate as Nursery parents often left it open during the day and it was not easily visible from school or easy for Red Base staff to monitor. We completed a risk

assessment and felt that it was safer to just have the middle gate open for Nursery families to use during the day.

Please be aware that there are sometimes deliveries on the side road so families should be vigilant when using the road and walk on the grass verge when traffic is reversing. Thank you.

'STANDING' NEWS ITEMS (Included in every newsletter for reference)

Payments at the office



The office can be very busy first thing in the morning. Our new system, since September 2016 is to ask for all payments to be placed in the black letter box on the wall near the main door. This seems to be working well and is making the job of the office staff, in managing payments, much easier and more effective. Receipts and change are then sent home at the end of the day. Please retain receipts as proof of payment. Thank you to everyone who has been using the post box.

- Please post all payments in the black letterbox in the entrance. Ensure that all payments are in an envelope clearly labelled with child's name, class and what payment is for

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 follows:

Our Nursery Rep is: Mick Barker (Laney Downes)

Laura Green 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

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.

Pierced ears

Children are only permitted to wear stud earrings in school. No other jewellery is permitted.



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.

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. Click on the website link: website link:

http://www.tesco.com/direct/ues/?icid=schooluniform_stamp5_embroidereduniforms

Enter our school postcode (S207JU) and select Waterthorpe Nursery Infant School.

The school receives a 5% commission for any uniform sold. We have raised nearly £200 from uniform orders so far. 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.

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.



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)

Please note all payments for Kid's Club must either be paid to Sue Moore at Kid's club or put 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

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

- Please complete a Kid's Club Contract and booking form if planning to use the club
- 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 Thursday mornings 9a.m. to 11:30a.m. The cost is £9.25 per session, which includes a snack. For further information 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.

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.



Attached to this Newsletter and available for collection from school office:

- Diary dates 2016~2017
- Foodbank Shopping List
- Kid's Club Planning for half term

Diary Dates 2016 ~ 2017

January	13 th	Food Drive Friday
	17 th	SEAL Family workshop ~ 9:15a.m. to 10:15a.m. Going for Goals theme
	25 th	Space topic Workshop, walk to school and wear alien headdresses
	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.
	10 th	Recorder Performance at the Crucible Theatre (Y2 children)
	13 th	SEAL Family Workshop 9:15a.m. to 10:15a.m. Good to Be Me theme
	23 rd	Yellow Base class assembly 9:15a.m.
	28 th	March 4p.m. Singing Performance Y2 at Westfield School
	30 th	Red Base class assembly
April	3 rd	Individual Reports to parents out today

- 5th Easter Garden assembly 9:15a.m. to 10a.m.
Parent's Evening 3:15p.m. to 7p.m.
- 6th Easter Bonnet Day
- 6th Family of Schools Celebration Event 5:30p.m. Westfield School
- 6th Break up for Easter at the end of today
- 7th INSET DAY School closed to children
- 24th Return to school
- May 1st May Day Bank Holiday
- 5th Food Drive Friday
- 18th Sponsored Bounce/Obstacle Day
- 25th Class photos
- 26th Break up for Half term at end of today
- June 5th INSET DAY School closed to children
- 6th Return to school
- 16th SEAL Family Workshop 9:15a.m. to 10:15a.m. Changes theme (No Merit Assembly)
- 22nd Blue Base Class Assembly
- 26th Design & Technology Family Workshop 2p.m. to 3p.m.
- 29th Red Base Class Assembly
- July 4th Sports Morning 9:30a.m. to 11a.m.
- 10th Nursery Consultation Day ~ Nursery closed to children
- 14th Class Swap Day
- 19th Leaver's Assembly & Y2 Monitor Awards 9:15a.m. to 10a.m.
- 20th Attendance and Awards Assembly & Birthdays
Y2 Leavers Party Day (Fancy Dress)
- 21st Toy Day (No Merit and Birthday Assembly)
Break up for Summer at end of today

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Please let us have any comments below, on items in this newsletter or anything else that you would like to share with us. Thank you.



Comments:

Name (if you would like a response):

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

### **Welcome Back**

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| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January    | Bank Holiday                      |
| Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January   | Craft table - New Year fireworks  |
| Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January | Technology - Wii Fit and Xbox 360 |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January  | Outdoor play                      |
| Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> January    | Dressing up clothes               |

### **Be Creative**

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| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January     | Hotbeads              |
| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January   | Jewellery making      |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January | Colouring competition |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> January  | Painting              |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> January    | Free play             |

### **Come To The Fair**

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| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> January    | Ring Toss                  |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January   | Sand treasure hunt         |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January | Outdoor play               |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> January  | Ping Pong prizes           |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> January    | Baked potatoes and hotdogs |

### **Chinese New Year**

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| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January    | Year of The Rooster      |
| Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January   | Chinese writing          |
| Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January | Free play                |
| Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> January  | Junk modelling - Dragons |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> January    | Chinese food tasting     |

### **Children's Choice**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February -  
Children take part in their favourite activities

### **Around The World**

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| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February    | Flags from around the world |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February   | North America               |
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February | South America               |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February  | Asia                        |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February   | Food tasting                |

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| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February    | Africa       |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February   | Europe       |
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February | Australia    |
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> February  | Antarctica   |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February    | Pizza making |

**Have a lovely holiday and we'll see you on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February!**