



School 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
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Mrs Shelly
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Mrs Michelle
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Special Needs

This is the [School](#) version of the December 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 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.
- Please join us on 17th January for the SEAL Family workshop and return the SEAL workshop reply slip at the end of the newsletter
- 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 your child (Blue, Yellow and Green Bases) to dress as an alien (linked to story 'Aliens love Underpants') for their walk to school on 25th January. Red Base can dress up if they wish
- Please join us in the school hall for the Histrionics performance on 25th January at 9:15a.m.
- Please return the reply slip and join us for the English family workshop on 26th January at 9:15a.m.
- Please allow children to 'wear red' on Monday 30th January for our Allergy Awareness raising day
- Green Base Families are invited to the class assembly on 2nd February at 9:15a.m.
- Please let us know if you **do not** want your child to try a meal on census day (Thursday 19th January. (They can bring sandwiches, try the meal first and only eat their sandwiches if they don't like it.) Every child who tries a meal brings hundreds of pounds into our school
- Please call at the office and complete the form to apply for income-based Free school meals and milk
- Please pay £5.78 for milk this half term (cheques should be made out to SCC)
- Please pay for all clubs in advance by placing money in a clearly marked envelope in the office post box
- 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
- Please ensure that your child arrives at school before registration starts
- Even if you have completed Parentview previously please do log your views again for the school year 2016/2017

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/>

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EVENTS COMING UP:

Wonderdrome 12th January

As part of our 'Space' topic we have arranged for the Key Stage 1 children (Blue, Yellow, Green Bases) to take part in an amazing workshop with 'Wonderdrome' on Thursday 12th January. The money that you have raised through recent events is being used to help fund this show.



This is a show which introduces the young learners to the wonders of the Universe. Children will be able to look at the stars and spot animals in the constellations as they move overhead, discover some shapes in space and begin to understand that we live on a planet and there are other planets too.

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.

SEAL Family Workshop 17th January

Our next SEAL workshop is on Tuesday 17th January between 9:15a.m. and 10a.m. in the school hall. At the workshop you will work with your child on the theme of 'Going for Goals'. Brothers and sisters from Emmanuel can be brought through to join us for this workshop. Everyone is welcome.



- Please join us on 17th January for the SEAL Family workshop and return the SEAL workshop reply slip at the end of the newsletter

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

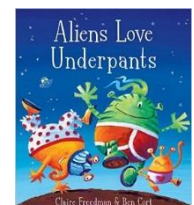
The next drop-in is on Wednesday 18th January and 1st February. If you would like to book an appointment with a support worker, please call at the office and we will arrange it for you. Alternatively, Mrs Stokes can introduce you to the worker or you can go to either Waterthorpe or Emmanuel School Office 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

Alien Day and Histrionics walk to school and show 25th January 2017

To link with our Key Stage 1 (Blue, Yellow and Green Bases) 'Space' topic we have won a 'Histrionics' workshop and walk to school on 25th January. This will involve the actor/s meeting families before school, for a walk into school, followed by a 40-minute performance for children and families in the school hall.



On this day we are asking children to dress as aliens. These should be very simple and can link with the Story '[Aliens Love Underpants](#)' where the aliens wear pants over their clothes or on their heads.

The children can then simply wear pants over their clothes and if they want to they can make an alien mask or headdress (Made from a band of paper/card with things stuck on it) or even paint their faces. This will be a non-uniform day so children can wear anything they like to be the alien that they want.

Red Base: The children in Red Base are working on a different topic but they are welcome to dress up if they wish. Red Base will be coming in to see the performance.

More information on 'meet-up' point to follow.

- Please allow your child (Blue, Yellow and green Bases) to dress as an alien (see story 'Aliens love Underpants') for their walk to school on 25th January > Red Base may join in dressing up if they wish
- Please join us in the school hall for the Histrionics performance on 25th January at 9:15a.m.

English Family Workshop 26th January 9:15a.m. to 10:15a.m.



Please join us for our English Family Workshop on Thursday 26th January at 9:15a.m. in the school hall. The theme of this workshop is 'Reading'. This workshop is for families of children in school (Red, Blue, Yellow and Green bases). Please bring your children to the workshop with you.

At the workshop you will find out how we teach English in school and you will be able to take part in some fun activities with your child. You are welcome to bring younger brothers and sisters.

- Please return the reply slip and join us for the English family workshop on 26th January at 9:15a.m.

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

Green Base class Assembly 2nd February

Parents and families of children in Green Base are invited to join us for their class assembly on Thursday 2nd February at 9:15a.m. in the school hall. The children will share some of the work that they have been doing and the assembly will last approximately 30 minutes.

- Green Base Families are invited to the class assembly on 2nd February at 9:15a.m.

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

All Infant children receive a free school meal but the government gives money to school to pay for this. The amount of funding we receive is worked out by taking the average number of meals eaten on the two census days (October and January). This means funding of over £400 for the school for every child who ate a meal on those days.



To ensure as high a take-up as possible we will order all children a meal, unless you tell us not to. If you are worried your child won't eat their meal they can bring their sandwiches, just in case, then if they try the meal and don't like it we will get them their sandwiches.

We are asking that parents let us know if their child **will not** be having a school meal.

- Please let us know if you **do not** want your child to try a meal on census day (Thursday 19th January). (They can bring sandwiches, try the meal first and only eat their sandwiches if they don't like it.) Every child who tries a meal brings hundreds of pounds into our school

Also on census day 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. 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.

Milk Payments up to February 2017



The cost of milk for the next half term, commencing 3rd January to 17th February, is £5.78. Please note that, due to council contract changes, milk money is just for the half term. Please send money to the office, in a clearly marked envelope. Cheques should be made payable to Sheffield City Council (SCC).

Free milk will continue to be provided to all children under the age of five or to those children who are in receipt of income based free School Meals/FSM.

- Please pay £5.78 for milk this half term (cheques should be made out to SCC)

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.

This half term our SEAL work on '**Going for Goals**' will help children aim towards the goals that they want to achieve.

Our whole school goals are:

1. to keep our classroom tidy whilst we are working
2. to play outside on positive games that do not involve play-fighting

The School Rule we are focusing on this half term is: "**We look After our things and each other.**" This links with our work towards our whole school goals and with 'being resourceful'.

After-School Clubs start 9th January

Clubs start in the week beginning 9th January. We have sent out letters to offer places for all the applications we have received. Clubs this term are only open to children in Blue, Yellow and Green bases. Payments for the half term should be made in advance.

Monday	Drama
Tuesday	Film Club
Thursday	Dance
Friday	Karate



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 all clubs in advance by placing money in a clearly marked envelope in the office post-box

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.

Study Books to order

As the end of Year 2 SATs and the Y1 Phonics test are fast approaching we have had requests from parents about resources that could be used at home to help children practise what they are learning in school. We will shortly be ordering supplies of the Literacy and Numeracy homework study books. These are available for sale to parents who would like to support their child's learning in a more structured way at home. These books are optional and they will not be collected in by your child's teacher, however help will be available if needed.



The books on offer are:-

For Y2 children (Yellow and Green Bases):

Maths targeted Study Book (including questions) Y2	£2.00
Reading targeted Study Book (including questions) Y2	£2.00
KS1 English Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling	£2.00
Complete KS1 Maths & English SAT Buster Bundle including answers (for the 2017 tests)	£5.50

For Y1 children (Blue Base):

New Curriculum : English for Ages 5-6

£2.00

The books are ready for purchase by filling in the slip at the end of the newsletter. They will be ordered at the end of January so if your child would like one, please purchase by 20th January for delivery around the end of February to children.

- Please complete the order slip for home study books and return to the office by 20th January

Attendance

If your child is ill, please contact the school before 9a.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 school.



Late arrivals: We have had a number of children arriving late to school in the mornings. This is very disruptive, both for the child arriving late and for the other children and staff in school. Please try to get all children into school before registration starts at 9a.m. If you are having a problem getting your child to school on time, please speak to Mrs Stokes so support can be explored.



- 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
- Please ensure that your child arrives at school before registration starts

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.

Every Child Matters Consultation

Last month we told you about what we are doing to give more children the opportunity to play a musical instrument. All Y2 children will be able to learn to play the recorder this term. Lessons start in school next week. We will provide recorders for lessons but you may want to purchase a recorder for your child to practise at home. We do have a small supply in stock at school.



Another of the areas highlighted by the 'Every Child Matters' Consultation was that 13% of the children completing the consultation do not practise their reading at home. Our governors have met with staff and planned how to improve reading at Waterthorpe. This term, teachers will be encouraging all children to practise reading at home. We know that some children say that they don't want to read at home, but the practise they get makes all the difference to their reading confidence and fluency.

Parents/carers may get reminder notes home when children have not been practising. This is to encourage children to read at home. Please help your child to be the best reader that they can as this underpins their progress across the curriculum.

Sports Update:



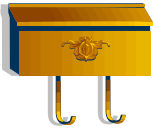
Dance: We have employed a new dance coach to work with children during curriculum time on Thursdays. Charlie will link dance to the Key Stage 1 topic themes this term and will teach children dance skills alongside class teachers. She will also run the after-school dance club on Thursdays.



Cricket: Killamarsh Juniors Cricket Club are looking for new players to join them and get involved in cricket. They have set up a new training session aimed at 4-10 year olds who want to get involved and try cricket. The sessions will be starting on Tuesday 10th January at Killamarsh Leisure Centre 6-7pm at a cost of £3 per session for 12 weeks. For more information and to book sessions, please call Ben on 07713 127 701. A flyer will be sent with this newsletter.

'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.

School Meals

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.

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:

Nursery: Mick Barker (Laney Downes)

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.

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.



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. 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.

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.



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

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- 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

Rainbows www.girlguiding.org.uk

Rainbows meet at 5:30p.m. on Wednesdays in the Community rooms.

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](#)
- [SEAL Family workshop invitation](#)
- [English Family Workshop invitation](#)
- [Kid's Club Planning for half term](#)
- [Study Books order form](#)
- [Cricket Club Flyer](#)
- [Foodbank Shopping List](#)

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.

10th Recorder Performance at the Crucible Theatre (Y2 children)
 13th SEAL Family Workshop 9:15a.m. to 10:15a.m. Good to Be Me theme
 23rd Yellow Base class assembly 9:15a.m.
 28th March 4p.m. Singing Performance Y2 at Westfield School
 30th Red Base class assembly

April 3rd 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

June 26th Break up for Half term at end of today
 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.

July 29th Red Base Class Assembly
 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):

# Family SEAL

## Workshop

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January

9:15a.m. to 10a.m.

Dear Parents/Carers

You are invited to the family SEAL workshop on the theme of 'Going for Goals' on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 9.15am - 10am in Waterthorpe Infant School hall. During this workshop you will be able to take part in an activity with your child.

Please return the slip below to confirm your attendance.

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I will be attending the family SEAL workshop on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January.

Name .....

Childs/Children's Names.....

Classes .....

Number of younger children attending with you:.....

Names of children in Emmanuel who you would like to join the workshop with you:.....

# English Family Workshop

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 9:15a.m.



Dear parents, carers and families,

Please join us for our English Family Workshop on Thursday 26th January 9:15a.m. in the school hall. The theme of this workshop is 'Reading'. **This workshop is for families of children in school (Red, Blue, Yellow and Green bases).** Please bring your children to the workshop with you.

At the workshop you will find out how we teach English in school and you will be able to take part in some fun activities with your child. You are welcome to bring younger and older brothers and sisters.

You will be given a booklet that tells you about English at Waterthorpe.

The workshop will last for approximately 1 hour.

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



English Family workshop Wednesday Thursday 26th January 9:15a.m.



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

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

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

I will be attending the workshop on Thursday 26th January 9:15a.m.

Signed:

.....(parent/carer)

## 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**

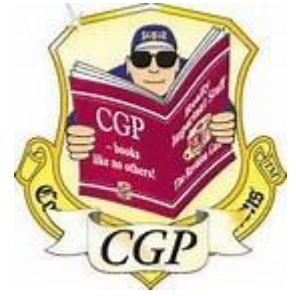
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| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February    | Flags from around the world |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February   | North America               |
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February | South America               |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February  | Asia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

## Study Books to order

As the end of Year 2 SATs and the Y1 Phonics test are fast approaching we have had requests from parents about resources that could be used at home to help children practise what they are learning in school.



We will shortly be ordering supplies of the English and Maths homework study books. These are available for sale to parents who would like to support their child's learning in a more structured way at home. These books are optional and they will not be collected in by your child's teacher, however help will be available if needed.

Please tick the boxes below for the books you would like to order.  
Please return to the office in an envelope with payment by 20<sup>th</sup> January.

### For Y2 children (Yellow and Green Bases):

Maths targeted Study Book (including questions) Y2 £2.00

Reading targeted Study Book (including questions) Y2 £2.00

KS1 English Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling £2.00

Complete KS1 Maths & English SAT Buster Bundle

including answers (for the 2017 tests) £5.50

### For Y1 children (Blue Base):

New Curriculum: English for Ages 5-6 £2.00

Child's Name:..... Class:.....

Total amount of money you are enclosing for your order: £.....