



Nursery Newsletter 6

February 2017

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Dear parents, carers and families

We hope that everyone has enjoyed our events in school this half term. We appreciate your support with dressing up on our Space day, which all the children enjoyed. Our topics begin with an event to engage the children and this usually involves an element of drama. This half term, in Key Stage 1, we had an alien crash landing and we did explain to the children that it was 'make-believe'. We will however do some more work with the children around how we use drama for 'suspended disbelief' as we know that one or two were worried about the alien landing and thought it was real. You can help at home by talking to children about what is 'make-belief' and what is real.

We have continued to have a lot of illness amongst staff and children this half term and we appreciate the efforts that everyone has had to come to school when not feeling 100%. Hopefully things will improve as we move towards spring.

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 Leader



Mrs Michelle
Taylor
Special Needs

This is the **Nursery** version of the February 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:

- Visit our website for e-safety advice for families:
<http://www.waterthorpeinfantschool.co.uk/computing-and-e-safety/>
- Visit our website for e-safety activities for children:
<http://www.waterthorpeinfantschool.co.uk/e-safety/>
- If you would like any advice or support, please come to the office between 8:45a.m. and 10a.m. on 15th February and we will take you to the MAST worker
- Please complete the slip at the end of the newsletter to let us know if you are coming to our Family ECO workshop on Friday 17th February
- Please return form at end of newsletter to register your interest in a place for your child in Nursery and to let us know how many free hours you will need
- Park your car in Crystal Peaks carpark and walk along the footpaths to school
- Visit our website to look at our travel plan activities (local walks, policy, road safety booklets)

Items for action

EVENTS COMING UP:

MAST Coffee Morning/drop-in Wednesday 15th February

The next drop-in is on Wednesday 15th 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 15th February and we will take you to the MAST worker

ECO Family Workshop Friday 17th February 9:10a.m.



Mrs Marriott and our School Council are very active in promoting ECO activities through school. The school holds the Green Flag for our ECO work. We would very much like to share what we are doing in school to help teach children how to look after their environment. At our workshop you will have the opportunity to work with your child on ECO activities. Nursery families are invited. We hope that you will be able to join us.

- Please complete the slip at the end of the newsletter to let us know if you are coming to our Family ECO workshop on Friday 17th February (No merit and birthday assembly in this week)

Registering for Nursery and the new 30-hour offer

From September 2017 some families will be eligible for 30 hours in Nursery at no cost. In September we will be able to offer these children 28 hours over 4 days in Nursery (8:30a.m. to 3:30p.m.). The additional 2 hours, to make this up to 30 hours, may be taken through access to an after-school childcare place at Kid's Club one day per week.



In order to provide 30 hours' free childcare for working parents we will need to re-organise our Nursery hours. If you have a child due to start Nursery in the next two years, please help us with planning by returning the form at the end of the newsletter.

- Please return form at end of newsletter to register your interest in a place for your child in Nursery and to let us know how many free hours you will need

Travel Plan Update

Our school Travel Plan is an important part of our work in school in helping to promote a sustainable and safe future for all our children. We would like to share the following updates on our Travel Plan activities:



- March 20th to March 31st participation in the National 'Big Pedal'
- Wednesday 22nd March 'Bling Your Bike' Day with prizes for best decorated bikes
- Friday 24th March Free Family breakfast for all our cyclists, scooters and active travel families 8:15a.m. in school hall
- School Council to work with Emmanuel School Council and parent governors to plan for ways to improve travel and transport around the school
- Crystal Peaks have given us permission to use their carpark for 'Park and Stride'
- Training for children in safety around large vehicles (linked to parent concerns about walking up the school drive when lorries are using it) provided by GIST ~ drivers visit schools to teach children about safety around large vehicles
- Find out what we are doing with our Travel Plan on our website:
 - See our Travel policy: <http://www.waterthorpeinfantschool.co.uk/travel-plan/>
 - Use our Kerbcraft Booklets to help children with road safety skills: <http://www.waterthorpeinfantschool.co.uk/kerbcraft-pupil-road-safety-skills/>
 - Click on the links for the Change4Life website <http://www.waterthorpeinfantschool.co.uk/change4life/>
 - Use local walking maps to take some short walks around the local area: <http://www.waterthorpeinfantschool.co.uk/local-walking-maps/>
- Park your car in Crystal Peaks carpark and walk along the footpaths to school
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Absence/Attendance Update

Well done to all our children who had attendance above 95% last half term. Certificates and stickers were given out in assembly and all names were entered into our half termly prize draw. The winners were Elliot Fields and Maisey Hessey



Each half term I meet with the Local Authority Attendance Officer and we look at the attendance of all children. Where it is under 90% it is classed as Persistent absence (PA) and any absences become unauthorised without medical evidence. Taking a holiday often brings children under 90% and puts them in this group. The attendance of every child with attendance under 90% is closely monitored by the Local Authority.

I have been asked to meet with any parents who have children with attendance under 90% if there have been further absences since the PA letter was sent out at the end of last half term. If you are invited to a meeting, please ensure you attend as the LA are stepping up on issuing fines to families where children have persistent absence.

If children have coughs and colds, please continue to send them to school. We will happily give them any medicine you bring in. If we find they are too ill to be in school, we will ring you. A list of illnesses, and how much time children need to be off school, is on our website:

<http://www.watertorpeinfantschool.co.uk/medical-information-for-parents/>

- If you receive a letter inviting you to an attendance meeting in school, please ensure you attend or contact the office to change the appointment to a time when you are available

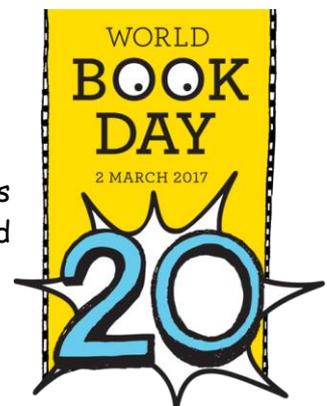
Items for information:

World Book Day 2nd March: Book vouchers

A £1 book token will be sent out to all children in school.

When you get your book token, all you need to do is to take it to WHSmiths or Waterstones and swap it for one of the TEN (exclusive, new and completely free) World Book Day books!

Or, if you'd prefer, you can use your book token to get £1 off any full price book instead! If you'd rather get an audio book, that's fine too! It's your choice, just as long as the book or audio book costs at least £2.99. Then all YOU have to do is take your book home and enjoy it.



The World Book Day book tokens are valid from Monday 27 February-Sunday 26 March 2017.

The ten free books are: Peppa Loves World Book Day, Everyone Loves underpants, Princess Mirror-Bell, The Famous Five - Good Old Timmy, Where's Wally? The Fantastic Journey, Horrid Henry Fact Files, Butterfly Beach, Blob, Island and David Walliams World Book Day Book.

Parking



Our School Council children are meeting to discuss issues of parking around school. Please try to be considerate of our neighbours and of families travelling to school. We ask that you try to park away from the school (Crystal Peaks have offered their carpark for us to use for families to 'Park and Stride'.) Please can we ask drivers not to park on pavements or grass verges and to avoid stopping on the zig-zag lines to drop children off.

We know it is difficult parking and driving around school and that we have very limited parking spaces available. If you do drive to school, please be careful when reversing in the carpark and in the bus lane or side roads as children are not always aware of when a car is going to move backwards. We teach about 'reversing lights' on cars and what they mean in Kerbcraft and this would be something for you to teach children about at home. Thank you.

Staffing update



As you may be aware Mrs Robertson has been absent from work due to illness since April 2016. She has now taken the decision to have a change of career and she will be leaving our teaching team at Waterthorpe to explore new challenges. We would like to thank Mrs Robertson for the many years of great work she has contributed to our school. I know that she has had a positive influence on many children and supported a range of families since she came to work here in 2001. We would all like to wish her all the best in her future.

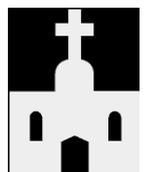
Changes to Nursery hours

Any changes to Nursery sessions cannot be done mid-term, except in an emergency. If you do feel that you would like to change any of your sessions, then it is important that you speak to your Nursery Key Worker as soon as possible so that they can discuss with you whether this would be possible at the beginning of the next term.



Message from our new Church Minister

You may have seen or met Gill Brown at one of our recent events. She has been regularly coming into school to support our activities and join in with events. Gill has asked us to share this message with you:



"Before I retired from full time church and community ministry in 2013 and moved to this lovely part of Sheffield, I lived and worked in West Yorkshire through 3 churches and local communities based in Castleford, Knottingley and Brotherton. As well as the privilege of providing regular church services, christenings, weddings and funerals (which I can still offer) and visiting folk at home when they were struggling through poor health or distress, I was VERY involved in working with a number of children and teenagers; a few linked to the church but mostly young friends I made through our local communities.

Emmanuel Church recently obtained funding for me to work 15 hours a week to develop support and activities with local children, teenagers and their families AND to get involved in our excellent Juniors and Infant/Nursery Schools to see if there is any way I can serve and support them too and gradually get to know the children and hopefully their families too. My contact telephone numbers in case I can ever be of support to YOU are - 0114 - 2480559 and 07746041705. Gill Brown"

Rules on collecting children from school



We follow Safeguarding guidelines about the age that brothers and sisters should be to collect younger children from school. These are published in our prospectus. 14 years old is the minimum age for a person to be able to collect a younger child in Key Stage 1 (Blue, Yellow and Green Bases). This may only be done with a written letter from the parent if the older child is not yet 16. For children in the Foundation Stage the person collecting the child must be over 16 years old.

School term dates and holidays

We have agreed our term dates and holidays for 2017 ~ 2018 with Emmanuel Academy. These include the days that both schools will be closed for teacher training. Copies of these are available on the website and in the entrance lobby. A copy is attached to this newsletter for your information.



- Please try to book any holidays within the dates when school is closed

Nasal Flu Vaccination

We had an excellent uptake of the recent nasal flu vaccination offered in school to children in Key Stage One. 71% of children were vaccinated in school against flu. The vaccinations went very smoothly, without any distress to the children, and I hope that this has helped to reduce incidents of flu within our school community.



Family of Schools Communication Consultation

The consultation is now closed. We will share the outcomes with you in our next newsletter.



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/>

Food Drive Friday January

Thank you for your gifts of food. These have all been collected for the local foodbank.



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 or need help with heating bills. Alternatively, families may self-refer by going to the S20 Information Station on a Monday afternoon.

Alien Day and Histrionics walk to school and show January 2017

Thank you for your support with this event. It was lovely to see all the aliens and space people around school and we all enjoyed the show and the great acting from Ruby and Izaak!

This event was provided as a prize by the Local Authority for the increase in the numbers of families walking, cycling and scooting to school during our 10-day Active Travel event in October. Our next event will be in June 2017.



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

School Meals

School meals are free for all children in Infant schools. (Children in Nursery still have to pay for meals)



Changes to Income Based Free School Meals (FSM) : From January 2017 the Local Authority are automatically enrolling pupils on Income based FSM if their families are in receipt of Housing benefit. These families will be offered the opportunity of opting out of the scheme. Please do not opt out as the school receives considerable funding for all children who are in receipt of FSM. Children in Nursery are eligible for a FSM only when they stay for a full day. Thank you.

(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.

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

Attendance

If your child is ill, please contact the school before 9a.m. on the morning of any absence or 1pm in the afternoon.



Late arrivals: We have had a number of children arriving late to Nursery. This is very disruptive, both for the child arriving late and for the other children and staff. Please try to get all children into Nursery before registration starts at 8:45a.m. If you are having a problem getting your child to school on time, please speak to your child's key worker so support can be explored.

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 Nursery rep are is:

Nursery: [Mick Barker \(Laney Downes\)](#)

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

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.

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: 0800 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.



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.

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.



Uniform is available from the **School Trends Shop** just across Owlthorpe Greenway. There has been a slight increase in prices but we have been told that the quality at School Trends is better than that at Tesco.

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.

If you have 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

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
- Term time and holidays 2017 ~2018
- Nursery places interest form
- ECO Family workshop invitation
- World Book Day token

Diary Dates 2016 ~ 2017

February	7 th	National E-Safety Day
	9 th	Maths Family Workshop 2p.m. to 3p.m.
	14 th	Valentine's day Disco 3:15p.m. to 3:45p.m. (Children in school only)
	16 th	Blue Base ~ Mrs Appleby's class assembly 9:10a.m.
	17 th	ECO Family Workshop 9:10a.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 Mrs Taylor's/Mrs Wynne's Blue Base class assembly 9:10a.m.
	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
	20 th	Big pedal fortnight starts
	22 nd	Bling your Bike Day
	24 th	Bike-it Family breakfast
	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
	5 th	Easter Garden assembly 9:15a.m. to 10a.m. Parent's Evening 3:15p.m. to 7p.m.
	6 th	Easter Bonnet Day
	6 th	Family of Schools Celebration Event 5:30p.m. Westfield School
	6 th	Break up for Easter at the end of today
	7 th	INSET DAY School closed to children
	24 th	Return to school
May	1 st	May Day Bank Holiday
	4 th	Cycle skills training day
	5 th	Food Drive Friday

- 11th Scooter skills training day
- 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):

# SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE 2017/18 ACADEMIC YEAR

For community and voluntary controlled primary, secondary and special schools

| September (20 Days) |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| October (20 Days) |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| M                 | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  |
|                   |    |    |    |    |    | 1  |
| 2                 | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  |
| 9                 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16                | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23                | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30                | 31 |    |    |    |    |    |

| November (19 Days) |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|--------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| M                  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  |
|                    |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  |
| 6                  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13                 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20                 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27                 | 28 | 29 | 30 |    |    |    |

| December (16 Days) |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|--------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| M                  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  |
|                    |    |    |    | 1  | 2  | 3  |
| 4                  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 |
| 11                 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18                 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25                 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

| January (18 days) |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| M                 | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  |
| 1                 | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  |
| 8                 | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15                | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22                | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29                | 30 | 31 |    |    |    |    |

| February (15 days) |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|--------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| M                  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  |
|                    |    |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  |
| 5                  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 |
| 12                 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19                 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26                 | 27 | 28 |    |    |    |    |

| March (21 Days) |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| M               | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  |
|                 |    |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  |
| 5               | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 |
| 12              | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19              | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26              | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |

| April (11 Days) |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| M               | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  |
|                 |    |    |    |    |    | 1  |
| 2               | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  |
| 9               | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16              | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23              | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30              |    |    |    |    |    |    |

| May (18 Days) |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| M             | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  |
|               | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  |
| 7             | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14            | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21            | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28            | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |    |    |

| June (20 Days) |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| M              | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  |
|                |    |    |    | 1  | 2  | 3  |
| 4              | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 |
| 11             | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18             | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25             | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |    |

| July (17 Days) |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| M              | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  |
|                |    |    |    |    |    | 1  |
| 2              | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  |
| 9              | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16             | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23             | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30             | 31 |    |    |    |    |    |

| August |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|--------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| M      | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  |
|        |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  |
| 6      | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13     | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20     | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27     | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |    |

- Bank Holidays
- School Holidays
- Teacher Training Days

## Nursery Hours: Register your Interest for places from September 2017

From September 2017 some families will be eligible for 30 hours in Nursery at no cost. In September we will be able to offer these children 28 hours over 4 days in Nursery (8:30a.m. to 3:30p.m.). The additional 2 hours, to make this up to 30 hours, may be taken through access to an after-school childcare place at Kid's Club one day per week.

Parents will have to pay for the school meal at lunchtime, currently £1.75 per day unless you qualify for Free School Meals (usually parents in receipt of Housing Benefit).

The criteria for receiving 30 hours' free child care are:

- Your child will be aged 3 or 4 when the scheme starts in September 2017
- Both parents must be working, or the sole parent is working in a lone parent family
- Each parent earns, on average, a weekly minimum equivalent to 16 hours at National Minimum Wage or National Living Wage (£111.20 if you are under 25 years old/£115.20 if you are over 25 years old)
- Each parent must have an annual income of less than £100,000
- A parent may also qualify if they are a carer, are on maternity/paternity leave, adoption leave or are absent from work due to sickness

It is likely that, from September 2017, we will only be able to offer half days (mornings or afternoons) to families not eligible for the 30 hours' free childcare due to limited lunch places.

If you have a child, who will be under the age of 4 in September 2017, please complete and return the slip below to Nursery by 17<sup>th</sup> February. We have limited places available so please return this form as soon as possible. (Please tick the boxes that apply to you.)

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Child's Name:..... Date of Birth:.....

- I believe we are eligible for the free 30-hour offer and I would like my child to attend Nursery for 28 hours per week over 4 full days.
- I believe we are eligible for the free 30-hour offer but I only want my child to attend nursery for ----- hours (enter number of hours)
- I would also like my child to access one free 2 hour after-school Kid's club session per week.
- I do not think we are currently eligible for the free 30-hour offer and I would like my child to attend half days and would prefer:

Mornings

Afternoons

Signed:.....(Parent/carer)

# ECO Family Workshop

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 9:10 a.m.



Dear parents, carers and families,

Please join us for our ECO Family Workshop on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February. **This workshop is for families of children in school and Nursery.** Please bring your children to the workshop with you. Younger sisters and brothers are welcome to come along and join in too.

At the workshop you will find out how we teach about caring for the environment in school and you will be able to take part in some fun activities with your child.

You will be given a booklet that tells you about our ECO work 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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ECO Family workshop Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 9:10a.m.



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

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

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

Signed: .....(parent/carer)