

# Nursery Newsletter 7

## March 2017

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Dear parents, carers and families

Welcome back after the half term holiday. Fortunately we got the chance to enjoy some sunshine alongside the rainy days. Our new children now seem to have settled into Nursery and are following the routines and enjoying their sessions. It does sometimes take a little while, especially where children are separating from parents for the first time.

We recently sent a letter out about sessions in September. For any families, who have children who will be in Nursery in September, it is important for us to know the sessions that you would prefer. Working families may be able to access the free 30 hour of childcare taken over 4 days. Other families will have the option of 5 mornings or afternoons. Please ensure that you have returned the letter to Nursery so we can start to plan sessions and staffing.

Please regularly visit our website at [www.waterthorpeinfantschool.co.uk](http://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 first 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.

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

**Actions:**

- If you would like any advice or support, please come to the office between 8:45a.m. and 10a.m. on 15<sup>th</sup> March and we will take you to the MAST worker
- On 24<sup>th</sup> March you can dress in red, in Red Nose Day tops or paint your face/dress up as one of the Red Noses (50p donation)
- If you wish to buy a red Nose, they will be on sale from the office priced £1
- Please join us in coming to school on bikes and scooters during the Big Pedal fortnight
- Please decorate your bike for 'Bling your Bike day' on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March
- Please join us for a free breakfast on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March between 8:15a.m. and 8:45a.m.
- Please can children bring donations of Easter eggs or gifts to the office for our Easter Draw
- Please send a hard-boiled egg into Nursery in the week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> April
- Please let us know if there are any problems with giving your child a cream egg to bring home
- Please donate any spare clothes to the school office
- 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
- Even if you have completed Parentview previously please do log your views again for the school year 2016/2017
- Please ensure that breakfast club bookings are made in advance to ensure you get a place. Give 24 hours notice to cancel a place or a charge will still be made. (This is particularly important when we are full and turning people away.)
- Please complete a Kid's Club Contract 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

**Items for action**

**EVENTS COMING UP:**

**MAST Coffee Morning/drop-in Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

The next drop-in is on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March. 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.



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**Red Nose Day 24<sup>th</sup> March**

We are having a non-uniform day on 24<sup>th</sup> March to raise funds for Red Nose Day 2017. We ask for a donation of 50p towards the Red Nose day charity. Red Noses will be on sale in school for £1 each before the event.



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- On 24<sup>th</sup> March you can dress in red, in Red Nose Day tops or paint your face/dress up as one of the Red Noses (50p donation)
- If you wish to buy a red Nose, they will be on sale from the office priced £1



### Big pedal 20<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017



Our school will be taking part in the Big Pedal again this year. This is where we count how many children and families have cycled or 'scooted' to school each day. The numbers are recorded on the Big Pedal website and schools compete to see who can collect the most journeys.

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March we invite children to decorate their bikes and bring them into school for our 'Bling Your Bike' Day. Prizes will be awarded for the best-decorated bikes.

We are holding a Big Pedal Breakfast in the school hall on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March. If your child cycles, scoots or walks to school you are welcome to join us for a free breakfast in the hall between 8:15a.m. and 8:45a.m. Other children and family members are welcome.

- Please join us in coming to school on bikes and scooters during the Big Pedal fortnight
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### Easter Draw Collection

We will be holding our popular Easter Draw this half term. Your donations of any chocolate eggs and Easter gifts are important for the success of our draw. Donations may be brought to the school office, where children will be able to put a stamp on their class chart and will be given a mini-egg as a thank you. All the money we raise from events such as these pays for additional events and resources for the children. We are currently raising funds for events during our Art Week in June.



- Please can children bring donations of Easter eggs or gifts to the office for our Easter Draw

### Decorated Easter eggs

Please can your child bring a hard-boiled egg to Nursery in the week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> April. The children will decorate the eggs in Nursery and the judges will choose winning eggs who will receive an Easter egg.



- Please send a hard-boiled egg into Nursery in the week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> April

### Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Bunny is sure to visit before Easter. Whenever he comes we have a wonderful time searching for the eggs that he leaves us.



- Please let us know if there are any problems with giving your child a cream egg to bring home

### Request for spare clothes

Please donate any children's trousers, pants, socks and tights that your children have outgrown. We really need to replenish our stock of spare clothes. Thank you.



- Please donate any spare clothes to the school office

## Items for information:

### Access to Emmanuel Academy

Work on a new classroom is due to begin, in Emmanuel Academy, where the old mobiles are in Emmanuel next to the fence. This will mean that there will be no access to the Junior school through our playground whilst the work is happening. This unfortunately means parents with children in both schools, will have to walk around the fence to get to the other school.

### New Parent Governors

We have two new Parent Governors. Vicky Fitzpatrick has a son, Ethan, in Y2 and a daughter, Holly, in Y1. Sara Shaw has a son, Alfie, in Y2. Both governors have attended their first meeting and they are excited to become members of the team leading our school.

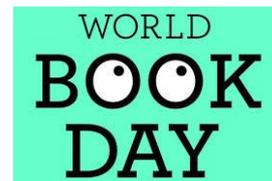
### Nursery start times

Nursery starts in the morning at 8:30a.m, and in the afternoon at 12:30p.m. Please try to arrive no later than 10 minutes after the start of the session as it is disruptive for your child, the other children and the office staff who have to take children through to Nursery. Thank you for your support.



## World Book Day

We took the decision that we wouldn't dress up for World Book Day this year. This was to help support parents and families, especially those who cannot always afford to go out and buy costumes. We felt that there had been a number of dressing up events recently and, although these hadn't needed costly costumes, parents may feel that they would have to spend money on World Book Day costumes.



Thank you to the parents and families who supported us in this decision. We have received many positive comments from those parents who agreed with our decision.

We celebrated World Book Day in school and the children enjoyed the different activities. Our event was supported by Asda, who came and did activities with the Year One children. Thank you to Nanette, our Asda worker, who also provided a stock of books for our most able Year 2 readers.

## New Boiler

We are currently having a new boiler installed and we have a temporary boiler running at present. This should hopefully not cause any disruption to heating but it is advised that all children do wear a jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan to school in case the heating is off for a short while.



Due to the work being done there are a lot of vehicles in the rear carpark. Please do not attempt to park in this car park. Please also be extra careful when using the school drive.

## Activity Trail and Playground Equipment

We have bought a new sign to indicate whether children are allowed on the school playground Activity Trail. Please do not allow the children to go on the activity trail in the mornings and after school when it is wet or the 'closed' sign is showing. Please also note that the children are not allowed on the banking, by the trees, or up the wall and path outside Red and Blue base. This is to help keep them safe; please stop your child from going on these areas before and after school.

## Parking

Please do not park in the staff carpark (the little one halfway down the drive). We are in the process of replacing the staff carpark sign that someone took away. Staff do come and go during the day and need to be able to get out. You may get blocked in yourself and teaching staff will be unable to leave their classes to move cars!



## Family of Schools Communication Consultation

We now have the results of our Communication consultation. 17 Waterthorpe families completed the consultation. Across the Family of Schools 601 families completed the consultation. The following shows the percentage of families who had children attending Waterthorpe (often as well as other schools), who agreed with the statements in the consultation:



The school is welcoming and friendly:	87%
I see Senior leaders around the school and feel I can approach them:	80%
When I phone the school, my call is answered quickly and staff are polite and professional:	93%
I know who to contact at the school if I have an enquiry:	87%
When I visit the school, there are clear signs that guide me to the main entrance:	80%
When I get information from the school, it is clear and easy to read:	93%
If I make a comment to a member of staff, it is dealt with quickly and efficiently:	67%
The school provides an opportunity for me to receive information in a variety of ways (e.g. text, email, letter, face to face, Parent Portal). Any special requests are followed up:	87%
Parents' evenings are easy to attend and the staff/mentors who teach my child/ren are available for me to meet with:	73%
I receive regular information from the school around my child/ren's attendance, behaviour, attainment and progress:	87%
I know where to go for information about school choices, options and the next stage of my child's education e.g. careers advice:	67%
I am aware of family learning and workshop opportunities:	93%
I am confident that my child/ren will move smoothly between all key stages and year groups:	80%
There are informal and fun activities in place for me to engage with school life e.g. summer fayres etc.:	60%
I am encouraged to get involved in decision making or consultations within the school, e.g. by becoming a school governor:	67%
I feel like there is the opportunity to be involved in sharing my child/ren's successes at school. e.g. A prize giving ceremony/assembly:	67%
The school has given me information on supporting / engaging with my child's education and home learning:	60%
The school asks me what my views are on a regular basis:	47%
I am encouraged to complete Parent View ( <a href="https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/">https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/</a> ):	53%
My contact details are collected/updated at the start of the year and I am aware what my details will be used for:	73%

Thank you to everyone who completed the consultation. The results are very encouraging and they have helped us in identifying areas where we could improve. We will be reporting to you on these through our Parent Newsletters.

We have picked out a few areas to respond to initially. These areas focus on collecting views from families as this section has the lowest scores:

**1. I am encouraged to get involved in decision making or consultations within the school, e.g. by becoming a school governor:**

Opportunities to become a governor happen occasionally. We recently recruited for a parent governor and had only one response. We have found that a personal approach is often better as parents do not always feel confident that they would be able to fill the role. We have two

new Parent Governors joining the Governing body this month but we also have a vacancy on the Governing body for a Co-opted Governor; this being someone from the local community who could offer their skills to help develop the school. We would welcome applications to this post from parents.

**2. I feel like there is the opportunity to be involved in sharing my child's/children's successes at school. e.g. A prize giving ceremony/assembly:**

On most Fridays we hold a Merit and Birthday assembly and we have other special assemblies during the year for prize giving (Family of Schools Celebration nominations and end of year Awards). Nursery families are not included in these and several families completing the consultation were from Nursery. We plan to look at what we can do to include our Nursery children in celebrations of success.

**3. The school asks me what my views are on a regular basis:**

Over the last two years, we have consulted with families on reading, homework, free school meal take-up, ways to improve the local community, parent's evening, Kid's club and evaluation of our parental engagement work. We value the responses that families give to these consultations and would welcome further opportunities to gain your views. We plan to consult with you on how to develop the areas identified in our Communication consultation. Any other ideas for consultations would be welcome. Please write them down on the feedback slip at the end of the newsletter.

**4. I am encouraged to complete Parent View (<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>):**

Parent view is on the Ofsted website. It offers the opportunity for families to give their responses to questions about several areas of school life. To complete the consultation, you need to register; this only takes a few minutes.

The link to Parent View is on all our Newsletters and we really do want families to complete this so please take the time to click on the link, register and complete the consultation.

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/>

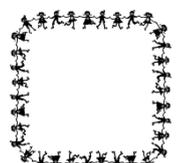
**Sports Update**

Before the half term holiday, some of the children in Year Two attended a Sports Festival competition at Westfield School. Four schools from the local area attended the festival. We are delighted to announce that our school came first in the competition! Well done to all the children participating.



**Information about how we select children to take part in events/clubs etc.:**

Every year we run many events and extra-curricular clubs for children. Numbers for these are often limited. In the autumn and spring terms we are usually able to offer places in clubs for all the children who apply by the closing date but in the summer term, when Red



Base children can apply we have to limit the number of clubs a child can attend. We prioritise children who have not attended the club before.

We run Sports Festivals with the Westfield School POINTS partnership. For these we aim to ensure that each class of children takes part in at least one event during Y1 or Y2. Some classes may take part in two events. When additional events are offered to us e.g. at the English Institute of Sport (EIS) or the festival after school on 17<sup>th</sup> March we have criteria to decide who to invite. For the EIS event, we chose four children from each class who are talented in sport. For the festival on 17<sup>th</sup> March, we selected children who hadn't taken part in many after-school events using the Children's University records sent us in the autumn term.

As we have other events where we select children, such as the School Council conference at Rothervalley and the Build-it Challenge at Kelham Island in the summer term, we try to select different children therefore increasing the number of children who are invited to join in with an additional activity. For some events we do need to select children with particular talents but this does not mean that the other children are not skilled in these areas or talented in other areas.

There are many events, such as the Singing Festival where a whole year group takes part and we believe that we give all our children varied opportunities. We hope that this reassures you that we always try to be fair with all children.

### Travel Plan Update

Please note that we are adding a top latch to the little middle gate after a child opened the gate to try and get a ball kicked over the fence. The child was stopped before going out of the gate but, whilst we wish to make the school as accessible as possible for disabled people, we are concerned that this child may try to open the gate again so we are adding a safety catch. Please ensure that you replace this when going through the gate during the school day.

In response to the complaint from a family member about having to walk up the drive during the day when the gate is locked and the issue of delivery vehicles reversing down the drive, we have arranged a date for training for children on being safe around large vehicles such as delivery lorries.



This training is for Key Stage 1 children. It is expected that younger children would be holding the hand of an adult when walking to school. The training is provided through the Child Road Safety programme, GIST. The training will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

This programme involves a lorry brought into school to deliver the GIST road safety message. In the school grounds, the lorry is used to give children a practical demonstration of stopping distances and driver 'blind spots'. The children are given an opportunity to explore inside the cab of the vehicle and get to see first-hand the view from the driver's seat. This is followed by work in class and each child receives a reflective sticker.

### **Consultations:**

The pupils in the School Councils from Waterthorpe and Emmanuel have met with staff and governors to discuss what they feel are the issues with traffic around the school and how these might be overcome. They have also thought of a range of ideas to encourage active travel to school. Some of the issues identified are listed below:



- Cars parking on pavements and curbs ~ people in wheelchairs can't get past and have to go on road
- Cars parking on the grass and spoiling it
- Cars parking on yellow lines
- Cars parking on zig-zags
- Stopping on zig-zags so people can't cross the road
- Motorbikes driving on footpaths
- Not enough parking spaces
- Cars parking in bus parking area
- Cars driving through the bus gate
- Narrow footpaths
- People running late and driving fast or parking inconsiderately
- Parking across people's drives
- People are dropping rubbish and making the area look untidy

### **Ideas from the children to combat some of these problems:**

#### **Motorbikes driving on footpaths:**

- Tell people to take note of registration numbers and ring 101 to report
- Contact the PCSO
- Put up signs

#### **Parking across people's drives:**

- Ask traffic Wardens to speak to drivers
- Put up signs/put notices on cars
- Send letters

#### **People running late and parking inconsiderately:**

- Put note on windscreen telling drivers whether they have parked well or not (use smiley faces)
- Have guards standing outside school
- Make sure there are consequences for bad parking

#### **People speeding:**

- More speed limit signs
- Write to council to request lowering of speed limits
- Send a letter or text to parents

#### **Parking at bus stops or driving through bus lane:**

- Take registration and report them to police or bus station
- Hold a banner up
- Put 'tickets' on cars for bad parking and good parking

Parking or stopping on zig-zags:

- Put a sign up on fence
- Go and speak to driver and explain why it is dangerous

Dropping rubbish outside school:

- Make posters and signs and put on the railings
- Litter-pick around school
- Write to the council and request more bins
- Send letters to parents

Parking on pavements, curbs and grass:

- Put up cameras
- Paint more yellow lines
- Put notes on cars telling them why it is bad

**What ideas do we have to encourage more children to travel actively to school?**

- Rewards for children who walk, bike or scoot to school: Junior children could earn 'Vivos' (Emmanuel reward points), swimming vouchers, skating vouchers etc.
- Raffle tickets if you walk to school and prize draw at the end of the week (the more times you walk the more tickets and chances you get, if you walk for the whole term you get extra tickets)
- Walk to school charts
- Tell parents where they can park away from school: 5-minute zone
- Tell parents about parking at Crystal Peaks
- Have special walking days like the Space day and Circus Day
- Encourage children to walk to school earlier and come to breakfast club
- Put notes on cars and put up posters
- Plan fun activities for the journey to school e.g. 'treasure hunt'

**The governors have also met to consult on the Travel Plan.**

Governors identified many similar issues to the children. They would like to remind parents and families that they should ring 101 to report the registration numbers of anyone driving or parking illegally or in an unsafe manner. Governors are keen to support a reduction in the numbers of cars that park close to the school and wish to promote 'Park and Stride' where drivers park away from the school and walk for 5 minutes to school. This would make the area around the school much safer for our children.

Governors discussed several promotional ideas including a sign designed by the children and special 'no car' events to be planned. Further information on these ideas will be sent out to families.

### **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.



Three children from our school have completed 100 hours of additional learning at after-school activity clubs. These children have been invited to a 'graduation ceremony' at Sheffield Hallam University on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017. These children are Millar James, Angelica Doroszko and Yasmine Bounekhla.



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

#### 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.



#### 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 unless eligible for Free School Meals and spending a full day in Nursery.) Children 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. Nursery children all have the hot dinner option.



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. 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.

### Parking



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. (This is illegal and may result in tickets being issued.)

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.

### 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. We do have copies in our receipt book if you lose your receipt. 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

Where attendance 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.



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 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.

### 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. We

appreciate that parents will know if their older children are sensible enough to collect younger children but we have to follow safeguarding guidelines as we are responsible for handing the children over to a responsible adult.

### School term dates and holidays

Term dates and holidays for 2017 ~ 2018 are available on the website and in the entrance lobby.



### 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.

## 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 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, 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](http://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.

## 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.

### **Food Bank**

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.

### **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](mailto: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 toys as things do sometimes get accidentally broken or lost.

## 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](http://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](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](http://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

### 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:

- Kid's Club diary of activities for this half term
- Easter Draw tickets

### Diary Dates 2016 ~ 2017

March	9 <sup>th</sup>	Science Family Workshop 2p.m. to 3p.m.
	10 <sup>th</sup>	Birthday, Merits and Family of Schools Nomination Awards assembly
	10 <sup>th</sup>	Recorder Performance at the Crucible Theatre (Y2 children)
	13 <sup>th</sup>	SEAL Family Workshop 9:15a.m. to 10:15a.m. Good to Be Me theme
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Big pedal fortnight starts
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Bling your Bike Day
	24 <sup>th</sup>	Bike-it Family breakfast
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Yellow Base class assembly 9:15a.m.
	28 <sup>th</sup>	March 4p.m. Singing Performance Y2 at Westfield School
	30 <sup>th</sup>	Red Base class assembly
April	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Individual Reports to parents out today
	5 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Garden assembly 9:15a.m. to 10a.m. Parent's Evening 3:15p.m. to 7p.m.
	6 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Bonnet Day
	6 <sup>th</sup>	Break up for Easter at the end of today

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

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

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Free play
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Pancake Day
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Dressing up
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Story writing - World Book Day
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Outdoor play

### **Get crafty**

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Painting
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Hot beads
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Loom bands
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Junk modelling
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Spring display

### **Spring**

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Den making
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Fruit kebabs
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Bug hunt
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Milkshake making
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Trip to the park (weather permitting)

### **Children's Choice**

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March to Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Choose your favourite activity
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day activities

### **Easter**

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Free play
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter crafts
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Play dough
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Painting eggs
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Making chocolates

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Easter pictures
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Baking
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Outdoor play
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Egg treasure hunt
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>INSET DAY - Kids Club</b>

# Easter Draw



We will be holding our popular Easter Draw this half term. Your donations of any chocolate eggs and Easter gifts are important for the success of our draw. Donations may be brought to the school office, where children will be able to put a stamp on their class chart and they will be given a mini-egg as a thank you.

All the money we raise from events such as these pays for additional events and resources for the children. We are currently raising funds for events during our Art Week in June.

If you wish to buy any tickets, please complete the attached and return them to school in a sealed envelope with the money.

**Our Easter Draw Tickets are 25p each or £2.50 for the sheet.**

