



Nursery Newsletter 10

June 2017

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Dear parents, carers and families

We are entering the final half term of the year and there are lots of events that you are invited to this month and in July. We hope that you will be able to join us for one or more of them. You will soon find out which class your child will be in from September and there will be time for your child to get to know their new teacher. Moving from one class, or school, to another can be a big change for young children and we work hard to ensure that this is a success for your child.

Please regularly visit our website at www.waterthorpeinfantschool.co.uk to find out about events in school. The 'News Update' tab is changed weekly. We have just opened a Twitter account and plan to be Tweeting lots of photos so please keep an eye on our website for new 'tweets' or sign up to Twitter and follow us @waterthorpeNI. 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 Teacher



Mrs Michelle
Taylor
Special Needs

This is the Nursery version of the June Newsletter.

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

Items for action

Actions:

- Please arrive at Nursery before 8:45a.m./12:45p.m. If you arrive late, please wait in the office with your child until 9a.m./1p.m.
- Please try to walk, run, cycle, scoot or use any other 'active' means of coming to school between 12th and 16th June
- Please ensure that children do not ride bikes or scooters in the playground
- Please send donations of cakes, buns or biscuits to the school office on Monday 12th June
- Please come along to Crystal Peaks on 13th June to buy our cakes/biscuits and support the cake sale
- Please join us for an informal meeting about Special Needs provision, in Waterthorpe and Emmanuel, on 20th June at 5:30p.m.
- If you would like any advice or support, please come to the office between 8:45a.m. and 10a.m. on 21st June and we will take you to the MAST worker
- Please join us at 1p.m on 21st June to help tidy up our Forest School (weather permitting)
- If you would like to volunteer to help with our Community litter-pick please speak to the office (Please note: Nursery children will not be joining in but we would love additional volunteers to help with the litter picking with school children)
- Please send donations for the Rainbow raffle in the colour your child's class has been given
- Please buy your raffle tickets from the school office (£1 each)
- Please send in donations of baking for cake sale on 3rd July
- Dress up as animals on 7th July for our Wear-it-Wild day
- Please bring any World Wildlife Fund donations to the school office on 7th July
- Please sign up for Nursery consultation day to be held on 10th July
- Please park considerately outside school and try to park away from the school where possible
- Please do not let children bring trading Cards (e.g. Lego cards) or Fidget Spinners into school
- Please check lost property
- Please bring sponsor money to the office or hand in to your child's teacher or Key Worker by Friday 16th June
- Return class photo orders by the date given on the photo order
- Please donate any spare clothes to the school office
- Please wait until 16th June to find out the teachers/Key Workers in September
- Please speak to Louise if you have any questions about transition into school
- Please send your child with a sunhat or cap on sunny days and apply long-lasting suncream before school to exposed body parts
- Please ensure that any sandals strap on securely
- Please note that Nursery children will only be able to attend mornings or afternoons from September unless you have a 30-hour place through the government tax-free childcare scheme. It is important to ensure that you have arrangements in place for this change.
- Please join in with our Travel Plan events

Twitter



We now have a school Twitter account! Photos and videos of activities are already being tweeted. Take a look at our video of Y2H Irish dancing. Our 'Twitter handle' is **@waterthorpeNI**

If you don't currently have a Twitter Account you can sign up to one on your phone or tablet through the App store or by visiting [Twitter.com](https://www.twitter.com). Just follow us to get live feed as photos are added. The Twitter Feed is being put on our website homepage so please visit <http://www.waterthorpeinfantschool.co.uk/> to see the latest news and photos.

Nursery start times and late arrivals

Nursery starts at 8:30a.m. and 12:30p.m. We do allow a 15-minute entry time to fit in with school start time. This means children can come into the Nursery up to 8:45a.m. and 12:45 respectively. After this time, they are recorded as 'Late Arrivals'. Please note that we start groups at these times and when children arrive late it is very disruptive for everyone. We have decided that late arrivals will need to wait, with their parents, in the school office until after groups have finished to avoid this disruption to learning for the other children.

- Please arrive at Nursery before 8:45a.m./12:45p.m. If you arrive late, please wait in the office with your child until 9a.m./1p.m.

EVENTS COMING UP:

- w/b 12th June Active Challenge
- June 13th Family of Schools Cake Sale at Crystal Peaks (representatives from our School Council will be there at 10a.m.)
- 19th June 9:30a.m. Arts Week starts with Blunderbus Theatre Performance for children
- 20th June 5:30p.m. Special Needs information and parent 'get-together' meeting
- 21st June 9a.m. MAST drop-in
- 21st June 1p.m. Forest School Tidy-up
- 28th June Waterthorpe 'Family of Schools Litter-Pick' volunteers welcome
- 3rd July 4p.m. Family Picnic on Waterthorpe Playing Fields
- 7th July Wear it Wild Day - dress up as animals
- 10th July Nursery Consultation Day (Nursery closed to children)
- 12th July 'Great-Parking' Day

Active Travel challenge 12th June:

Our school is taking part in Sheffield City Council's Active Travel Challenge from 12th June to 16th June. The challenge is for pupils & their families to choose an active way of getting to school over the week.



- Please try to walk, run, cycle, scoot or use any other 'active' means of coming to school between 12th and 16th June
- Please ensure that children do not ride bikes or scooters in the playground

Family of Schools (FoS) Cake Sale at Crystal Peaks Tuesday 13th June 10a.m. to 2p.m.

On Tuesday 13th June we will be joining schools within the Westfield Family for a cake sale at Crystal Peaks. The money we raise from the sale will be used to fund activities within the FoS. Children from our School Council will run the stall between 10a.m. and 11a.m. The stall will be in the area at the top of the escalators.



- Please send donations of cakes, buns or biscuits to the school office on Monday 12th June
- Please come along to Crystal Peaks on 13th June to buy our cakes/biscuits and support the cake sale

Information and coffee meeting for parents interested in learning more about Special Needs at Waterthorpe and Emmanuel 5:30p.m. Tuesday 20th June

This is a meeting for any parent who has a child with special needs, or who would like to find out more about what we do to help children who have additional needs. Mrs Taylor is our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) and she will be joined by the SENCO from Emmanuel.

We know that some parents are anxious about what will happen to their children when they move to Emmanuel. At this meeting parents will learn how the staff in Emmanuel support children and what support we are able to offer in Waterthorpe. We would prefer you not to bring children unless necessary.

- Please join us for an informal meeting about Special Needs provision, in Waterthorpe and Emmanuel, on 20th June at 5:30p.m.

MAST Coffee Morning/drop-in Wednesday 21st June

The next drop-in is on 21st June. 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 or the coffee morning at your request.



- If you would like any advice or support, please come to the office between 8:45a.m. and 10a.m. on 21st June and we will take you to the MAST worker

Forest School Tidy-up Day Wednesday 21st June 1p.m. to 3p.m.

Our Forest School area is becoming a little over-grown and we feel it would benefit from some 'TLC'. We have organised an afternoon on 21st June where we would like to invite volunteers to come along and help us with some Forest School tidying. The work would include trimming bushes, collecting twigs, dismantling our 'Bug Hotel' and general garden work. If you are free, and feel able to join us, please contact the school office to let us know that you will be joining us. Thank you, Julie Smith and Alison Bingham.



- Please join us at 1p.m. on 21st June to help tidy up our Forest School (weather permitting)

Waterthorpe Litter Picking Day Wednesday 28th June

We are joining other schools in our family of Schools for a community litter-picking day on 28th June. Asda have sponsored the purchase of almost £1000 of resources for this work. We hope that this work generates positive publicity for the Family of Schools.



- If you would like to volunteer to help with our Community litter-pick please speak to the office (Please note: Nursery children will not be joining in but we would love additional volunteers to help with the litter picking with school children)

Family Picnic and Rainbow Raffle 4p.m. 3rd July

After the success of our previous family picnics we have planned another for Monday 3rd July. The picnic will be held on the field adjacent to Emmanuel School. The event will run from 4:00p.m. to 6p.m. but families are welcome to bring their picnics and go straight onto the field after school if they wish. Sporting activities will be run by Westfield Sports leaders. We will also have a cake stall and bouncy castle (£1 a go).



We are collecting for our 'Rainbow Raffle' and prize tickets will be drawn at the picnic. Each class has been given a colour and the children are asked to donate new items of that colour to put in their class raffle box. A letter, with tickets has been sent home with your child. Further tickets are on sale from the office, and will also be on sale at the picnic.

- Please send donations for the Rainbow raffle in the colour your child's class has been given
- Please buy your raffle tickets from the school office (£1 each)
- Please send in donations of baking for cake sale on 3rd July

Wear It Wild Day Friday 7th July:

On Friday 7th July, we will be holding a special day where the children will take part in activities to learn about protecting endangered species and safeguarding our natural environment.



As part of this day we are asking if children could come to school dressed as an animal. This could be as simple as having their nails painted in an animal pattern, dressing in the colour of an animal, wearing a mask, coming in an animal onesie or having their faces painted. There will be no cost for your child to come dressed up but if anyone would like to make a donation to WWF-UK (World Wildlife Fund) there will be a collection box in reception on the day. If you would like an animal mask template to make a mask with your child please collect one from the office. Kind regards, Suzanne Marriott.

Some photos from last year's event:



- Dress up as animals on 7th July for our Wear-it-Wild day
- Please bring any World Wildlife Fund donations to the school office on 7th July

Nursery Parent Individual Consultations 10th July

Our Nursery consultation day will be on Monday 10th July. The first appointment is at 8a.m. and the last at 3p.m. A sign-up list will be in Nursery from next week. This is an opportunity for you to discuss how your child is doing in Nursery and how you can support them with their 'next steps'.

Nursery will be closed to children on this day.

- Please sign up for Nursery consultation day to be held on 10th July

Car Free Days on Fridays:

This half term our school is taking part in the Sheffield NHS Car Free Days campaign. We have chosen Fridays each week as our Car Free Day. This will run for the rest of the summer term.

The campaign aims to reduce congestion and pollution around schools and to promote active journeys to school to help all children to be physically active and ready to start their day refreshed and ready to learn.



- Try **not** to bring the car to school on Fridays for our Car Free Days or park away from the school to help us have a car free road on Fridays

School Council work on celebrating people with 'great-car-parking' Thursday 13th July

Our School Council recently met with pupils from Emmanuel along with several parent governors to look at how we can improve travel to school. One of the initiatives that they wanted to try was to make leaflets to advise drivers on whether they had parked safely and sensibly. On 13th July, a small group of children will be outside school just before the end of the school day. They will be putting leaflets on car windscreens to let you know whether they feel you have been considerate in your parking. The children are very dedicated in making improvements so please support their cause through your parking near school.



The School Council are also running a competition for a permanent sign outside school to promote the idea of walking, scooting or cycling to school in order to have a car-free area around the school.

The School Council have identified the following as our traffic problems:

- 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
- Please park considerately outside school and try to park away from the school where possible

Trading Cards and Fidget-spinners



We have taken the decision to say that Trading cards such as Lego cards, as well as Fidget Spinners are no longer allowed in school due to the disruption they are causing and Health & Safety concerns.

- Please do not let children bring trading Cards (e.g. Lego cards) or Fidget Spinners into school

Lost Property

We are over-flowing with lost property! The boxes are in Nursery and down the corridor just inside the office. Please feel free to come in and have a look through them. Before the end of term some of our Parent Reps will go through the boxes and return to children anything that is clearly marked with their names. Lost property will be put out in the yard, towards the end of term, for you to look through. Anything left at the end of term will be placed in the clothing bin.



- Please check lost property

SPONSORED Obstacle/Bounce

Thank you for all your donations to date. Please bring any outstanding money into school or Nursery as soon as possible (by Friday 16th June). We will be looking at the money raised by children to do prizes for the most raised on this date.



Nursery have already purchased a sofa and ordered a new bookcase using school funds raised. Thank you!

- Please bring sponsor money to the office or hand in to your child's teacher or Key Worker by Friday 16th June

Class photos



Nursery group photos were taken on 25th May in the morning. The orders for these will be sent home as soon as they arrive in school. It is important that you return them by the date given as we will be unable to send any photo orders after that date and you will therefore incur a postage charge for any orders.

- Return class photo orders by the date given on the photo order

Arrangements for moving to a new class in September

On 16th June 2017 we will be able to tell you who will be your child's classteacher next year. The teachers will be visiting the children in Nursery this half term. Louise in Nursery is the link person for all transition so please check with her if you have any questions.

- Please wait until 16th June to find out the teachers/Key Workers in September
- Please speak to Louise if you have any questions about transition into school

Request for spare clothes

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



- Please donate any spare clothes to the school office

Sunny Days

Please apply sun screen/cream to your child on sunny days. As the application of cream in school is difficult to manage we would prefer you to use the sun screen/cream that only needs applying once a day as this can be done in the morning before school. If absolutely necessary, we are able to help your child apply cream but this must be brought to the office and labelled clearly with your child's name and group.



Please can children also bring a sunhat or cap to wear when playing out in the sunshine. (Please write your child's name inside the hat/cap.)

Now that the 'sandal season' is here please ensure that children have sandals that strap on their feet securely. We do not permit slip-ons or crocs as children can easily have accidents in these when running around.

- Please send your child with a sunhat or cap on sunny days and apply long-lasting suncream before school to exposed body parts
- Please ensure that any sandals strap on securely

Items for information:



New Pole safety pads

We have purchased new safety pads to replace the ones on the canopy poles in the playground. These are very expensive and have cost us nearly £800. The reason that they have required replacing is because children have been climbing up them and squashing them. Once the new ones are in place, please do not let your children jump or climb on them when in your care before and after school. We will talk to all the children in school about how it is their responsibility to take care of the pads.

Safeguarding alert

We have had a report of a man and two women asking children if they can take their photographs in the playground on Waterthorpe Playing Field. The person reporting this called the police and they attended immediately, checked the tablet they were using and found no pictures.

We would like to take this opportunity to ask parents of older children, who may be playing out unsupervised, to remind their children about being alert to any risks posed to their safety. The girls who raised this alarm were very sensible and immediately rang their parents who came to the playground and rang the police.

Keeping our children safe

It is important that you close and put the top latch on the gate. We do not want any of our children to get out of the gate onto the road. Your children will soon be in school and playing in the playground. Please help us with this.



Attendance

Each half term we enter the names of children, who have had 95% or above attendance, into our prize draw. Our winners for the summer 1 half term attendance draw were Maddison Clayton and Jacob Morley. They each won a bag of outdoor summer toys.



Toddler Group Volunteers

Toddler group are looking for volunteers who will be able to help in leading the group in the Community Rooms. As children grow up, leaders move on and the group always needs new volunteers to ensure that it is able to continue.

If you are interested please speak to Diane Burrows in group or call in at the office, leave your contact details and someone will be in touch with you.

Tax-Free Childcare

Tax free childcare is available to many parents who are working, self-employed or on certain benefits. This can save you a great deal of the cost from Breakfast club, Kid's club and additional Nursery hours. The new government scheme offers 20% off the cost of any childcare booked through us. For information about eligibility and how to apply visit: <https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/moreinfo/par/1/?returnURL=%2Fpar%2Fapp%2Fapplynow>

Free 30 hours Nursery for working families

Our Nursery is offering access to the free 30-hour places for families where parents work more than 16 hours/earn more than £115 a week each.

We have reviewed our Nursery provision and have a new business plan in place to try to ensure that we can offer this care and still provide 15 hours for all other applicants. We are therefore able to offer:

- 16 places of 28 hours Monday to Friday with the possibility of taking the other 2 free hours on Fridays providing parents purchase the rest of the day at £5.50 per hour)
- In the autumn term 10 morning and 10 afternoon places of 15 hours Monday to Friday
- In the Spring/Summer term 23 morning and 23 afternoon places of 15 hours Monday to Friday (All the 10 places morning and afternoon must be full before we move to offering additional places.)

Unfortunately, all our 30 hour places have been taken by children in Nursery in September. This means that we can only offer 15 hours mornings or afternoons to any new eligible children until a place becomes available. We are happy to work with childminders and to split the free childcare. This would mean a child would have mornings or afternoons in Nursery and be brought or collected by a childminder who would be able to claim the other 15 hours. Please contact us if you are interested in this arrangement and are eligible for 30 hours.

Applying for 30 hours free childcare

You'll be able to apply for 30 hours free childcare and Tax-Free Childcare in a single online childcare service application. If you're eligible, the Tax Office will open a childcare service account for you (you only need to complete one application for all your children). You will receive a 30 hours eligibility code, your unique 11-digit reference number. This code is important as you'll need it to claim your free childcare.

To apply: Go to <https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow>

To claim the 30 hours please bring the following to the school office:

- 11 digit-reference tax code
- National Insurance number
- Your child's date of birth

The school office will check the code with the local authority and confirm your eligibility.

Every three months, you'll need to reconfirm that you're still eligible for 30 hours free childcare. You'll be reminded to reconfirm you're still eligible 4 weeks before the deadline. If you also receive Tax-Free Childcare, you'll be able to reconfirm your eligibility for both schemes at the same time. You don't need to bring your code to school every time you reconfirm however, you should notify us if you fall out of eligibility. You can apply for 30 hours free childcare for another child at any time. If you don't reconfirm, the school will be told that you no longer meet the requirements for a free childcare place.

- Please note that Nursery children will only be able to attend mornings or afternoons from September unless you have a 30-hour place through the government tax-free childcare scheme. It is important to ensure that you have arrangements in place for this change.

Photos of events

We take lots of photos of events in school and put these on our website; usually on our News Update page first. The photos and slide shows are then moved to various areas of the website e.g. 'Pupils/photos from different events' or 'Curriculum/ Arts'. Please regularly visit our website to view photos, see copies of documents and get the latest news.

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Westfield Family of Schools News



The Westfield Family of Schools (FoS) is made up of Westfield Secondary School, Waterthorpe, Beighton and Halfway Nursery Infant Schools, Brook House and Halfway Junior Schools, Shortbrook, Mosborough and Reighhead Primary Schools, and Emmanuel Junior Academy.

On 13th June the FoS are holding a Cake Sale at Crystal Peaks between 10a.m. and 3p.m. Please come along and support us. You will find our stall near the top of the escalators.

During June and July Schools in the family are holding litter-picking days where they will be tidying up the local area. This work has been sponsored by Asda who have donated almost £1000 for Litter-picking resources for us to use during this, and future events. Many thanks to Asda!



Travel Plan Update

On 3rd July some of our children will be proudly going to the Town Hall to collect our Silver Travel plan Award.



Our Y2 children continue to have Kerbcraft lessons on Friday mornings throughout the summer term. This is where the children go out onto local roads to learn road safety skills with a team of trained volunteers. If you would like to volunteer to support Kerbcraft please contact the school office or Mrs Marriott in Green Base.

We have planned further Travel events, including 'Learn to Ride your Bike', Wear-it-Wild Walk to School, 'Great-parking' Day and 'Car-Free' days. We hope that your children will enjoy taking part in these.

- Please join in with our Travel Plan events

Sports Update

For photos of the events please visit our website and go to the pupil Tab/Photos from different events:

<http://www.watertorpeinfantschool.co.uk/photos-from-different-events/nggallery/thumbnails>

After Easter, Mrs Haywood's class went to the Network Games festival at the Institute of Sport. It was a brilliant day and thoroughly enjoyed by all the children.



In May, Mrs Taylor's class went to the Ball skills festival at Westfield. The children really enjoyed the event and were able to join in with a variety of different sports activities. Dave Milns and the sports leaders from Westfield led the event and made sure it was a fantastic day for our Family of Schools.

In Year 2, all children have started swimming lessons each Monday at Westfield. The lessons are paid for by the school using our sports money. These lessons will continue for the next few weeks. The children are enjoying the lessons and are making good progress already, both in water confidence and their swimming ability.

In Foundation Stage Two, we have had a sports coach who has been coming in to teach the children multi-skills and games. He also runs a games afterschool club, which will continue for until the second to last week of the summer term.

EASIMATHS

Easimaths is an online programme that the school subscribes to. The children can complete different activities, on either a pc or tablet, and their progress is recorded. It is important that they complete the activities without help as the programme works out whether they need further work or can move onto the next thing.

We run Easimaths sessions, before school each day, and we invite different children to come to these each half term. If however, your child would like to work on Easimaths at home then they can access the site through our website: <http://www.waterthorpeinfantschool.co.uk/rm-easimaths-2/> If you wish to request a username and password from school, please contact the school office.

Standing News Items

This part of the newsletter will be available as a separate document on the school website. If there is anything you find you need to know please check this for reference. Please let us know if you feel any other information should be added to this.

Diary Dates 2016 ~ 2017

June		Car Free project starts for summer term 2
	5 th	INSET DAY School closed to children
	6 th	Return to school
	12 th	Active Travel Week
	13 th	Cake Sale Crystal Peaks 10a.m.
	19 th	Arts Week begins with Theatre performance
	20 th	Special Needs Information meeting 5:30p.m.
	21 st	MAST drop-in 9a.m. to 10a.m.
	21 st	Forest School Tidy-up 1p.m. to 3p.m.
	22 nd	Blue Base Class Assembly 2:40p.m.
	26 th	SEAL Family Workshop 9:15a.m. to 10:15a.m. Changes theme Design & Technology Family Workshop 2p.m. to 3p.m.
	29 th	Red Base Class Assembly
	30 th	Twycross Zoo Trip
July	3 rd	Family Picnic on field 4p.m. to 6p.m.
	4 th	Sports Morning 9:30a.m. to 11a.m.
	5 th	MAST drop-in 9a.m. to 10a.m.
	5 th	Parent's Evening
	7 th	Wear it Wild Day (Dress in animal theme and meet for walk to school 8:40a.m.)
	10 th	Nursery Consultation Day ~ Nursery closed to children
	12 th	'Great Parking' day with School Council checks on parking
	13 th	Learn to ride your bike day with Paula from SUSTRANS
	14 th	Class Swap Day
	19 th	Y2 Leaver's Assembly & Y2 Monitor Awards 9:15a.m. to 10a.m.
	19 th	MAST drop-in 9a.m. to 10a.m.
	20 th	Attendance and Awards Assembly 9:15a.m. Y2 Leavers Party Day (Fancy Dress)
	21 st	Toy Day
	21 st	Final Birthday Assembly including Y2 summer holiday birthdays 9:15a.m. Break up for Summer at end of today

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