



Nursery Newsletter

Autumn 1 2017

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year. I hope everyone has had a lovely summer and enjoyed all the sunshine that the holiday brought us. The Autumn term is always a busy one with lots of exciting things happening as we move towards Christmas. The first few weeks are really important in settling the children in and teaching them the rules and routines that will help them to succeed throughout the year; please help your child by ensuring that they are in school on time every day.

Our Newsletter will be sent out half termly this year and a weekly update emailed to families with diary events and important updates. Please also 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 Key Worker 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 Stage
Leader



Miss Kerrie Bryce
Nursery Teacher



Mrs Michelle
Taylor
Special Needs

This is the **Nursery** version of the September 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 13th/27th September or 11th/25th October and we will take you to the MAST worker
- Please send any food bank items on Friday 15th September (Food Bank 'shopping list', sent out with this newsletter)
- Please call and speak to Mrs Stokes if you are in need of a food parcel or, if you wish you can self-refer by going to the S20 Information Station on a Monday between 1p.m. and 3p.m.
- Please join us on Friday 29th September at 9a.m. in the school hall for our Macmillan Coffee morning
- Please send donations of cakes, buns and biscuits for our coffee morning on Friday 29th September (Send into school on Thursday 28th please)
- Please bring any brothers or sisters, who are not in our school, to the hall at 8:15a.m. on the 5th October to be photographed with your child
- Please fill in the slip to let us know if you would like your child to be photographed with a sister or brother in Emmanuel on 5th October
- Please try to walk, run, cycle, scoot or use any other 'active' means of coming to school between 16th and 27th October
- Please ensure that children do not ride bikes or scooters in the playground
- 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 contact school if your child is going to be absent or late
- Please collect a form from the office to register your child for Nursery
- Nursery parents should sign their autumn term agreement at the school office
- Nursery dinner money of £1.75 per day/£7 per 4 days, should be put in a clearly marked envelope and paid in at the office (please pay in advance)
- To find out more about our Nursery Learning Together PEEP sessions or to sign up and take part please contact Miss Bryce in Nursery
- Please put payments for Nursery, school or Kids' Club in labelled envelopes to give to the office or put in office postbox
- Please complete a Kid's Club Contract if planning to use the club
- Please complete a new booking contract if you would like to use the club on a regular basis in the school year 2017/2018
- Please book Kid's Club sessions through the school office or directly with Sue Moore
- Please put payments for Kid's Club in an envelope and put in the office post box or pay Sue at the club
- Please book Breakfast Club places at the school office (£3.50 per day)
- If you want to claim 20% of the costs of Breakfast Club and Kid's Club, then visit the Childcare Choices website at: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

Items for action

Events you are invited to this half term:

First MAST Coffee Morning/drop-in 13th September



The drop-in sessions this half term are on:

- Wednesday 13th and 27th September
- Wednesday 11th and 25th October

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 13th/27th September or 11th/25th October and we will take you to the MAST worker**

Food Drive Friday 15th September

Our next Food collection for the S20 food bank is on Friday 15th September.

The S20 Information Station (in the old Westfield TARA building) offers a relaxed environment and it is open on Mondays 1pm to 3pm. They also have a housing officer and Citizen's Advice Worker on hand to offer support.



We are able to refer any families who would like a Food gift. Our next Food Bank collection in school is on Friday 15th September. Children are asked to bring food gifts into Nursery for the Food Bank.

- **Please send any food bank items on Friday 15th September (Food Bank 'shopping list', sent out with this newsletter)**
- **Please call and speak to Mrs Stokes if you are in need of a food parcel or, if you wish you can self-refer by going to the S20 Information Station on a Monday between 1p.m. and 3p.m.**

Macmillan Coffee Morning Friday 29th September 9a.m.

On Friday 29th September we are holding a coffee morning to raise funds for Macmillan Nurses as part of the Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning event.

This will be in the school hall from 9a.m. There will be no merit assembly on 29th so why not come along to our coffee morning instead?



- **Please join us on Friday 29th September at 9a.m. in the school hall for our Macmillan Coffee morning**
- **Please send donations of cakes, buns and biscuits for our coffee morning on Friday 29th September (Send into school on Thursday 28th please)**

School photos 5th October

Individual and family group photos will be taken on 5th October. If you would like a photo taken with younger/older brothers & sisters please arrive in the Infant school hall at 8:15 a.m. If you would like your child to be photographed with their brother/sister in Waterthorpe or Emmanuel, and are not able to come before school, please complete the slip at the end of the newsletter so that we can arrange this. Thank you.



Children who do not attend nursery on photograph day are still welcome to come in for their photograph taken but will be unable to stay for the nursery session. Please ask Miss Bryce, in the Nursery, for arrangements.

Afternoon children will have their photographs taken in the nursery at the start of the session. Younger brothers/sisters may be included if you wish to stay. For other family group photos please come to the school hall at 8:15a.m.

- Please bring any brothers or sisters, who are not in our school, to the hall at 8:15a.m. on the 5th October to be photographed with your child
- Please fill in the slip to let us know if you would like your child to be photographed with a sister or brother in Emmanuel on 5th October

10 day Active Travel Challenge 16th to 27th October

Our school will be taking part in Sheffield City Council's 10 Day Active Travel Challenge starting on **Monday 16th October** and finishing on **Friday 27th October 2017**.

The challenge is for pupils & their families to choose an **active way** of getting to school over the 10-day period.



- Please try to walk, run, cycle, scoot or use any other 'active' means of coming to school between 16th and 27th October
- Please ensure that children do not ride bikes or scooters in the playground

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.
- Please contact school if your child is going to be absent or late

Holiday Requests and absences

Although Nursery attendance is not statutory, it is important that we know where your child is when they are absent. Please complete a holiday form (available from the office) if you have a holiday planned. Once children are 5 years old, fines will be issued for holidays taken in term time.

- Please complete a holiday form if you plan to take your child away in term time

Registering for Nursery

We have a simple form for parents to fill in to register children for our Nursery. Please do this early, however old your baby or toddler is now, as it allows us to plan for future places if we know how many children to expect in the future.



- Please collect a form from the office to register your child for Nursery

Nursery hours' agreements

Parents are reminded to sign for children's nursery hours for the Autumn term (at the school office).

- Nursery parents should sign their autumn term agreement at the school office

CX children of working parents attending Nursery: Claiming for Childcare hours/renewing claim

We offer sixteen 28 hour places (over 4 days Monday to Thursday) to working parents. All places have now been allocated. For parents of children who are attending for the 28 hours it is important that you go onto your tax credit account every 3 months to confirm that you are still eligible. If you do not do this your funding may be withdrawn. Please see below for information about renewing your claim:



If your application is approved you will receive a reference number to take to your childcare provider when you book a place. **This number is valid for three months.**

GOV.UK will send you a reminder 4 weeks before the number expires asking you to confirm you are still eligible.

It is important you confirm your claim when contacted. **If you don't confirm that you're still eligible your extended hours entitlement will cease.**

What if I stop being eligible for the free 30 hours of childcare?

If your circumstances change and you no longer meet the criteria, or if you fail to reconfirm your eligibility, GOV.UK will inform you that you are no longer eligible. Your child's place will **not** stop immediately as it will still be funded for a grace period.

The length of the grace period varies according to when you stop being eligible.

Date of ineligible decision on reconfirmation:	Grace Period end date (child funded until):
1 January - 10 February	31 March
11 February - 31 March	31 August
1 April - 26 May	31 August
27 May - 31 August	31 December
1 September - 21 October	31 December
22 October - 31 December	31 March

The Tax Office will inform your childcare provider(s) that you are no longer eligible and the end date for the grace period. Your child will still be entitled to the universal FEL hours (up to 15 hours a week).

If you are using more than one provider to deliver all the hours your child is entitled to, then you should use the grace period to discuss where and when you want to use the reduced hours.

What if I want to change my childcare provider?

The Parent/Carer Agreement you sign with your provider stipulates a 4 week notice period. You will have to serve this notice period before you can move or transfer your child to a different provider. You can move to a different provider at the start of a new term without serving the notice period, but you should let your provider know as a courtesy.

You **MUST** give your new provider the details of your previous provider. Your new provider will be able to confirm that your child's funding has been transferred properly and check that you are not at risk of exceeding your annual hours. If you do not provide this information you may be liable for charges by your new providers for the 4 week notice period.

Only in very exceptional circumstance will the 4 week notice period be waived. Examples of exceptional circumstances are:

- Unexpected relocation in Sheffield (e.g. fleeing domestic abuse, interim accommodation in another area of the city following homelessness).
- As a result of child protection the child is placed in the care of others such as foster care.
- If the family circumstances change (e.g. due to job change and it's too far to travel to your current childcare provider).
- To accommodate changing shift/work pattern.

For information about accessing funding please go to the GOV.UK website: <https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/>

Nursery Lunches

Children who are accessing the 28 hours now have lunch in the school hall from 11.25a.m. Following their lunch, they return to Nursery. Parents may select either a hot lunch or a packed lunch from home but this choice needs to be agreed for the full term as it is confusing for children to 'chop and change'. (An exception to this would be if we find that a child is regularly not eating much of their school lunch and would be better having sandwiches from home).



School meals are £1.75 per day/£7 for the 4 days for Nursery children. Please pay in advance, weekly or half termly. Money should be placed in a clearly marked envelope and paid in at the office. Thank you.

Please can we ask that parents collecting children at the end of the morning session wait, before entering the Nursery building, until the lunchtime children have gone through to the hall at 11:20a.m. This is to make sure the Nursery children going through for lunch have left the Nursery unit safely.

- Nursery dinner money of £1.75 per day/£7 per 4 days, should be put in a clearly marked envelope and paid in at the office (please pay in advance)

The Learning Together Study for Nursery children

Waterthorpe NI School is part of the Learning Together Study which is funded by the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) and is being evaluated by Queen's University Belfast (QUB).



Our school/nursery is part of this research and we have a chance to be chosen to offer the Learning Together Programme for you and your child, free of charge! For an hour each week you can come along and sing songs, share books, play and explore learning with your child.

- To find out more about our Nursery Learning Together PEEP sessions or to sign up and take part please contact Miss Bryce in Nursery

Payments

Later this term we will be moving to electronic payments only. This means that you will be able to make payments by debit or credit card. We will be sending further information once this facility has been set up.



Payments this term:

Payments for Kid's Club may be put in the office collection box or paid directly to Sue Moore.

All payments should be put in an envelope and placed in the black post box just inside the main entrance. We will give out or send receipts for all payments.

- Please put payments for Nursery, school or Kids' Club in labelled envelopes to give to the office or put in office postbox

Kid's Club (Ofsted Number for use with Tax credits: 300838)

We are maintaining the current prices for Kid's Club until April 2018. Prices will then rise by 50p per session.

A list of activities and dates of when things are happening in Kid's Club is attached. Please take a look and see if there is any day that you child might like to attend.

Please note that the school office no longer take payments for Kid's Club You must either pay Sue Moore at Kid's club or put your money in a clearly labelled envelope 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.

It is important that you make your booking at the school office or directly with Sue.

If you would like to book places for Kid's Club after-school childcare for the autumn term:

- All new 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 if planning to use the club
 - Please complete a new booking contract if you would like to use the club on a regular basis in the school year 2017/2018
 - Please book Kid's Club sessions through the school office or directly with Sue Moore
 - Please put payments for Kid's Club in an envelope and put in the office post box or pay Sue at the club

Breakfast Club

All children attending Waterthorpe Nursery Infant School/Nursery are welcome to attend Waterthorpe Breakfast Club. You can book places on a day to day or a weekly basis. We are open every day from 7:55a.m. Children can be brought at any time after this. Places do fill up quickly on some days so it may be advisable to have a regular booking if you are a working parent.

At the club, the children are given a healthy breakfast of their choice. For example this may be cereals, toast and juice. There is also fresh fruit, milk and water available. The school meals service provides the food from the kitchens in the Junior School. The children also have a play session in the Infant School hall.

The cost of a session is £3.50 payable in advance. This includes a healthy breakfast. If you give 24 hours notice of cancellation you will receive a refund on your child's place. If your child is ill we will also give a refund on their place.

- Please book Breakfast Club places at the school office (£3.50 per day)

Support for funding Breakfast Club and Kid's Club places

The government have introduced changes to Tax Free Childcare. One of the key change is the introduction of 20% of childcare costs being paid by the government. There are certain criteria to be met. Information about this scheme is on the childcare choices website. Parents can currently select to remain in the old childcare voucher schemes instead, so you will need to look at what is best for you.

- If you want to claim 20% of the costs of Breakfast Club and Kid's Club, then visit the Childcare Choices website at: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

Items for information:

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. 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.

2017-18 Short Grant Programme

The Short Break Grant Programme provides a one off payment, up to a maximum of £400 per family, to help parents/carers of disabled children and young people to have a short break from their caring responsibilities (e.g. gym membership; day trips; contribution to a holiday; cinema tickets, etc.). The break is intended for parent carers who need support to be able to continue to care for their child or young person at home, as well as allow them to do so more effectively.

Applications are accepted from parents or carers who have a disabled child aged 0-19, where the parent/carer is a resident of Sheffield and where Sheffield City Council has a responsibility for the child/young person (e.g. education).

2017-18 Grant Programme open

If you are a parent or carer of a disabled child or young person, you are now able to apply for a Short Break Grant for the year 2017-18.

Receiving a Short Break Grant

If you received a grant last year you will automatically receive an application form over the next few days. If you have not received a grant last year please download an application form from our

website (link below). Please ensure you read the guidance notes before filling in the form.

<http://www.waterthorpeinfantschool.co.uk/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities-send/>

Applications will be accepted until 31 December 2017, and all money must be spent on activities or short breaks which are taken by 31 March 2018.

All applications are processed in strict date order of when they are received. They are unable to 'fast track' any applications. Please allow at least 6 weeks for your application to be processed.

If you have want more information, please see the Guidance Notes or contact Sheffield SEN & Disability Information, Advice & Support on 0114 273 6009.

Takeback Ltd for Schools

We are 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.

Parentmail

We are upgrading our Parentmail account to Parentmail PMX. This will give us added facilities and improve our communications to you. A letter, giving further information is attached to this newsletter. Within the next 2 weeks you should receive an email or text from Parentmail. It is really important that you register with the new Parentmail to ensure that you get the newsletter, the weekly update and all the other important messages we may send you.

Sports Update:

This term the children in Key Stage 1 (Blue, Yellow and Green bases) will be working with a coach, Simon Dungworth, on Tuesdays each week to develop their co-ordination and games skills. Simon will also be running the after-school sports club.



'STANDING' NEWS ITEMS (These are things that are included in every newsletter for your reference)

Attached to this Newsletter:

- Diary Dates and school holidays
- Kid's Club Activities
- Parentmail letter
- Behaviour Plan

Diary Dates 2017 ~ 2018

For a colour-coded grid version of our diary dates please visit our website:

<http://www.waterthorpeinfantschool.co.uk/calendar/>

- September 4th INSET Day ~ School closed to children
5th Return to school
7th New Parent's Meeting in hall
8th First Merit & Birthday Assembly

RED BASE Hours for New children:

- 8th 9am-12 noon
11th 9am-12 noon
12th 9am-12 noon
13th 9am-12 noon
14th 9am-1:15pm (to include school lunch)
15th 9am-1:15pm
18th 9am-1:15pm
19th 9am-1:15pm
20th 9a.m. to 3:10p.m. (Full time from today)
- 11th After-school clubs start this week
13th MAST Drop-in 9a.m. to 10a.m. in Emmanuel
15th Food Drive Friday
20th SEAL Family workshop New Beginnings theme 9:15a.m. to 10:15a.m. (KS1 only: Blue, Yellow and Green Bases only)
27th MAST Drop-in 9a.m. to 10a.m. in Emmanuel
27th 5:30p.m. to 6:30p.m. Key Stage 1 Open Evening (Blue, Yellow & Green Base)
29th Macmillan Coffee Morning 9a.m. in hall: No Merit and Birthday Assembly
- October 4th 5:15p.m. Y2 parents Open Evening in Emmanuel
5th Individual photos ~ Family photos from 8:15a.m.
11th MAST Drop-in 9a.m. to 10a.m. in Emmanuel
12th Green Base class assembly 9:15a.m.
16th 10 day Active Challenge starts today
19th Y1 AT (Mrs Appleby and Mrs Taylor) Blue Base class assembly 9:15a.m.
24th School Council Children: Conference at Rothervalley
24th 9:15a.m. English Family Workshop (KS1 only: Blue, Yellow and Green Bases)
25th MAST Drop-in 9a.m. to 10a.m. in Emmanuel
25th Harvest Festival 9:15a.m.
26th Halloween Disco for children in school (not Nursery) 3:15p.m. to 4:30p.m.
26th Break up for Half term at end of today
27th INSET Day ~ School closed to children
- November 6th Return to school

	6 th	11:30a.m. to 4p.m. Y2 children at Crucible
	15 th	Parent's Evening 3:15p.m. to 7:15p.m.
	16 th	Yellow Base class assembly 9:15a.m.
	17 th	Children in Need Day: No Merit & Birthday Assembly
	21 st	SEAL Family workshop ~ 9:15a.m. to 10:15a.m. <i>Getting on and Falling Out</i> theme (Red, Blue, Yellow and Green Bases)
	22 nd	9:15a.m. Red Base Family Workshop
	23 rd	Y1B (Miss Brooks) Blue Base class assembly 9:15a.m.
	29 th	Computing Family Workshop 2p.m. (Red, Blue, Yellow and Green Bases)
December	1 st	Pantomime ~ Jack and the Beanstalk No Merit and Birthday Assembly
	6 th	Arts/Festivals Family Workshop 5p.m. to 6p.m. (Everyone welcome)
	13 th	Christmas Dinner Day (non-uniform day: Children may wear Christmas jumpers/tops)
	14 th	Red Base Christmas Assembly 10a.m. in hall (doors open at 9:45am)
	18 th	No After-School Clubs this week (Does not include Kid's Club)
	19 th	Blue, Yellow & Green Base Nativity 2p.m. in church (doors open 1:45p.m.)
	20 th	Blue, Yellow & Green Base Nativity 10a.m. in church (doors open 9:45p.m.)
	21 st	Party Day and Christmas Draw
	21 st	6p.m. Carol Singing at Crystal Peaks (tbc)
	22 nd	Nursery Nativity in church 9:30a.m.
	22 nd	Break up for Christmas at end of today
January	8 th	Return to school
	12 th	Food Drive Friday
	15 th	After-school clubs start this week
	19 th	SEAL Family workshop ~ 9:15a.m. to 10:15a.m. <i>Going for Goals</i> theme No Merit and Birthday Assembly
February	1 st	Green Base class assembly 9:15a.m.
	5 th	Maths Family Workshop 2p.m. to 3p.m. (Red, Blue, Yellow and Green Bases)
	6 th	National Safer Internet Day 2018
	14 th	3:15p.m. to 4:30p.m. Valentine Disco (School children only)
	15 th	Y1 AT (Mrs Appleby and Mrs Taylor) Blue Base class assembly 9:15a.m.
	15 th	2:30p.m. Dance Family Workshop (Blue, Yellow and Green Bases)
	15 th	Break up for half term at the end of today
	16 th	INSET Day ~ School closed to children
	26 th	Return to school
	28 th	2pm Fair Trade Family Workshop (Red, Blue, Yellow and Green Bases)
March	1 st	World Book Day: Dress-up
	7 th	SEAL Family Workshop 9:15a.m. to 10:15a.m. <i>Good to Be Me</i> theme
	8 th	Y1B (Miss Brooks) Blue Base class assembly 9:15a.m.
	9 th	Science Family Workshop 9:15a.m. to 10:15a.m. (Red, Blue, Yellow and Green Bases)
	15 th	Yellow Base class assembly 9:15a.m.

- 22nd Red Base class assembly
- 23rd Sports Relief Day
- 26th No After-School Clubs this week (Does not include Kid's Club)
- 27th Easter Garden assembly 9:15a.m. to 10a.m.
- 27th Individual Reports to parents out today
- 28th Easter Egg Competition and Easter Draw (children only)
- 28th Parent's Evening 3:15p.m. to 7:15p.m.
- 28th Break up for Easter at the end of today
- 29th INSET DAY School closed to children
- 21st or 22nd March 4p.m. Singing Performance Y2 at Westfield School (tbc)
- April 16th Return to school: No After-School Clubs this week (Does not include Kid's Club)
- 30th Humanities (History/Geography) Family Workshop 2p.m. (Red, Blue, Yellow and Green Bases)
- May 4th Food Drive Friday
- 7th May Day Bank Holiday
- 23rd Sponsored Bounce/Obstacle Day
- 24th Class photos
- 25th Break up for Half term at end of today
- June 4th INSET DAY School closed to children
- 5th Return to school
- 14th SEAL Family Workshop 9:15a.m. to 10:15a.m. Changes theme (No Merit Assembly)
- 18th Arts Week begins
- 19th Theatre Group performance for children 9:15a.m.
- 22nd Parents informed of new classes for September
- 26th Design & Technology Family Workshop 9:15a.m. (Red, Blue, Yellow and Green Bases)
- 27th Y2 parent meeting in Emmanuel 5:15p.m. (Parents only please)
- 28th Red Base Class Assembly
- July 3rd Sports Morning 9:30a.m. to 11a.m.
- 4th Parent's Evening 3:15p.m. to 7:15p.m.
- 5th Blue Base class singing Assembly/performance 2:40p.m.
- 10th Family Picnic 4p.m. to 6p.m.
- 13th Nursery Consultation Day ~ Nursery closed to children
- 17th Children spend day in new class for September
- 16th No After-School Clubs this week (Does not include Kid's Club)
- 19th Leaver's Assembly & Y2 Attendance and Awards 9:15a.m. to 10a.m.
- 20th Attendance and Awards (not Y2) Assembly & Birthdays (to include Y2 summer holidays birthdays)
- 23rd Y2 Leavers Party Day (Fancy Dress)
- 24th Toy Day
- Break up for Summer at end of today

School Term and Holiday Dates for 2017/18

Autumn Half Term 1

Term starts Tuesday 5th September 2017 - Thursday 26th October 2017
Half-term holiday Monday 30th October 2017 - Friday 3rd November 2017

Autumn Half Term 2

Term starts Monday 6th November 2017 - Friday 22nd December 2017
Christmas Holiday Monday 25th December 2017 - Friday 5th January 2017

Spring Half Term 1

Term starts Monday 8th January 2018 - Thursday 15th February 2018
Half-term holiday Monday 19th February 2018 - Friday 23rd February 2018

Spring Half Term 2

Term starts Monday 26th February 2018 - Wednesday 28th March 2018
Easter Holiday Friday 30th March 2018 - Friday 13th April 2018

Summer Half Term 1

Term starts Monday 16th April 2018 - Friday 25th May 2018
May Day Holiday Monday 7th May 2018
Spring Bank Holiday Monday 28th May 2018 - Friday 1st June 2018

Summer Half Term 2

Tuesday 5th June 2018 - Tuesday 24th July 2018

Please note that the term dates above include the following INSET days:-

Monday 4th September 2017
Friday 27th October 2017
Friday 16th February 2018
Thursday 29th March 2018
Monday 4th June 2018

Waterthorpe Kids Club
Monday to Friday 3-6pm

Theme: Welcome Back

Monday 4 th September	INSET DAY - Kids Club closed
Tuesday 5 th September	Holiday postcards
Wednesday 6 th September	Free play
Thursday 7 th September	Outdoor play
Friday 8 th September	Trip to the park

Theme: Teamwork

Monday 11 th September	Parachute games
Tuesday 12 th September	Ball games
Wednesday 13 th September	Den building
Thursday 14 th September	Poster painting
Friday 15 th September	Outdoor play

Theme: Sensory Week

Monday 18 th September	Playdough
Tuesday 19 th September	Water
Wednesday 20 th September	Sand
Thursday 21 st September	Making clothes
Friday 22 nd September	Outdoor play

Theme: Autumn

Monday 25 th September - Friday 29 th September	Autumn display project
Monday 2 nd October	Forest School
Tuesday 3 rd October	Autumn crafts
Wednesday 4 th October	Autumn walk - Taking photos
Thursday 5 th October	Trip to the park
Friday 6 th October	Baking bread

Theme: Children's Choice

Monday 9 th October - Friday 13 th October	Free play
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Theme: Music and Movement

Monday 16 th October	Keyboard
Tuesday 17 th October	Percussion instruments
Wednesday 18 th October	Junk modelling instruments
Thursday 19 th October	Outdoor play
Friday 20 th October	Musical games

Theme: Halloween

Monday 23 rd October	Halloween crafts
Tuesday 24 th October	Treat night
Wednesday 25 th October	Outdoor play
Thursday 26 th October	Film night
Friday 27 th October	INSET DAY - Kids Club closed

We hope you have a lovely half term holiday and we'll see you on Monday 6th November.

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Improving School Communications with ParentMail

Dear parent/carer,

From 15th September we will be upgrading to PMX - ParentMail's latest platform.

The benefits to this are that we now have more applications to use, as well as a free mobile App for you to pick up school communications on the go!

PMX will be beneficial to you because you can:

- Use a free mobile app on Android and iOS to pick up school messages instantly.
- Have an account simply for school messages (away from your busy email inbox!)
- Connect to other schools, nurseries or clubs that use ParentMail.
- Highlight important messages or archive old messages to make life easier.
- Messages can be sent directly to mums, dads and carers - even grandparents!

Registering with the new ParentMail is very easy! Within the next 14 days you will be sent either an email and/or text message from ParentMail, when you receive this please just follow the instructions in the message. Once registered, if you have an Android or Apple smartphone, we would highly recommend you download the ParentMail App for the best user experience. To do this, simply search for "ParentMail" in your App store. Please be assured that ParentMail is registered with the Information Commissioner and guarantees that all information you provide will be kept private and will not be passed on to any other organisation.

If you need any additional information or assistance, please visit the help site:

www.parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp/ or if you have not received any contact from ParentMail within 14 days please contact Mrs Chambers in the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Stokes

