



School Newsletter

Spring 2 2018

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Our Newsletter is now sent out half termly and a weekly update emailed to families with diary events and important updates. If you would like to receive emails please let us have an email address. The weekly updates are available to view on classroom doors and on our website 'News Update' page at www.waterthorpeinfantschool.co.uk We are constantly updating the website and adding new information and pictures so please refer to this regularly. If there is anything else that you would like to see on the website, please let us know.

Our School Council have been working hard to develop our Travel Plan this half term. We have included information on their work in this newsletter. We hope that parents and families will support the work of the children and school to help improve safety and future outcomes for all our children. As Easter approaches we have several events that families are invited to, including our Family Workshops, Easter Garden and Y2 Singing Festival. We look forward to seeing you at one or more of these events.

Your comments, as always, are welcomed and I would be happy to see you at any time if you want to catch me in the playground or call in at the office to make an appointment. If you do have any concerns or worries please have a word with your child's teacher as I know that they will do their best to help and to put your mind at rest. Helen Stokes (Headteacher).

Senior leadership team



Mrs Helen Stokes
Headteacher



Mrs Caryn Moffatt
Foundation Stage
Leader



Mrs Shelly Appleby
Key Stage 1 Leader



Mrs Michelle
Taylor
Special Needs

This is the School version of the Spring 2 Newsletter.

F2: Red Base Y1: Blue Base Y2: Yellow and Green Base

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

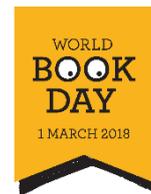
Actions:

- Children may come to Nursery/school dressed up as their favourite book character on Thursday 8th March
- Please ensure that we have an up to date mobile number in school for sending texts. Please check the Sheffield City Council website for school closures or sign up for alerts
- Please use your unique number to register a sQuid account in your child's name
- Please contact the office if you need a new sQuid letter with your account details on
- Even if you have completed Parentview previously, please do log your views again for the school year 2017/2018
- Please donate boy's trousers/joggers for age 6 and over
- Please encourage your child to design a banner warning people of the dangers caused by stopping on the zig-zag lines outside school (A design sheet is at the end of the newsletter.)
- Please return the after-school clubs letter to apply for clubs in the summer term (April - July)
- Please join us on 7th March for the SEAL Family workshop and return the SEAL workshop reply slip at the end of the newsletter
- Please join us for your child's class assembly
- Please return the attached slip to let us know that you will be attending the Science Family Workshop on 9th March at 9:15a.m.
- Please put 19th March at 2p.m. in your diaries for the new Maths Family Workshop
- If you would like any advice or support from MAST, please let us know and we will make an appointment for you
- Please join the Parent Coffee morning in Emmanuel for support and friendship. Ask at the office if you would like someone to take you to the group
- If your child is in Miss Brookes class, please return the Gymnastics Festival letter to school by 9th March
- If your child is in Y2 (Yellow/Green bases) please ensure you have returned the Singing Festival letter to the school office
- Sports Relief wristbands are on sale from the school office from 5th March for £1 each
- Children may wear sports clothes on Sports Relief Day (23rd March)
- Voluntary donations of £1 for Sports Relief Day will be collected from children in the classroom by classteachers on 23rd March
- Y2 children will need to wear, or bring, trainers and clothes to run the Sports Relief Mile on Waterthorpe/Emmanuel field. (Families may come and watch but please stand clear of the running track.)
- Please purchase tickets for our Easter Draw (Ticket sheet attached). Return completed ticket and money to office
- We would welcome children bringing donations of Easter eggs or gifts to the office for our Easter Draw
- Please join us to celebrate Easter and send a few flowers or a plant with your child for our Easter Garden on 27th March
- Please take decorated egg entries to the school office on 28th March, pay the £1 entry fee and complete the entry slip that will be given to you
- Please sign up for a Parent's Evening appointment (28th March) with the teacher

Items for action

World Book Day ~ New event Date: Thursday 8th March

Due to the bad weather we were not able to go ahead with our World Book Day celebrations on 1st March. We know that many families have gone to a lot of effort, with costumes for children to dress-up as book characters, so we have rearranged our school event for Thursday 8th March.



- Children may come to Nursery/school dressed up as their favourite book character on Thursday 8th March

Weather alerts

We have recently had a spell of bad weather which, unfortunately led to school being closed. Many of the staff, myself included, tried setting off for school only to have to turn back because roads were impassable. We always consider the health and safety of pupils and staff first when considering closure and it is not something that we take lightly.



We aim to send a text via Parentmail as early as possible. You can also check all school closures on www.sheffield.gov.uk/schoolclosures. Please sign up to the council alerts system to receive alerts and updates, including school closures:

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/content/sheffield/utilities/footer-links/register-for-alerts.html>

- Please ensure that we have an up to date mobile number in school for sending texts. Please check the Sheffield City Council website for school closures or sign up for alerts

Payments

We now have a system for families to pay electronically for trips, milk money, clubs etc. There will be a period of time where families may still pay with cash or cheques but we are aiming for online payments only by the end of the year.

All families have been sent a letter saying how to register for online payments. Each letter had a personalised code for each child. If you have not got your letter please ask for one at the school office. It is important to get registered before we go cash free.



- Please use your unique number to register a sQuid account in your child's name
- Please contact the office if you need a new sQuid letter with your account details on

We need your opinion...!



Parent view is one of the ways OFSTED and the school collect views about a variety of different aspects of school life. It is important for the school to have consultation representation from all families, so we get a balanced view and can see what you think we are doing well and where we need to improve. Please complete the short consultation on-line. The website you need is:

- Even if you have completed Parentview previously, please do log your views again for the school year 2017/2018

Spare clothes request

We are very short of larger sizes of trousers/jogging bottoms, particularly for boys. We would welcome any donations for ages 6 and over. Any school uniform or underwear is always welcome for our spare clothes box. Thank you.



- Please donate boy's trousers/joggers for age 6 and over

Zig-Zag Banner



During the holidays our 'No stopping' banner for the zig-zag lines was torn off the fence. In assembly we have been learning about the importance of keeping the zig-zag lines clear of traffic in order for children to be able to see and keep safe when crossing the road outside school. The children have been asked to design a new banner with the winning entries being printed up and put on the fence outside school. There will also be prizes for the winning entries.

- Please encourage your child to design a banner warning people of the dangers caused by stopping on the zig-zag lines outside school (A design sheet is at the end of the newsletter and has been sent home.)

Club News:

Clubs continue this half term. There are no clubs in the last week before Easter and the first week after Easter.



A letter about clubs for the summer term is attached to this newsletter and a hard copy has been sent home and is available from the school office. Children in Red Base may apply to attend clubs in the summer term. Due to an expected higher number of applications, it is likely that children will not get every club that they apply for.

- Please return the after-school clubs letter to apply for clubs in the summer term (April - July)

Events you are invited to this half term:

SEAL Family Workshop ~ Good to be me Wednesday 7th March 9:15a.m. to 10a.m.



Families are invited to join us on Wednesday 7th March for our workshop on the theme of 'Good to be me'. This workshop is about having good self-esteem. At the workshop, you will find out how we promote this in school and you will have the opportunity to participate in fun activities with your child. Children from Emmanuel are welcome to join parents if you let us know that they would like to. Younger children are also welcome.

Please read the feedback from families who attended the workshop in school last year:

- Really enjoyable. Lovely to do important activities with my children.
 - This was a great workshop - really enjoyed the activity where my son got to write all the awesome things about himself and was great to think and talk about feelings with him.
 - Really enjoyable - great for kids morale.
 - The part of the workshop where you got to identify feelings was very useful for the younger children, thank you.
 - We always have a great time, thank you.
 - Another lovely opportunity to spend time with my children and share in their school life. Thank you.
 - The children loved the activity and the sheet, colouring and drawing. Thank you.
 - Really enjoyed talking about feelings, it was very apt for us this time due to a close bereavement it made us talk about the headaches and stomach aches that are being caused by feeling unhappy.
 - One person said they would like juniors invited to all the workshops we run (not just the SEAL)
- Please join us on 7th March for the SEAL Family workshop and return the SEAL workshop reply slip at the end of the newsletter (hard copy previously sent home)

MAST support appointments/Parent support Coffee Morning in Emmanuel Academy

The Multi-Agency Support Team are available to help families with a wide range of issues from problems with children's behaviour and bedtimes to housing and finance. The MAST worker will be able to advise you and put you in touch with the best agency to give support. All of us need some extra support or advice at times, being a parent doesn't come with a guide book!

MAST have now asked that parents book an appointment for the sessions. The sessions are held on alternate Wednesdays. The next meeting is **7th March 9a.m. to 10a.m.** If you would like to see a worker then please ask your child's teacher or Key Worker, or let the school office know, and we will arrange this for you.

The Parent Coffee morning in Emmanuel is a group of parents who meet on alternate Wednesdays for a chat and give each other support with any day to day issues. The Learning Mentor in Emmanuel is also a former School Nurse and a parent herself; she helps to lead the coffee mornings. This is a great way to get advice from people who know what it is like e.g. when your child is having tantrums or wakes up in the night regularly. The next event is on 7th March.



- If you would like any advice or support from MAST, please let us know and we will make an appointment for you
- Please join the Parent Coffee morning in Emmanuel for support and friendship. Ask at the office if you would like someone to take you to the group

Class Assemblies

Each class holds a termly assembly for parents and families. These are in the school hall and start at approximately 9:15a.m. They usually last about 20 minutes. At these assemblies, the children share some of the things that they have been learning in school. The dates of the class assemblies this term are:



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| • Blue Base | Miss Brooks | Thursday 8 th March |
| • Green Base | Miss Wilson | Thursday 15 th March |
| • Red Base | Mrs Moffatt/Miss Baggaley | Thursday 22 nd March |
- Please join us for your child's class assembly

Science Family Workshop Friday 9th March 9:15a.m.

Please join us for our Science Family Workshop on Friday 9th March at 9:15a.m.

This workshop is for families of children in Foundation 2 and Key Stage 1 (Red, Blue, Yellow and Green Bases). Please send your children to the classroom as usual and they will be brought into the workshop after registration.



At the workshop you will find out how we teach about science in school and you will be able to take part in some fun activities with your child. You are welcome to bring younger brothers and sisters. You will be given a booklet that tells you about science work at Waterthorpe. The workshop will last for approximately 1 hour.

- Please return the attached slip to let us know that you will be attending the Science Family Workshop on 9th March at 9:15a.m

New Date for Fair Trade Family Workshop



Due to the bad weather we were not able to go ahead with our Fair Trade Family Workshop on 28th February. We have rearranged our workshop for 2p.m. on Wednesday 14th March. This workshop is a chance for you to join your child in activities learning about Fair Trade. If you would like to come to the workshop please ask the office staff to add your name to the list.

Family of Schools Awards Celebration Evening: School Nominations assembly 16th March

On 8th May our Family of Schools are hosting our annual Celebration Evening where we celebrate the achievements of children from across the local area. Each school nominates 6 children for an award. On 16th March we will have a special item in our Friday assembly, for the children shortlisted from our school. Each teacher in KS1 is nominating a child for each of the 6 categories.



These children will come up in assembly to receive their nomination certificate. One child will be chosen from each category as our school winner. The school winners and their families will be invited to Westfield for the Celebration Evening on 8th May.

If your child is chosen for a school award we will text you on 13th March to invite you to the Birthday and Merit assembly on 16th March at 9:15a.m. (We will still celebrate birthdays and reading awards at this assembly.)

Gymnastics Festival Friday 16th March 2018 12:30 to 2:30p.m. Y1B

Waterthorpe NI has been invited to take part in the Westfield Family of Schools Gymnastics Festival at Westfield School. This event is an exciting opportunity for Waterthorpe NI School to take part in, and it aims to be a fun filled afternoon with lots of new sports and activities to try. We are able to fund this event free of charge using our Sports Premium Funding.



Miss Brooks' Y1 class will be taking part and will be leaving school before dinner time as the event starts at 12.30pm. Therefore, this class will be having an early dinner. This means that children will need to order a grab bag before the day or bring a packed lunch. Children will also need PE kit and an extra drink. We do need adult volunteers for the trip. If you can help, please talk to the class teacher.

- If your child is in Miss Brooks' class, please return the Gymnastics Festival letter to school by 9th March

Maths Family Workshop Monday 19th March at 2p.m.

Following the recent postponement of our Maths Workshop due to illness, we have rearranged the event for **Monday 19th March at 2p.m.**



We have got a list of all the people who replied to say they were coming to the first workshop. If you did not reply but would like to add your name to the list, please call and let us know at the office. Thank you.

- Please put 19th March at 2p.m. in your diaries for the new Maths Family Workshop

Family of Schools Singing Festival Y2 Performance at Westfield School 21st March 4p.m.

Our Y2 children have been working hard to learn new songs with the support of our Singing teacher, Laura. On 21st March they will join other local schools in the afternoon to rehearse for the performance at 4p.m. One parent/family member may attend the performance and should arrive at Westfield School between 3:45p.m. and 3:55p.m. Due to the large number of children taking part, seats are limited. All Y2 children must be collected from Westfield School at 4:30p.m. A letter about this event has been sent out and, to receive a ticket, the reply form should be returned to school by 9th March. If there are any spare tickets, we will redistribute them after this date.



- If your child is in Y2 (Yellow/Green bases) please ensure you have returned the singing festival letter to the school office

Sports relief Day 23rd March

We are having a non-uniform day on 23rd March to raise funds for Sports Relief Day 2018. Donations of £1 will be gratefully received and sent to Sport Relief.



Sports Relief wristbands will also be on sale in school for £1 each from 5th March.

Y2 Sport Relief Mile ~ Friday 23rd March 9:15 am to 10:15a.m.



On Sports Relief Day our Y2 children (Yellow and Green Bases) are being supported by Westfield School Sports Leaders in running a 'Sports Relief Mile'. All children in Yellow and Green Bases will join together with children from other schools on Waterthorpe/Emmanuel Field at 9:30a.m. to run in recognition of Sports Relief. Parents are welcome to come and

cheer the children on.

All Y2 children will need to wear trainers or have some pumps in school that they are able to run in.

- Sports Relief wristbands are on sale from the school office from 5th March
- Children may wear sports clothes on Sports Relief Day (23rd March)
- Donations of £1 for Sports Relief Day will be collected from children in the classroom by classteachers on 23rd March
- Y2 children will need to wear, or bring, trainers and clothes to run the Sports Relief Mile on Waterthorpe/Emmanuel field. (Families may come and watch but please stand clear of the running track.)

Easter Draw Collection and tickets

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 can 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 the purchase of Ipads for children to use in classrooms.



- Please purchase tickets for our Easter Draw (Ticket sheet attached). Return completed ticket and money to office.
- Please can children bring donations of Easter eggs or gifts to the office for our Easter Draw

Easter Garden 27th March

At 9:15a.m. on the 27th March we will be celebrating Easter with our Easter Garden. At this assembly the children will sing the spring songs they have been learning and will share some of their work with you. During the celebration each child will bring a small plant or a few flowers to the front to help build our traditional 'Easter Garden'.



- Please join us to celebrate Easter and send a few flowers/plant with your child for our Easter Garden on 27th March

Easter Egg Decorating Competition Wednesday 28th March

This year our activity/competition for children is an Easter Egg Decorating Competition with prizes for children from each class. This will be held in school on 28th March. Children may wish to decorate hard boiled eggs at home and bring them into school to enter our competition.



There is a £1 charge to enter and all entrants will receive a cream egg.

- Please take decorated egg entries to the school office on 28th March, pay the £1 entry fee and complete the entry slip that will be given you.

Individual Pupil Reports and Parent's Evening 28th March

Parents of all children in school will receive an annual individual report for your child on 27th March. You will be able to discuss this, and talk to the teacher about what your child needs to do next to achieve the best outcomes in the end of year assessments, at Parent's Evening on 28th March.

- Please sign up for a Parent's Evening appointment (28th March) with the teacher

Items for information:

Reading Questionnaire Results

Thank you to everyone who returned our recent Reading Consultation. This was very helpful for us. We had 42 Responses from 16 Y2 parents and 26 Y1 parents. Below are the results of our consultation:

1	Do you know your child is learning phonics, which is how letters go together to make sounds for reading?	100%
2	Do you know there are 44 sounds that children have to learn?	76%
3	Do you know which sounds your child already knows?	90%
4	Do you know that your child will take a national phonics screening test at the end of Y1?	90%
5	Do you know that children who fail the test, retake it at the end of Y2?	71%
	Do you know the following terms that children learn in phonics?	
	grapheme	79%

	Phoneme	38%
	digraph	71%
	trigraph	67%
	Blending for reading	57%
	Segmenting for spelling	52%
6	Do you know that school can provide an information booklet about phonics for parents?	52%
7	Do you know school can provide a copy of all the sounds your child is learning to practise at home?	59%
8	Would you like to attend a parent workshop on Phonics?	48%
If you answered yes, what would be the best time?		
	Morning, at the start of the school day?	11 responses
	Afternoon, to finish at 3.10p.m.	1 responses
	After school starting at 3.10p.m.	
	Early evening 6pm -7p.m.	5 responses
	Other time:	
9	Do you know what reading book level your child is on?	88%
10	Do you know your child should be on Yellow level in the first term of Y1?	61%
11	Do you know that your child should be on Orange Level by the end of Y1?	50%
12	Do you know that your child should be on Gold Level by the end of Y2?	40%
13	Do you know what Key Words your child is learning to read on sight?	64%
14	Do you listen to your child read at home, at least three times a week?	78%
If not why?	Struggling for time	4 responses
	Child refuses to read	2 responses
	Child reads at school	0 Responses
	Other reasons: Having a baby at home. Lack of routine. Time is difficult, child is tired after school and attends a lot of after school activities, football training and swimming. Working and sorting baby My child sometimes forgets to change her book and it's hard to encourage her to read a book she is bored with He won't sit still. Work commitments	
Is there anything we could do to support you with reading at home?		
More reading at school to progress onto harder books		
More reading at school		
No, I need to get into a routine and not get side tracked		
Make sure my child changes her reading book at school		

Make sure she reads at school, some weeks she does not read at all
Red Base parents should be told about book band levels
Parents phonics lesson, so we can pronounce them at home
Encourage her to bring her reading book and reading diary home.
More Interesting books, factual books.
We got Key words to practise from the Workshop.

Our Parent Family Workshops (Learning Together in Red Base and English for KS1) and booklets available on the website may help advise parents. We will use your responses to plan further support and actions by school. Thank you again to everyone who took the time to complete this consultation.

Please visit the following pages on the website for advice/support with reading:

<http://www.waterthorpeinfantschool.co.uk/foundation-stage-2/>
<http://www.waterthorpeinfantschool.co.uk/year-one-parent-information/>
<http://www.waterthorpeinfantschool.co.uk/year-two-information/>
<http://www.waterthorpeinfantschool.co.uk/phonics/>
<http://www.waterthorpeinfantschool.co.uk/reading/>

Online activities for children can be found at:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/literacy/>
<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/>

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.

Philosophy for Children (P4C)

This year we have introduced P4C in school. (P4C) is a powerful educational approach which has been found through research studies to have cognitive and social benefits for children and schools. It is centred on philosophical enquiry, where a trained teacher encourages children to think and reason as a group. It supports Personal, Social and Health Education and complements the work that we have been doing around English and Building Learning Power.



In P4C the children think about, and come up, with questions and discuss them. They are encouraged to make choices and give reasons for their ideas. In recent observations conducted by the Chair of governors and myself it was lovely to see the children take turns to speak, recognising when to stop and listen intently to others. They shared their ideas and changed their opinions about things when they heard what other children had to say.

P4C is one of the initiatives that our Family of Schools are working on together. In June a group of children will be chosen to join other schools for a special P4C event.

If you would like to find out more, please visit: <https://p4c.com/>

School Council News

Class councils have been held in Year One and Year Two classes. These are held to inform children of the actions the School Council are currently working on. Part of the class council meeting this time was to inform/remind children about the 'Buddy Bench'. This is the bench outside Yellow Base window near the train. Children are encouraged to approach other children sitting on the bench as they may be sitting there to signal that they are upset or do not have anyone to play with. Please encourage your child to approach anyone sitting on the bench and invite them to play.

A football table, and clothes for the 'baby' dolls have now been purchased and we are awaiting delivery of these. These have been purchased using School Council funds which are raised through selling ice pops during Friday reward playtime.



Fairtrade Fortnight

This year Fairtrade Fortnight runs from 26th February to 11th March. During this time, we are doing activities around Fairtrade products and their origins. An activity that you could do with your child whilst out shopping was sent home before half term. (Copies available from the school office.)



We would appreciate it, if you could let us have empty packets from Fairtrade products, so we can make a Fairtrade display.

Thank you from the ECO Team/School Council.

Waste Week

This year's Waste Week runs from the 5th to 9th March. The focus for this year's campaign is on food waste and packaging. Whilst out shopping please look at purchases and discuss how some packaging is wasteful and talk about how much of the packaging is recyclable.



Thank you from the ECO Team/School Council.

Travel Plan Work

Sustainable Travel is part of what we teach children in school. This work aims to improve the quality of life for our future community. Everyone agrees that we want our children to grow up safe and healthy and our Travel Plan works towards this collective aim.

This term our school council have been working hard to collect the views of everyone about how to improve sustainable travel. This has included consulting pupils, parents, staff and local residents. The School Council has met with local residents and they have completed a survey of traffic outside school.



These are the main problems that have been identified by the School Council, most cause a risk of danger to our children, or are illegal:

- Parents letting children out of car doors onto the road. This can be very dangerous. The evidence we have seen has been that it is usually Junior School children.
- People stopping or parking on the zig-zags ~ this endangers children crossing the road and is illegal.
- People parking on the payment ~ we appreciate that this is to allow more room on the road for cars to pass but it also makes it difficult for people to pass safely, especially wheelchair/mobility scooters and pushchairs. This is also illegal.
- People parking very close to or over residents' driveways. This has caused problems for residents entering or leaving their homes and we have had complaints from those who haven't been able to get out to go to work.
- People parking on grass or driving over grass to get past parked cars. (Some people park at the top of the drive and this has meant either parking on the grass and ruining it or causing other drivers to drive over the grass.)
- Parking on both sides of the road and near the entrance to the drive; if there was an emergency a fire engine would not be able to pass

Thank you to everyone who has completed our Travel Consultation. We will shortly be drawing out a winner to receive a prize.

The results of the consultation for parents/families are shown on the next page. Once we have collated all the results of the pupil and staff consultations we will share these with you.

Put the Big Pedal in your diaries. For two weeks beginning 23rd April we will be taking part in this national event and encouraging children to come to school on bikes and scooters. The more children who do this the greater number of points/miles our school gets! We will be giving out spot prizes to children who join in with this event. On 26th April we have arranged a Cycle Skills day. On 1st May we have arranged a Scooter skills day.



Families said the following through consultation:

39 families completed the consultation. 57% of these walked or used public transport and 43% came to school by car.

- 27% of these felt that stopping on the zig-zags was the greatest problem
- 23% felt that parking on the pavements was the greatest problem
- 15% felt parking across residents' drives was the greatest problem
- 13% felt that cars parking near the carpark entrance was the greatest problem
- 13% felt that drivers letting children out onto the road was the greatest problem
- 8% felt that parking on the grass was the greatest problem

The most popular initiatives for school to run were:

- Parent Parking Pledge (80%)
- Pupil Traffic Monitors (52%)
- Children to make signs for local residents (49%)

Some of the ideas for helping to make it safer for children outside school were:

- Extend yellow lines to areas where you cannot park
- More granite blocks to prevent parking on grassed areas
- Pupils monitoring traffic under supervision
- Remove grassed area and put in more parking spaces
- Alternative parking for Emmanuel staff to free up the car park in front of the school (Waterthorpe staff park in the little carpark down the drive)
- Have more of the 'Walk to School' incentives
- More patrolling and some sort of fine put in place for people not following the rules
- Teaching the children in school about safety of cars around school so they protest to their parents when they are blocking drives or parking on grass etc.
- Issue warnings to repeat offenders followed by reporting to the police

We would like to share some of the things that they have planned this term:

- An offer to local residents for the children to make parking signs to put on their gardens
- A Parking pledge initiative for parents to sign up to with children designing special badges to display in your cars (The pledge letter has been sent home.)
- A zig-zag sign competition with the winning sign displayed outside school (please use the design sheet attached.)
- School Council to raise funds to get plants/posts to prevent parking on grassy areas
- School Council to have supervised sessions where they actively monitor parking
- Walk to school events and initiatives to be run and promoted

On- going Information for newsletter

There is some information that we are regularly asked for, e.g. the number for playgroup, and we will put this in our newsletter attachment rather than in the main newsletter every month.

If you want any information on the following, please look at the 'Newsletter Extras' on our website. Some of the items below also have links to our website pages:

Newsletter Extras:

- Assemblies
- [Attendance](#)
- Book Bags
- [Breakfast Club](#)
- [Children's University](#)
- [Easimaths](#)
- Food Bank
- [Holidays and term dates 2017~2018](#)
- [Holidays and term dates 2018 ~2019](#)
- [Kid's Club](#)
- Lost Property
- MAST
- [Medication](#)
- [Nursery](#)
- [Ofsted Parentview](#)
- Parentmail
- [Parking](#)
- [PE](#)
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- [Westfield Family of Schools](#)

Attached to this Newsletter:

- Summer term after-school clubs letter
- SEAL Family Workshop letter
- Science Family Workshop Letter
- Zig Zag Design Competition
- Easter Draw tickets

Diary Dates

March	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.
	8 th	Rearranged World Book Day ~ Dress-up as a book character
	9 th	Science Family Workshop 9:15a.m. to 10:15a.m. (Red, Blue, Yellow and Green Bases) ~ no Merit and Birthday assembly

- 14th Rearranged Fair Trade Family Workshop 2p.m.
 15th Green Base class assembly 9:15a.m.
 16th 9:15a.m. Family of Schools Award Nominations Assembly
 22nd Red Base class assembly 9:15a.m.
 22nd World Water day
 23rd Sports Relief Day ~ 9:30a.m. Y2 running on field
 26th No After-School Clubs this week (Does not include Kid's Club)
 27th Easter Garden assembly 9:15a.m. to 10a.m.
 27th Family of Schools Cake Sale at Crystal Peaks
 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 March 4p.m. Singing Performance Y2 at Westfield School
 April 16th Return to school: No After-School Clubs this week (Doesn't include Kid's Club)
 20th Autism Awareness Day
 23rd Big Pedal starts
 26th Cycle Skills Day
 30th Humanities (History/Geography) Family Workshop 2p.m. (Red, Blue, Yellow and Green Bases)
 May 1st Scooter Skills Day
 4th Pirate Day: Dress up as a Pirate and enjoy the Pirate Show! (School only)
 Food Drive Friday
 7th May Day Bank Holiday
 8th Family of Schools Celebration Evening at Westfield 6p.m. to 7p.m.
 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
 11th 10 Day Active Travel starts today
 11th Family of Schools P4C Celebration Day
 13th Learn to ride your bike day
 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

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**Feedback on any item in this Newsletter: Please return to school (With your name if you would like a response.)**

## WATERTHORPE AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS: SUMMER TERM 2018

Clubs run after school every day except Wednesday. Clubs in the Summer term are open to all children who will be in F2, Y1 and Y2 (Red, Blue, Yellow and Green bases). Clubs start in the week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

Karate Club is £15 per half term (paid directly to the karate teacher). £5 for a karate suit for new members also applies. Additional fees for competitions and gradings also apply but these are optional.

We ask for £1 per week for each of the other clubs. This is to help support costs.

We ask that all clubs are paid for at the beginning of the term. Refunds will only be given for illness. Clubs should be paid for by our online payment system, sQuid. If you are not yet registered, please call at the office for your registration code. **PLEASE DO NOT PAY UNTIL YOU RECEIVE CONFIRMATION OF THE CLUBS THAT YOUR CHILD HAS A PLACE FOR.**

Please tick the clubs that you would like your child to attend:

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|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April to 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>    | Drama (£9 for term)               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April to 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>  | Sports (£11 for term)             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April to 12<sup>th</sup> July</b> | Dance (£11 for term)              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April to 12<sup>th</sup> July</b> | Film (£11 for term)               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April to 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>   | Karate (£15 per <u>half</u> term) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Child's name:..... Class:.....

My contact number between 3:10 p.m. and 4:10p.m. is: .....

Signed:.....(person with parental responsibility)

If you would like your child to attend any after school clubs please complete the application and return to school asap. **Please note that it is important to return this form even if your child currently attends a club.**

Letters will be sent out informing you if your child has a place in clubs.

Thank you,

Helen Stokes

Dear Parents/Carers



You are invited to the family SEAL workshop on the theme of 'Good To Be Me' on 7<sup>th</sup> March at 9.15am - 10am in Waterthorpe Infant School hall. During this workshop you will be able to take part in an activity with your child.

Please return the slip below to confirm your attendance.



SEAL Family Workshop 7<sup>th</sup> March

I will be attending the family SEAL workshop on 7<sup>th</sup> March.



Name .....

Childs/Children's Names.....

Classes .....

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

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

# Science Family Workshop

Friday 9th March 2018 9:15a.m.



Dear parents, carers and families,

Please join us for our Science Family Workshop on Friday 9th March at 9:15a.m.

This workshop is for families of children in Foundation 2 and Key Stage 1 (Red, Blue, Yellow and Green bases). Please send your children to the classroom as usual and they will be brought into the workshop after registration.

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

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

The workshop will last for approximately 1 hour.

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

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**Science Family Workshop 9th March 9:15a.m.**



Child/children's names & classes:

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

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

I will be attending the workshop on 9th March at 9:15a.m.

Signed:

.....(parent/carer)

**Zig-Zag Banner design Competition for children**



Please design a banner, in the box below, warning people of the dangers caused by stopping on the zig-zag lines outside school. Please return your entries to the school office. The winning designs will be made into a banner outside school and children will receive a prize.

Child's Name: .....

Class: .....

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