



Nursery Newsletter

Summer 1 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 had a busy half term coming up to Easter with lots of exciting things happening. Three of our children in school gained Gold Awards in the Children's University, and many more have received bronze and silver awards. Our Y2 children enthusiastically participated in the Family of Schools Sport Relief Mile and won the trophy for the school that completed the furthest distance for the age of the children. We also held our Singing Festival at Westfield and were very proud of our singers and speakers. This half term we have our Pirate Day, the Big Pedal and our Nursery Fun Day with a Sponsored Bounce. We look forward to seeing you at some of our 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



Miss Kerrie Bryce
Nursery Teacher



Mrs Michelle Taylor
Special Needs
Co-ordinator

This is the Nursery version of the Spring 2 Newsletter.

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

Actions:

- Please encourage your child to bring in items to Nursery that begin with the 'letter of the week'
- 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
- Please download the sQuid App on your mobile device
- Please complete our short online consultation for the Nursery playground project <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Y37S359>
- Even if you have completed Parentview previously, please do log your views again for the school year 2017/2018 www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk.
- Please let us know if you would be interested in more information about becoming a Governor
- Please donate underwear or school uniform for our 'spare clothes' box
- Please send any items from the Food Bank 'shopping list' into school with your child on Friday 4th May. The shopping list is available on our website:
(<http://www.waterthorpeinfantschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/FINALshopping-list-.pdf>)
- 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 collect sponsors for our Nursery Sponsored Bounce on 23rd May
- Please send tombola donations or baked items for our cake stall, to Nursery by 23rd May
- Please come and buy our cakes or enter our tombola on 23rd May
- Children who do not usually attend on the Sponsored Bounce day, are welcome to come and join in the fun between 9.30-10.30am or 1.30-2.30pm but they must bring an adult to stay with them
- Please ensure children are in school/Nursery for class photos on 24th May
- Please join us in coming to school on bikes and scooters during the Big Pedal fortnight beginning 23rd April
- Please join us for a free breakfast on Friday 27th April between 8:15a.m. and 8:45a.m.
- Please help your child dress up as a pirate on Friday 4th May
- Please meet our pirate for a walk to school, starting at Owlthorpe underpass at 8:40a.m. on 4th May
- 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

Items for action

Payments

We now have a system for families to pay electronically for trips, milk money, clubs etc.

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 in September 2018.



- 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
- Please download the sQuid App on your mobile device

Work on reading and Phonics in Nursery

Reading and Phonics are key areas that we are working on as a whole school. Over the last few years we have been developing our work on these in Nursery and have introduced the teaching plan for phonics. As a result, we have seen the children make much greater progress with their early reading skills. It is important for children to attend regularly or they miss out on crucial teaching and find it harder to learn reading skills.



We also have a letter of the alphabet that we ask parents to focus on over a two week period. This letter is now shared on our weekly update so that you always know what it is. Next week it is the letter 'r'.

- Please encourage your child to bring in items to Nursery that begin with the 'letter of the week'

Spare clothes request

We are very short of larger sizes of school uniform. We would welcome any donations. Any school uniform or underwear is always welcome for our spare clothes box. Thank you.



- Please donate underwear or school uniform for our 'spare clothes' box

Governors

We currently have a governor vacancy and would welcome any parents who are interested to call at the office for more information. Our current Parent Governors would be happy to speak with you and share what they do in their roles.

Current Parent Governors:



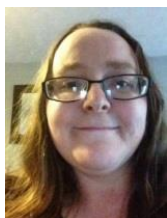
Mrs Claire Knott,
Chair of Governors



Mrs Amy Cartwright
Vice Chair of Governors



Miss Vicky Fitzpatrick



Mrs Sara Shaw

- Please let us know if you would be interested in more information about becoming a Governor

Food Drive Friday 4th May

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.



Our next Food Drive collection date is Friday 4th May. All the local schools have been regularly collecting food for the S20 Food Bank. Without your help, the support given to many families would not be possible. We are also able to refer families for a food parcel; please see Mrs Stokes or ask at the school office. Alternatively, families can self-refer by calling in at the S20 Information Station.

- Please send any items from the Food Bank 'shopping list' into school with your child on Friday 4th May. The shopping list is available on our website: (<http://www.waterthorpeinfantschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/FINALshopping-list-.pdf>)
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Nursery Playground Project

We are currently looking into the possibility of accessing some National Lottery Funding to improve the FS1 (Nursery) Playground for the children and families of Waterthorpe.



We would really appreciate your views and feedback!

- Please complete our short online consultation for the Nursery playground project <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Y37S359>

We need your opinion...!



Parentview 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.

Thank you to the 42 parents who completed a hard copy of the consultation at Parent's Evening. Please see the results of this overleaf. We would like to improve certain areas, where we received a negative response from a small minority of parents. We will be looking at how we might do this in our Leadership meetings.

Results of Parentview consultation March 2018

Question	Strongly agree number	Agree number	Disagree number	Strongly disagree number	Don't know number	Total in agreement or don't know %
My child feels safe at this school.	31	12				100%
My child makes good progress at this school.	30	12	1			98%
My child is well looked after at this school.	29	14				100%
My child is taught well at this school.	33	10				100%
My child receives appropriate homework for their age.	30	12			1	100%
This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	25	14	4			91%
This school deals effectively with bullying.	20	9	3	1	10	91%
This school is well led and managed.	25	17	1			98%
This school responds well to any concerns I raise.	25	13	3	2		88%
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress.	30	12	1			98%
Would you recommend this school to another parent?	28	10	4		1	90%

Even if you have completed Parentview previously, please do log your views again for the school year 2017/2018 www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk.

Sponsored Bounce and Nursery Fun Day Wednesday 23rd May

We have hired a Bouncy Castle for our fundraising day in Nursery. The children really enjoy the day and all the money raised will go towards purchasing I pads for the children to use in Nursery. The maximum number of bounces will be 50. Please



collect your sponsors (sponsor sheet attached/hard copy sent home) and bring the form to be signed on the day of the event.

We will also be running a cake stall and tombola on 23rd May and would welcome donations please. Normal nursery sessions and lunches will still apply.

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- Please send tombola donations or baked items for our cake stall, to Nursery by 23rd May
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- Children who do not usually attend on the Sponsored Bounce day, are welcome to come and join in the fun between 9.30-10.30am or 1.30-2.30pm but they must bring an adult to stay with them

Class photos Thursday 24th May

Class photos will be taken on 24th May in the morning. The photographer starts at 9:15a.m. so it is important that children arrive at nursery/school on time to avoid missing their class photo. The photographer will return in the afternoon for Nursery children. If your child is not in Nursery on 24th May you are welcome to bring them in for the photo at either 9:30a.m. or 1p.m. Please speak to Nursery staff to arrange this.



- Please ensure children are in Nursery for class photos on 24th May

Events you/your child is invited to take part in this half term:

The Big Pedal 23rd April

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. This is where we count how many children and families have cycled or 'scooted' to school each day. The numbers are recorded on the Big Pedal website and schools compete to see who can collect the most journeys. We will be giving out spot prizes to children who join in with this event.



Big Pedal Breakfast Friday 27th April

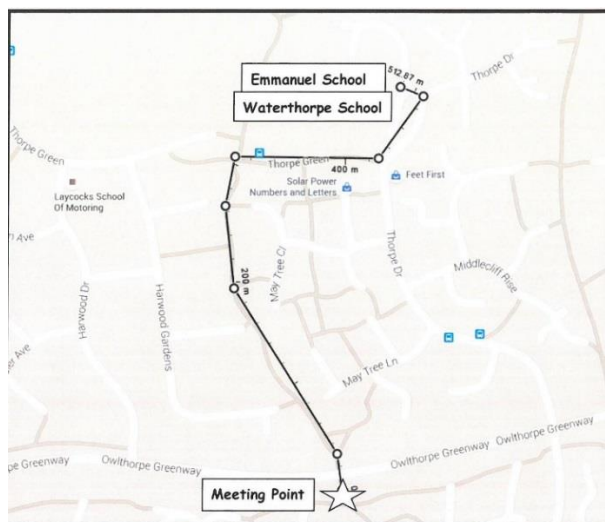
We are holding a Big Pedal Breakfast in the school hall on Friday 27th April. If your child cycles, scoots or walks to school you are welcome to join us for a free breakfast in the hall between 8:15a.m. and 8:45a.m. Other children and family members are welcome.

- Please join us in coming to school on bikes and scooters during the Big Pedal fortnight beginning 23rd April
- Please join us for a free breakfast on Friday 27th April between 8:15a.m. and 8:45a.m.

Pirate Day Dress-up and Walk to School Friday 4th May

On 4th May we would like children to dress-up as pirates for a day of pirate themed fun. The day will start with a family walk to school with a 'real' pirate. We would like you to meet us at Owlthorpe

Greenway Underpass at 8.40am. for this fun walk to school. (See map overleaf for meeting point and route to school).



- Please help your child dress up as a pirate on Friday 4th May
- Please meet our pirate for a walk to school, starting at Owlthorpe underpass at 8:40a.m.

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 asked that parents book an appointment for the sessions. The sessions are held on alternate Wednesdays. The next meeting is **2nd May 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 **2nd May**.



- If you would like any advice or support from MAST, please let us know and we will make an appointment for you
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Items for information:

Fairtrade Family workshop March 2018 (For children in school only)

Thank you to the families that joined us for our Fairtrade Family workshop in March. The following feedback was left about the event:

- "This was a great workshop! The activities were engaging and gave opportunity to talk about 'fair' and 'unfair' with my child."
- "My daughter enjoyed the colouring and gave her an understanding on Fairtrade. She enjoyed learning about the money."
- "The workshop was informative, and the video was fun. The children enjoyed the variety of activities. If the children's ages are known in advance of the workshop it could be more targeted to the age group."
- "Found the workshop very informative. My daughter enjoyed the 'Pablo' video. The first part was not great for the age of the children."

Maths Family workshop March 2018 (For children in school only)

Thank you to the families that joined us for our Maths Family workshop in March. The following feedback was left about the event:

- "Excellent workshop. Very useful. Lots of useful ideas. Thank you."
- "Thank you, good workshop and nice to see how maths is taught."
- "Really informative! Such fun ways of teaching a really important subject."
- "Really good workshop. Good to know how being taught maths at school to back up at home."

Singing Festivals

Our Y2 children did a wonderful job of singing and reading for the 'Wind in the Willows' performance at Westfield school last half term. The children in Y1 will be learning songs over the summer term ready for our next Singing Festival in the autumn term. This will be a city-wide event held in the city centre.



Sport relief Day

Thank you for all your donations for Sport Relief. We made £130 in donations and sold two boxes of bands, raising an additional £60.

We were delighted when our Y2 children won the Family of Schools Sport Relief Mile event as the school that ran the furthest, for the age of the children, out of all the schools in our Family. The event took place at three venues across the area. We will now keep the Family of Schools trophy for the next two years.



Sheffield Children's University

Our School subscribes to the Sheffield Children's University and children earn 1 credit for every club they attend. Each term we submit our registers; certificates and medals are then awarded to children as they reach a given number of credits. Children may also wish to purchase a SCU passport from the library for a small fee and use this to gain credits at clubs they attend outside of school.

The awards are always a term behind as it takes time for registers to be collected and credits awarded by the SHU staff.



For clubs attended up to Christmas 2017 we had three Gold Award winners: Fayth Bellamy, Nathan Jenkinson and Gracie Hartley. Two of these attended the ceremony, at Sheffield Hallam University, where they were presented with their awards. Bronze and Silver Awards are being presented in school in Merit assembly this week.

School Council News

We have now purchased a football table and baby clothes for the 'baby' dolls to use at playtimes in school. These have been bought using funds raised through selling ice pops and raisins at playtimes in school on Fridays. The School Council class members have held class councils with their classes to share the work they have been doing and also to remind everyone of the importance of recycling correctly and not leaving lights on unnecessarily.

The School Council have been continuing their hard work to reduce traffic and parking problems around school; you may have seen them carrying out a survey in the mornings and afterschool a few weeks ago.

They are also working towards the renewal of our Fairtrade Achiever Status, which is due in June and are currently looking at how we can increase the number of Fairtrade products we use in school.



Travel Plan Work

As you will be aware, we have spent a lot of time and effort consulting with pupils, parents, staff and the community about how we can improve the problems of traffic outside school. Being sited on a cul-de-sac with very little parking, and another school next door, means that it is very difficult for families to use cars for bringing and collecting children. We are trying our best to make it safer outside school and we can see that the beginning and end of the day are difficult times for pedestrians and drivers alike. Thank you to everyone who signed up to the parking pledge scheme. Badges, designed by the children have been sent out to these parents to display in their cars or windows. Summer Johnson-Tyler was the winning designer for our school pledge.



Our zig zag design competition brought in some great entries. Hannah Knowles, Henry Sancho and Finley Stocks produced the winning designs, and these have been transferred onto a new banner for our fence.



Modeshift Stars Gold Award!

Because of the extensive work that we do on our Travel Plan we have been successful in achieving the Gold Modeshift Star Award. This is a tremendous achievement and we are very proud of all the great work that our children, families and staff have done to enable us to achieve this.



Traffic and Parking Improvement Plans ~ changes from 6th June:

Emmanuel School have now got a new gate with an electronic entry system. (On the other side of the school near the park.) Emmanuel staff will soon start using the carpark near this gate, therefore leaving more space in the top carpark for parents and visitors.



In order to further help reduce the traffic problems and safety outside school, **from 6th June we will only be opening the middle gates (that join the schools together) between 8:45a.m. and 9a.m. in the mornings, and 2:45p.m. and 3:15p.m. in the afternoons.** This is to allow access for parents who have children in both schools. The gate between the schools will be locked at all other times.

During the school day the top Infant School gate will also be locked. Please note that entry to Waterthorpe during the day will only be through our small middle gate, adjacent to the main double gates. Access to Emmanuel will be gained through using the intercom on their main playground gate.

We hope that Junior School parents will park on the other side of Emmanuel therefore distributing traffic over a wider area. If, however, we find that this does not happen, and traffic is still a problem outside school following these changes, we will look at closing the gate between the schools at all times. (If this happened, it would mean families who have children in both schools would need to walk around the perimeter fence.)

We are sure that parents and families will be supportive of our plans to improve safety and make the journey to school less stressful. A recently reported incident of a car reversing into a child when exiting our carpark, makes it all the more imperative that we all work together to look at ways to improve parking and traffic issues.

Sports Update

In KS1, we have had Charlie, one of our link-dance teachers, teaching the children different skills. The children have really enjoyed it and were able to invite parents to a special dance workshop at the end of the half term.

Some Key Stage 1 children have been lucky enough to work with Mr Dungworth, our PE coach, in small groups. These were focussed groups that have worked on children's confidence, motor skills and listening and attention skills. The children loved it, and they were very excited to receive certificates at the end of the term.



Many children from Miss Wilson's class attended the after-school Athletics Festival in February, where they competed against other schools in activities such as running, jumping and skipping. They were delighted to find that when all the points were added up, they had come in 1st place and had won the whole competition!

In March, Miss Brook's class were able to go to Westfield school to compete against other schools in the Mini-Gymnastics Festival. The children loved going on all the different apparatus and had a brilliant time.

This half term the Y1 children have been able to go on the Shine Bus. The bus had exercise bikes, a Wii-fit and other fitness machines for the children to try out. The day also included a talk about healthy eating, and they then made a healthy smoothie to drink. The Y2 children will be going on the shine bus in the summer term following a generator problem on their recent 'Shine Bus day'.

Family of Schools Celebration event

Well done to all the children who were nominated by their teachers for the Family of Schools Awards. Six of these children were selected as school winners to represent the school at the Westfield Family of Schools Celebration event on 8th May 2018.



Positive contribution: Natalia Matuszewska, Alisha Russell & Scout Giffith Munday
 Overall winner: Chiana Hawley Kirkby

Friendship: Chloe Martin, Mia Ford & Arabella Ward
 Overall winner: Oliver Green

Most Improved: James Jackson, Gracie Hartley & Ruari Woodhead
 Overall winner: Amber Fletcher

Talent: Harry Bell, Freddie Fox, Harry Stephenson, Tommy Parkes & Aaliyah Bentley
 Overall winner: Nathan Jenkinson

Attitude to Learning: Ayla Gezer, Mya Nixey & Millen Cartwright
Overall winner: Summer Johnson-Tyler

School Choice: Alfie Grocock, Millie Cain & Jaxon Hill
Overall winner: Ruby Mallender

Attendance

Each half term we enter the names of children in school, who have had 95% or above attendance, into our prize draw. Our winners for the Spring 1 half term attendance draw were Natalia Matuszewska in Y2 and Justice Jablonski in F2. Our winners for the Spring 2 half term were Aleksander Robinson in F2 and Alfie Grocock in Y2.



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
- Rainbows
- Recycling
- Rules on collecting children from school
- Safeguarding
- School Meals
- Stepping Stones Playgroup
- Twitter

- Uniform
- Website
- Westfield Family of Schools

Attached to this Newsletter:

- Sponsored Bounce

Diary Dates

April	20 th	Autism Awareness Day
	23 rd	Big Pedal starts
	27 th	8:15a.m. Big Pedal Breakfast in hall
May	2 nd	MAST drop-in session 9a.m to 10a.m.
	4 th	Pirate Day: Dress up as a Pirate Pirate themed walk to school 8:40a.m. from Owlthorpe underpass
	4 th	Food Drive Friday
	7 th	May Day Bank Holiday
	8 th	Family of Schools Celebration Evening at Westfield 6p.m. to 7p.m.
	16 th	MAST drop-in session 9a.m to 10a.m.
	23 rd	Sponsored Bounce and Nursery Fundraising Day
	24 th	Class photos
June	25 th	Break up for Half term at end of today
	4 th	INSET DAY School closed to children
	5 th	Return to school
	11 th	10 Day Active Travel starts today
	11 th	Family of Schools P4C Celebration Day
	13 th	MAST drop-in session
	18 th	Arts Week begins
	19 th	Theatre Group performance for children 9:15a.m.
July	22 nd	Parents informed of new classes for September
	27 th	MAST drop-in session 9a.m to 10a.m.
	10 th	Family Picnic 4p.m. to 6p.m.
	11 th	MAST drop-in session 9a.m to 10a.m.
	13 th	Nursery Consultation Day ~ Nursery closed to children
17 th	Children spend day in new class for September	
24 th	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.)**

**NURSERY FUNDRAISING DAY**  
**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have organised a **Fun Day** for the children on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May to raise funding for I pads in Nursery. All the children will be able to take part in a sponsored bounce (jumping for a maximum of 1 minute, which is approximately 50 bounces) on a **Bouncy Castle**. The Bouncy Castle will be available throughout the day to continue with the fun, once everyone has completed their sponsored bounces.

There will also be a **Tombola** stall - Please send us your unused/unwanted small items or gifts, any bottles, jars and tins e.g. beans, fruit, spaghetti etc as soon as you can.....Anything in an unused condition is very welcome.

We are also able to accept contributions of buns or cakes for our **cake stall** - please bring them the day before if you can.

So, please join us and help us to make a success of our **Nursery FUN Day** All contributions to the tombola are welcome at any time from now. Please see a member of staff if you are interested in helping on the day.

Thank You.

The Nursery Staff.

*NB Normal nursery sessions and lunches will still apply. Children who do not usually attend on a Thursday, are welcome to come and join in the fun between 9.30-10.30am or 1.30-2.30pm but they must bring an adult to stay with them.*

**SPONSORED Bounce**  
**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018**

Child's name ..... Nursery Group .....

| NAME OF SPONSOR | AMOUNT<br>PER bounce | TOTAL NO.<br>OF bounces<br>(max 50) | TOTAL PAID |
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Signed .....