



# Nursery Newsletter

## Summer 2 2018

[www.waterthorpeinfantschool.co.uk](http://www.waterthorpeinfantschool.co.uk)



Dear Parents/Carers,

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

Our Newsletter is now sent out half termly and a weekly update emailed to families with diary events and important updates. If you are not receiving the emails please contact the office to check we have your correct email address. The weekly updates are also available to view on classroom doors and on our website 'News Update' page at [www.waterthorpeinfantschool.co.uk](http://www.waterthorpeinfantschool.co.uk)

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 Summer 2 Newsletter.

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

**Actions:**

- 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 visit <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> to see if you are eligible, and to apply for, Income base free school meals and milk up to 2022
- We have other governor vacancies. If you are interested in becoming a governor please speak to one of our parent governors, your child's Key Worker or to Mrs Stokes.
- Please donate school uniform, underwear or P.E. kits for our 'spare clothes' box
- Please return the photo order and money to order by the date given on the photo order form
- Please try to walk, run, cycle, scoot or use any other 'active' means of coming to school between 11<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> June
- If your child attends 'afternoon nursery' and would like to watch the theatre performance on 19<sup>th</sup> June, they may be brought along at 9:15a.m. by parents/carers who will need to stay with them for the performance
- Please join us for our tombola and bring your sponsor form into Nursery on sponsored Bounce day Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June
- 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
  - Please donate items in your 'class colour' for our Rainbow Raffle
    - Nursery Orange
  - Please buy raffle tickets for our Rainbow Raffle
  - Please arrange an appointment to see your child's Nursery Key Worker on 13<sup>th</sup> July
  - Please note that Nursery is closed to children on 13<sup>th</sup> July

## 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.**



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## Income based Free School Meals

We have been informed that any children currently on the Income based Free School Meals list (you need to have applied for this) will continue to receive a free school meal until March 2022 regardless of whether they still qualify.

If you think you may be eligible for income based free school meals e.g. you get housing benefit, please ask at the office for a form or visit the website below.

Children do get free meals as Infants but have to pay for them in the Juniors so it is well worth applying as they will get them until 2022 without you needing to do anything else (even if you are no longer eligible). Children getting these also get free milk.

- Please visit <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> to see if you are eligible, and to apply for, Income base free school meals and milk up to 2022

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## Governors

Following our request to parents, for anyone interested in becoming a School Governor to contact us, we are delighted to have been able to appoint a new Parent Governor. Helen Gray has a daughter who is currently in Nursery and is due to start school in September. Her son has also been a pupil at our school. Helen has childcare qualifications and has worked regularly with pre-school provision.

- We have other governor vacancies. If you are interested in becoming a governor please speak to one of our parent governors, your child's Key Worker or to Mrs Stokes.

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## Spare clothes request

We would welcome donations of uniform, underwear and PE kit for our spare clothes boxes. We are always particularly short of larger school uniform. When children in Y2 move to the Juniors please donate their old Infant Uniform.



- Please donate school uniform, underwear or P.E. kits for our 'spare clothes' box

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## Class photos

Class photos were taken on 24<sup>th</sup> May. If you would like to order a photo please return the order envelope with money to the school office by the date given on the photo order form. Late returns will have to be posted directly to Tempest Photos and will incur an additional delivery charge.



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

### 10 Day Active Travel Challenge 11<sup>th</sup> June:

Our school is taking part in Sheffield City Council's 10 day Active Travel Challenge from 11<sup>th</sup> June to 22<sup>nd</sup> June. The challenge is for pupils & their families to choose an active way of getting to school over the week..

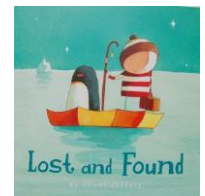


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### Arts Week 18th June 2018

Our annual arts Week starts on June 18th. During the week the children will experience a range of Arts activities. On **Tuesday 19th June** we have a performance in the morning of 'Lost and Found' by the Little Blue Monster company (formerly Blunderbus). If any 'Afternoon' children would like to attend with their parents, please let Nursery know. Children will participate in other arts activities, including music, art and drama over the week.



We are all looking forward to all the arts activities we will take part in.

- If your child attends 'afternoon nursery' and would like to watch the theatre performance on 19<sup>th</sup> June, they may be brought along at 9:15a.m. by parents/carers who will need to stay with them for the performance

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### Sponsored Bounce Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June

Due to an unfortunate mistake on behalf of the Bouncy Castle hire company, we were unable to run our sponsored bounce on the arranged day. We now have a new date for the event of 20<sup>th</sup> June.



- Please join us for our tombola and bring your sponsor form into Nursery on sponsored Bounce day Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June

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### MAST support appointments/Parent support Coffee Morning in Emmanuel Academy 20<sup>th</sup> June, 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> July

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 **20<sup>th</sup> June 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 20<sup>th</sup> June.

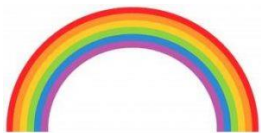


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### Family Picnic and Rainbow Raffle 4p.m. Tuesday 10th July

Our next Family picnic is on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July. The picnic will be held on the field adjacent to Emmanuel School. The event will run from 4:00p.m. to 6p.m. but families are welcome to bring their picnics and go straight onto the field after school if they wish. At the event we plan to have face painting, inflatables, a cake stall and sports activities.



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

- Please donate items in your 'class colour' for our Rainbow Raffle
  - Nursery Orange
- Please buy raffle tickets for our Rainbow Raffle
- Please join us for our Family picnic at 4pm on 10<sup>th</sup> July

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### Nursery Parent Individual Consultations Friday 13th July

Our Nursery consultation day will be on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July. The first appointment is at 8a.m. and the last at 3p.m. A sign-up list will be in Nursery from next week. This is an opportunity for you to discuss how your child is doing in Nursery and how you can support them with their 'next steps'.



- Please arrange an appointment to see your child's Nursery Key Worker on 13<sup>th</sup> July
- Please note that Nursery is closed to children on 13<sup>th</sup> July

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### Last Day of Nursery 24th July

Children may bring a toy or game to school for the last day. Please ensure that it is not valuable and that it is clearly marked with their name. We are not able to take responsibility for any

**Get excited for  
NEW CLASSES!**

toys that get lost or damaged, as can happen, so please encourage your child to carefully consider what they bring in. Please do not let children bring in toy guns, swords or other weapon-like toys. Please also send a bag to take their things home

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## Items for information:

### School Gates

The top school gate and gate to Junior School will now be locked during the school day. Between 9:10a.m. and 2:55p.m. the Junior School may be accessed using their main playground gate and the Infant School through the small middle gate.

We did previously say that the gate linking Emmanuel and Waterthorpe would be open slightly earlier than 2:55p.m. but this is not possible due to P.E. activities in Emmanuel's playground.

Gate to Emmanuel from Waterthorpe will be open for access for families with children in both schools at the beginning and end of the school day only.

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### Family of Schools Philosophy for Children (P4C) Event 18th June

On Monday 18th June we will be taking 8 Y1 and Y2 children to Rothervalley for our Family of Schools P4C event. They will join other local schools to participate in P4C activities.



P4C is an approach to learning and teaching where children are taught how to create their own philosophical questions. They then choose one question that is the focus of a philosophical enquiry, or dialogue. For example the question might be 'is it ever ok to steal?'

The teacher, as facilitator, supports the children in their thinking, reasoning and questioning, as well as the way the children speak and listen to each other in the dialogue. After the enquiry the children and facilitator reflect on the quality of the thinking, reasoning and participation, and suggest how they could improve; either as individuals or as a group.

Children in Nursery are working on P4C activities and are introduced to these through 'Rainbow Talk'.

It is well documented that P4C has an impact on children's cognitive, social and emotional development. **P4C is about getting children to think and communicate well; to think better for themselves.**

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### Sparkle Awards Nomination

Sparkle Sheffield is a registered charity that helps families with autistic children. We are delighted to have been nominated by one or more of our families for a special award with them as "Sheffield's most inspirational Primary School". We really appreciate this opportunity and we are looking forward to the ceremony on 16<sup>th</sup> June



## New Classes for September

On 22nd June parents/carers will be informed of their child's class for September. A letter will be sent home with your child. Please look out for this.

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## School Council News

We have been very busy working on the problems with parking around school. Harry is making a sign for the residents who have requested a sign for their gardens, Fayth and Lillie have made posters asking people not to park on the zig zag lines or grass and Finley is making a poster to ask people not to park on the pavements. Lennie has written to the residents to keep them informed on our work. Some of the School Council have been Parking Monitors and have been out with Mrs Stokes.



We have also been concentrating on renewing our Fairtrade status so Lillie and Harry have written letters to our school kitchen and the people who supply our fruit at snack time to ask if they could begin to use Fairtrade products where possible.

During this next half term we will be looking to recruit new 'Whole School Monitors' as the current monitors will be moving to the Juniors in September. All children in Year One will have the opportunity to apply for any of these monitor jobs, although places are limited. The children chosen will be trained by the current monitors in the last 2 weeks of term.

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## Travel Plan Work

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Big Pedal. We saw lots of children come to school on bikes and scooters and many of these took part in our skills sessions. We are looking forward to teaching more children to ride their bikes in our next session with Paula. The 10 day Active Travel starts next week so please try and join in with this event.



We have been very pleased to see a reduction in congestion outside school at peak times. There is now room in the carpark and a greater number of families are walking to school. Please use our carpark, where possible, and avoid parking in residents' carparks at the rear of the houses on Thorpe Drive. The School Council children were pleased to give out lots of 'green' parking tickets for good parking recently. The 'red' tickets for parking on the pavement were graciously received by drivers and this helped to build the children's confidence as they were a bit nervous about speaking to drivers at first.

With the new posts installed, the entrance to the school drive and carpark is now clear of parked cars and this should improve pupil safety. The new Junior entrance and work on zigzag line awareness has greatly reduced the number of people stopping on the lines to drop off children in the mornings. This means it is now much safer to cross the road.

**Please be careful on the school drive as children walk down it and this is an access road for delivery and staff vehicles.**

Please note that the gate between the two schools is now only open for a short time around school start and end times; this will allow parents with children in both schools to pass between the playgrounds. The top gate will be locked just after 9a.m. We are bound to have some people who are not happy with the actions we are taking but, in the main our school community has been very supportive. Thank you for this.

As a result of all the hard work on our Travel Plan, we have now achieved the Modeshift Gold Award. We are one of the first schools in Sheffield to receive this.

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### **Sports Update**

In April, Mrs Taylor's and Mrs Appleby's class went to the English Institute of Sport (EIS) to take part in the Network Games Festival. The children loved the festival where they got to compete against other schools and go on a parade with our school flag around the EIS.



This half term the Y2 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.

Mr Dungworth has been working on athletics and games activities with children in all year groups this term. Red Base children have been particularly excited to work on activities with him.

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### **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:**

- Rainbow raffle Tickets

If you have not received a letter about any events mentioned in this newsletter, please call at the school office to collect one.

**Diary Dates**

June	11 <sup>th</sup>	10 Day Active Travel starts today
	13 <sup>th</sup>	MAST drop-in session
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Family of Schools P4C Celebration Day
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Arts Week begins
	19 <sup>th</sup>	Theatre Group performance for children 9:15a.m.
	20 <sup>th</sup>	MAST drop-in session 9a.m to 10a.m.
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery Sponsored Bounce (rearranged event)
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Parents informed of new classes for September
July	4 <sup>th</sup>	MAST drop-in session 9a.m to 10a.m.
	10 <sup>th</sup>	Family Picnic 4p.m. to 6p.m.
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery Consultation Day ~ Nursery closed to children
	18 <sup>th</sup>	MAST drop-in session 9a.m to 10a.m.
	24 <sup>th</sup>	Break up for Summer at end of today

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

## Family Picnic 10<sup>th</sup> July



At the Family picnic we having a **RAINBOW RAFFLE**.

We would like each child to bring a donation for the **RAINBOW RAFFLE**, the class who bring the most prizes will win a summer treat.

Donations can be anything big or small as long as they are the correct colour for your class! Sweets, nail varnish, candles, toys, socks, toiletries.....absolutely anything, the more creative the better!

Miss Wilson's Class - **Green**

Mrs Marriott's Class - **Yellow**

Mrs Taylor's & Appleby's Class - **Blue**

Miss Brook's Class - **purple**

Mrs Moffatt

Miss Baggaley } **Red**

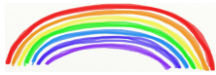
Nursery - **Orange**

The winners will get a **whole** box!

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Tickets are overleaf. Each ticket costs £1. Please fill in your tickets and return to the office in an envelope with £1 per ticket. Thank you.

Further ticket sheets are available from the office.

**Waterthorpe NI School  
Rainbow Raffle Ticket £1**



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Telephone:

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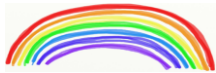
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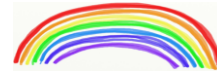
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