

## Waterthorpe NI School End of Year Information

Dear parents, carers and families

We are nearly at the end of our 2017/2018 academic year and the children are preparing for their move into new classes and schools. As always, we are sad to see our Year 2 children preparing to leave us, along with those other children who are moving onto new schools. We would like to wish them all the best in their new schools. We break up on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July and return to school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September. We are looking forward to welcoming all our new children into school and Nursery.

Our weekly Parent update will continue to be sent out by email and put on the classroom doors each Friday. We hope that you find this useful. Please let us know if you do not receive emails. The activities happening in school are updated each week on our website:

<http://www.waterthorpeinfantschool.co.uk/news-update/>

### sQuid/payments from September

From September we will not be taking cash in school (except for charity or fundraising events) and all payments must be made online using your sQuid account.

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

### Payments owed

We have a number of payments outstanding, for breakfast club in particular. The payments we receive enable us to run this childcare provision for parents. This is something that we cannot subsidise from the school budget, which is for educational purposes. We know parents value this service and would hate to put it in jeopardy. We would particularly request that parents of children moving to the Juniors, pay any outstanding amounts before the summer holidays. Thank you.

### Pantomime ~ Dick Whittington 5<sup>th</sup> December

On 5<sup>th</sup> December we are planning to take all our children from Red, Blue, Yellow and Green Bases, to the pantomime in Rotherham to see Dick Whittington. The cost of this trip is £14 for the coach and pantomime ticket. A letter about this will be sent home in September. If you would like to start paying in installments, you can do so on sQuid from today. Please can all payments be made by 25<sup>th</sup> October.



### Milk Payments for Autumn term £13.50

If your child is in Blue, Yellow or Green Base in September, they will need to pay £13.50 if they wish to have milk each day. Please pay through your sQuid account. We will compile a list of children who have paid to enable them to receive milk in class in September.

Children who are in receipt of **income based** Free School Meals or who have been in receipt of income based FSM since starting school will be entitled to free milk. Children also receive free milk until their fifth birthday. If your child is 5 in the autumn term there will be an amount on sQuid that you will need to pay if you wish them to continue having milk up until Christmas.

### Reading Book and Taking things home

To allow us time to audit and check reading books we need them all to be handed into school this week please. Children will also be bringing home their work books and anything from their drawers and will need to bring a carrier bag to school to carry things home in.

- Please ensure that all reading books are returned to school by Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July
- Please send a carrier bag to school with your child on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July so that they can empty their drawers and bring their work home.

### Y2 Fancy Dress party 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1p.m.

On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July our Y2 children are having a fancy dress party to celebrate their time at Waterthorpe. The party will start at 1p.m. but children may wear their party clothes to school in the morning. We ask parents to provide some party food (enough cakes, crisps or other savouries for 4 children). Helpers are welcome from 1:15p.m. to help set up the hall for the party meal and to stay and help when the children come into the hall from their classes at around 2p.m.



- Please help your Y2 child choose a fancy-dress costume for our party on 23<sup>rd</sup> July
- Please let the classteacher know if you would like to volunteer to help at the party and please send some party food to share on the day

### Last Day of School Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 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 guns, swords or other weapon-like toys. Please also send a bag to take their things home in.

**Get excited for  
NEW CLASSES !**

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### Summer Holiday Library Reading Challenge

Sheffield Libraries are running their Reading Challenge over the holidays with a theme of 'Mischief Makers'. To join the challenge children will need to register at their local library (Crystal Peaks) where they will be given a collector folder to start them off. As they read over the summer they can collect stickers and explore the map of Beanotown to find clues. Following the challenge, we usually have certificates sent to school, to give to children who have completed it, in September/October.

THE READING AGENCY AND LIBRARIES PRESENT  
**MISCHIEF MAKERS**  
SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2018

- Please visit the library and register your child to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge. more information, Challenge go to: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

## Lost Property

Lost property will be put out in the yard, for you to look through. Anything left at the end of term will be placed in the clothing bin.



- Please check lost property at any time. (Ask at the office for directions to where it is.)

## Term Dates and Holidays

Term dates and holidays are attached for 2018~2019. These are also available on our website. Please check the diary list on each half-termly Newsletter to check if anything has changes (as sometimes we need to make changes mid-year).

## Diary Dates 2018 ~ 2019

### **September**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> INSET Day ~ Nursery and School closed to children  
4<sup>th</sup> Children return to Nursery and school

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RED BASE dates and times for new children (Please note that these are slightly different for children who have attended full-day places (30hrs) and part-time (15hrs) in Nursery):

6 <sup>th</sup>	All new children in Red Base whilst parents attend meeting in hall (meeting starts at 9:30a.m. Please take children to Red Base first.)	
7 <sup>th</sup>	All Red Base new starters:	9am-12 noon
10 <sup>th</sup>	30 hour children	Full-time from today (9am - 3:10p.m.)
10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup>	15 hour children	9am-12 noon
12 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup>	15 hour children	9am-1:15p.m. (to include school lunch)
17 <sup>th</sup>	All children	9a.m. to 3:10p.m.

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- 14<sup>th</sup> Food Drive Friday: Please send in donations of tins, bottles and dried food or toiletries  
20<sup>th</sup> SEAL Family workshop New Beginnings theme 9:15a.m. to 10:15a.m. (KS1 only: Blue, Yellow and Green Bases only)  
27<sup>th</sup> Toys Family Workshop 9:15a.m. (Blue, Yellow and Green Base families)  
28<sup>th</sup> Y2 End of Key Stage 1 Expectations and Tests Parent's meeting (No Merit and Birthday assembly)  
28<sup>th</sup> Y2 Singing Festival 1:30p.m. St. Paul's Place, City Centre

### **October**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Green Base class assembly 9:15a.m.  
10<sup>th</sup> Traditional Tales Family workshop 9:15a.m. (Blue, Yellow and Green Base families)  
11<sup>th</sup> Individual photos ~ Family photos from 8:15a.m. in school hall  
11<sup>th</sup> 'Rock Steady Music' workshops for children in school (Please look out for letter about music lessons following the workshops)  
12<sup>th</sup> School Council reps at Westfield School to plan Rothervalley event  
15<sup>th</sup> 10 Day Active Challenge starts today

- 23<sup>rd</sup> Harvest Festival 9:15a.m.
- 25<sup>th</sup> Y1B ~ Miss Brooks' class Assembly 9:15a.m.
- 25<sup>th</sup> Halloween disco for children in school 3:15p.m. to 4:30p.m. (children may wear party clothes for school)
- 25<sup>th</sup> Break up for half term at end of today
- 26<sup>th</sup> INSET Day ~ School closed to children

## November

- 5<sup>th</sup> Return to school
- 6<sup>th</sup> Blue base trip to Weston Park Museum
- 7<sup>th</sup> Yellow and Green Base trip to Weston Park Museum
- 13<sup>th</sup> SEAL Family workshop ~ 9:15a.m. to 10:15a.m. *Getting on and Falling Out* theme (Red, Blue, Yellow and Green Bases)
- 14<sup>th</sup> Nasal Vaccination Day in school
- 15<sup>th</sup> Bike Skills workshops for children
- 15<sup>th</sup> Parent's Evening
- 16<sup>th</sup> Children in Need Charity day
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Y1 AT (Mrs Appleby and Mrs Taylor) Blue Base class assembly 9:15a.m.
- 29<sup>th</sup> Y2M Yellow Base class assembly 9:15a.m.

## December

- 5<sup>th</sup> Pantomime ~ Dick Whittington
- 12<sup>th</sup> Christmas Dinner day (to be confirmed)
- 13<sup>th</sup> Red Base Christmas Assembly 10a.m. in hall (doors open at 9:45am)
- 13<sup>th</sup> 6p.m. Carol Singing at Crystal Peaks
- 18<sup>th</sup> No After-School Clubs this week (Does not include Kid's Club)
- 18<sup>th</sup> Blue, Yellow & Green Base Nativity 2p.m. in church (doors open 1:45p.m.)
- 19<sup>th</sup> Blue, Yellow & Green Base Nativity 10a.m. in church (doors open 9:45a.m.)
- 20<sup>th</sup> Party Day (children may wear party clothes to school)
- 20<sup>th</sup> Christmas draw day
- 21<sup>st</sup> Nursery Nativity in church 9:30a.m.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Break up for Christmas at end of today

## January

- 7<sup>th</sup> Return to school
- 11<sup>th</sup> Food Drive Friday: Please send in donations of tins, bottles and dried food or toiletries
- 14<sup>th</sup> After-school clubs start today
- 18<sup>th</sup> SEAL Family workshop ~ 9:15a.m. to 10:15a.m. *Going for Goals* theme  
No Merit and Birthday Assembly
- 23<sup>rd</sup> 'Minibeast' Family Workshop 3:15p.m.
- 31<sup>st</sup> Y2W Green Base class assembly 9:15a.m.

## February

- 5<sup>th</sup> Online Safety Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> Y1 Phonics Family workshop 8:50a.m.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Y1B Blue Base class assembly 9:15a.m.

- 12<sup>th</sup> Blue, Yellow and Green Base trip to Butterfly Farm
- 14<sup>th</sup> Scooter Skills Day
- 14<sup>th</sup> Valentine Disco for children in school 3:15p.m. to 4:30p.m.  
(children may wear party clothes for school)
- 14<sup>th</sup> Break up for half term at end of today
- 15<sup>th</sup> INSET Day ~ School closed to children
- 25<sup>th</sup> Return to school

### **March**

- 6<sup>th</sup> Cake Sale at Crystal Peaks
- 6<sup>th</sup> SEAL Family Workshop 2p.m. to 3:10p.m. Good to Be Me theme
- 7<sup>th</sup> World Book Day: Dress-up
- 12<sup>th</sup> 'Easter Fun' Family Workshop 9:15a.m.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Y2M Yellow Base class assembly 9:15a.m.
- 15<sup>th</sup> Comic Relief Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> Red Base class assembly 9:15a.m.
- 25<sup>th</sup> No After-School Clubs this week (Does not include Kid's Club)
- 26<sup>th</sup> Easter Garden assembly 9:15a.m. to 10a.m.
- 27<sup>th</sup> Easter Bonnet Competition and Easter Draw (children only)
- 27<sup>th</sup> Individual Reports to parents out today
- 28<sup>th</sup> Parent's Evening 3:15p.m. to 7:15p.m.
- 28<sup>th</sup> Break up for Easter at the end of today
- 29<sup>th</sup> INSET Day ~ School closed to children

### **April**

- 15<sup>th</sup> Return to school: No After-School Clubs this week (Does not include Kid's Club)
- 19<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday ~ School closed
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Bank Holiday ~ School closed
- 23<sup>rd</sup> After-school clubs start today
- 26<sup>th</sup> Food Drive Friday: Please send in donations of tins, bottles and dried food or toiletries
- 30<sup>th</sup> Seaside Family Workshop 9:15a.m.

### **May**

- 6<sup>th</sup> Bank holiday ~ School closed
- 9<sup>th</sup> Learn to Ride Your Bike workshops for children
- 15<sup>th</sup> Seaside workshops for children
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Sponsored event
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Class photo day
- 24<sup>th</sup> Break up for Half term at end of today

### **June**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> INSET DAY School closed to children
- 4<sup>th</sup> Return to school
- 12<sup>th</sup> 'Dinosaur' Family Workshop 3:10p.m.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Bike Skills day

- 18<sup>th</sup> Transition assembly led by Mrs Newton-Wall for Y2 children
- 21<sup>st</sup> Parents informed of classes for next year
- 24<sup>th</sup> Dinosaur workshops for children
- 28<sup>th</sup> Sport Morning 9:30a.m. on field

## **July**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Blue Base class singing Assembly/performance 2:40p.m.
- 5<sup>th</sup> SEAL Family Workshop 9:15a.m. to 10:15a.m. Changes theme (No Merit Assembly)
- 9<sup>th</sup> Family picnic 4p.m. to 6p.m.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Red Base class assembly 9:15a.m.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Parent's Evening 3:15p.m. to 7:15p.m.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Nursery Consultation Day ~ Nursery closed to children
- 15<sup>th</sup> No After-School Clubs this week (Does not include Kid's Club)
- 16<sup>th</sup> Class swap day
- 18<sup>th</sup> Leaver's Assembly & Y2 Attendance and Awards 9:15a.m. to 10a.m.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Attendance and Awards (not Y2) Assembly & Birthdays (to include Y2 summer holidays birthdays)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Y2 Leavers Party Day (Fancy Dress)
- 24<sup>th</sup> Toy Day
- 24<sup>th</sup> Break up for Summer at end of today