



Nursery Newsletter

Autumn 1 2018

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year of 2018/2019. I hope everyone has had a lovely summer and enjoyed all the sunshine that the holiday brought us. The Autumn term is always a busy one with lots of exciting things happening as we move towards Christmas. The first few weeks are really important in settling the children into their new classes and teaching them the rules and routines that will help them to succeed throughout the year; please help your child by ensuring that they are in Nursery on time every day. From this term I will not be working on Wednesdays and Mrs Appleby will be acting as Headteacher in my absence. She will be available to offer any support you need on a Wednesday.

Our Newsletter will continue to be sent home half termly by email; it is important that you let us know if you are not receiving this, so we can check your email address with you. A weekly update will be emailed to families with diary events and important updates. This is also on the Nursery door and our website. Please visit our website at www.waterthorpeinfantschool.co.uk to find out about events in school. The 'News Update' tab is changed weekly.

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

Senior leadership team



Mrs Helen Stokes
Headteacher



Mrs Shelly Appleby
Key Stage 1 Leader &
Acting Headteacher
on Wednesdays



Miss Kerrie Bryce
Nursery Teacher



Mrs Caryn Moffatt
Foundation Stage
Leader



Mrs Michelle Taylor
Special Needs
Co-ordinator

This is the Nursery version of the Autumn 1 2018 Newsletter.

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
- Please ensure that children arrive on time each day
- Please contact school if your child is going to be absent or late
- Please return the slip at the end of this newsletter if you are interested in any of the volunteering opportunities offered
- 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 send any food bank items on Friday 14th September (Food Bank 'shopping list', sent out with this newsletter)
- Please call and speak to Mrs Stokes if you are in need of a food parcel or, if you wish you can self-refer by going to the S20 Information Station on a Monday between 1p.m. and 3p.m.
- Please bring any brothers or sisters, who are not in our Nursery, to the hall at 8:15a.m. on the 11th October if you want a family group photo
- Please fill in the slip to let us know if you would like your child to be photographed with a sister or brother in Emmanuel or Waterthorpe School on 11th October
- Please support your child in taking part in the 10-day Active Challenge starting 15th October

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

Items for action

Payments

We are now operating a cash free payment system and all payments must be made through our online payment system, sQuid.

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.

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Please download the sQuid App on your mobile device



Income based Free School Meals (FSM)

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.

Nursery children have to pay for school meals, unless eligible for Income based Free meals. Infant School children get free meals currently but will have to pay for them when they move to the Juniors, so it is well worth applying now as they will get them until 2022 without you needing to do anything else (even if you are no longer eligible). Children getting income-based FSM also continue to get free milk once they are 5 years old.

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

Attendance

Good attendance is very important in ensuring children have the best chance of a good education. Where attendance is below 90% the government class this as 'persistent absence' and parents may be liable for fines once children are 5 years old. Arriving at Nursery on time is just as important, as children miss valuable learning and often feel anxious when they arrive late to Nursery.



Our Nursery sessions start at 8:30a.m. and 12:30p.m. If children arrive late for these, parents/carers will be asked to go to the main office and wait with your child in the until 9a.m./1p.m. when they will be taken into Nursery by a member of staff. This is to avoid the disruption to children whilst the initial group teaching session is in progress.

Please ensure that children arrive on time each day
Please contact school if your child is going to be absent or late

Volunteers required



We have lots of opportunities for parents and other adults who would like to volunteer. Many of our previous volunteers have gone onto Child-Care training or employment and some are now employed by us. Our volunteers enable us to provide a much richer curriculum for the children and all our children really love to see other adults in school. All volunteers will have a criminal records check completed.

If you would like to volunteer, we are particularly in need of the following:

- Reading Volunteers: Reading with a couple of children individually once or twice a week
- Kerb Craft Volunteers: Helping to teach children about road safety. These sessions are held on local streets with Y2 children on Friday afternoons between 1:10p.m. and 1:40p.m.

A training session is held each term for volunteers. We desperately need volunteers!

- Gardening: Volunteers wanted to work with small groups of children on basic gardening or to just tidy up our garden areas
- Cooking: Volunteers welcome to help with our healthy cooking club on Friday afternoons.
- General volunteers to help around school, in classrooms or the office on a regular basis.

Please return the slip at the end of this newsletter if you are interested in any of the volunteering opportunities offered

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

MAST support appointments/Parent support Coffee Morning in Emmanuel Academy 19th September and 3rd/17th October

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 **19th September 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 won't go to sleep at night. The next event is on 12th September.



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

Food Drive Friday 14th September

Our next Food collection for the S20 food bank is on Friday 14th September. The S20 Information Station (in the old Westfield TARA building) offers a relaxed environment and it is open on Mondays 1pm to 3pm. They also have a housing officer and Citizen's Advice Worker on hand to offer support. We are able to refer any families who need to use the Foodbank. Children are asked to bring food gifts into Nursery where they will be collected ready to send to the Food Bank



Please send any food bank items on Friday 14th September (Food Bank 'shopping list', sent out with this newsletter)

Please call and speak to Mrs Stokes if you are in need of a food parcel or, if you wish you can self-refer by going to the S20 Information Station on a Monday between 1p.m. and 3p.m.

Individual Photos 11th October

Individual and family group photos will be taken on 11th October. If you would like a photo taken with younger/older brothers & sisters, please arrive in the Infant school hall between 8:15 a.m. and 8:30a.m.

SAY CHEESE!



If you would like your child to be photographed with their brother/sister in Waterthorpe or Emmanuel, and are not able to come before Nursery, please complete the slip at the end of the newsletter so that we can arrange this. Thank you.

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

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

Please bring any brothers or sisters, who are not in our Nursery, to the hall at 8:15a.m. on the 11th October if you want a family group photo

Please fill in the slip to let us know if you would like your child to be photographed with a sister or brother in Emmanuel or Waterthorpe School on 11th October

Items for information:

Twitter

We have a school Twitter account. Photos and videos of activities are regularly tweeted. Our 'Twitter handle' is @waterthorpeNI



If you don't currently have a Twitter Account, you can sign up to one on your phone or tablet through the App store or by visiting Twitter.com. Just follow us to get live feed as photos are added. The Twitter Feed is also on our website so please visit us to see the latest news and photos.

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

Sports Update

This year our sports coach will be coming into school to work with our full-day Nursery children on Wednesdays.



On- going Information for newsletter

There is some information that we are regularly asked for, e.g. the number for playgroup, and this is 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 (Ctrl + Click to follow link):

Newsletter Extras:

- [Assemblies](#)
- [Attendance](#)
- [Book Bags](#)
- [Breakfast Club](#)
- [Children's University](#)
- [Easimaths](#)
- [Food Bank](#)
- [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:

- [Volunteer form](#)
- [Sibling Photo request](#)

Diary Dates 2018 ~ 2019

September

- 3rd INSET Day ~ Nursery closed to children
- 4th Children return to Nursery
- 14th Food Drive Friday: Please send in donations of tins, bottles and dried food or toiletries
- 19th MAST drop-in

October

- 3rd MAST drop-in
- 11th Individual photos ~ Family photos from 8:15a.m. in school hall
- 15th 10 Day Active Challenge starts today
- 17th MAST drop-in
- 25th Break up for half term at end of today
- 26th INSET Day ~ Nursery closed to children

November

- 5th Return to Nursery
- 14th Nasal Vaccination Day in school
- 16th Children in Need Charity day

December

- 12th Christmas Dinner day (to be confirmed)
- 13th 6p.m. Carol Singing at Crystal Peaks
- 20th Party Day
- 20th Christmas draw day
- 21st Nursery Nativity in church 9:30a.m.
- 21st Break up for Christmas at end of today

January

- 7th Return to Nursery
- 11th Food Drive Friday: Please send in donations of tins, bottles and dried food or toiletries

February

- 5th Online Safety Day
- 14th Break up for half term at end of today
- 15th INSET Day ~ Nursery closed to children
- 25th Return to Nursery

March

- 6th Cake Sale at Crystal Peaks
- 7th World Book Day: Dress-up

- 12th 'Easter Fun' Family Workshop 9:15a.m.
- 15th Comic Relief Day
- 27th Easter Bonnet Competition and Easter Draw (children only)
- 28th Break up for Easter at the end of today
- 29th INSET Day ~ Nursery closed to children

April

- 15th Return to Nursery
- 19th Bank Holiday ~ Nursery closed
- 22nd Bank Holiday ~ Nursery closed
- 26th Food Drive Friday: Please send in donations of tins, bottles and dried food or toiletries

May

- 6th Bank holiday ~ Nursery closed
- 22nd Sponsored event
- 23rd Class photo day
- 24th Break up for Half term at end of today

June

- 3rd INSET DAY Nursery closed to children
- 4th Return to Nursery
- 21st Parents informed of classes for next year

July

- 9th Family picnic 4p.m. to 6p.m.
- 12th Nursery Consultation Day ~ Nursery closed to children
- 16th Class swap day
- 24th Break up for Summer at end of today

Please let us have any comments or feedback about any items in our newsletter (Please include your name and child's name if you would like a response):

Volunteers 2018/2019

If you are interested in volunteering please complete the form below and someone will get in touch with you. A criminal convictions check will need to be completed.

Child's name and class:.....

Adult's Name:.....

Contact email:.....

Telephone:.....

Please tick the areas in which you would be interested in volunteering:

Reading Volunteers

Boys Book club volunteers

Kerb Craft Volunteers (Friday afternoons)

Gardening Cooking
General volunteering

Administrative tasks
(not working with children)

Please let us know which days you are available and how often you could come into school:

We will ensure that all data collected is processed in line with our Privacy Notice and other relevant policies.

Sibling Photos

If you would like you child's photo to be taken with their sibling/s who are in Emmanuel please complete names and classes of children. If you would also like an individual Photo please state:

<p><u>Children's Names and classes</u></p> <p>Waterthorpe:</p> <p>Emmanuel:</p> <p>I would also like an individual photo of my child. <input type="checkbox"/> (Please tick.)</p>

Signed (parent/carer):.....

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