



School 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 school 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 classroom doors 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 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 &
Acting Headteacher
on Wednesdays



Mrs Michelle Taylor
Special Needs
Co-ordinator

This is the School version of the Autumn 1 2018 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:

- 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 pay £5 for Friday ice-pops, or raisins, on your sQuid account
- 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 pay £13.50 on sQuid, if you would like your child to have milk in school
- Please pay £14 via sQuid for the Pantomime trip, and return form by 25th October
- Please ensure that children arrive on time each day
- Please contact school if your child is going to be absent or late
- Please try to say goodbye to children at the classroom door and let them come into school independently
- Please return the slip at the end of this newsletter if you are interested in any of the volunteering opportunities offered
- Please ensure that all children in school have a PE kit and pumps that they keep on their peg in the cloakroom
- Please remove earrings on PE days (or teach your child how to do it)
- 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 return the form and join us for the SEAL Family Workshop on 20th September at 9:15a.m. in the school hall
- Y2 parents/families should attend the meeting, at 9a.m. on 28th September, to learn how to support your child in Year 2
- Please join us at 1:30p.m. in St.Paul's Place to watch our Y2 children in the Singing Festival
- If you would like to volunteer to help with the Singing Festival trip, please speak to your child's class teacher
- Please join us for our Year Group Assemblies/Performances on the following dates:
 - Green Base Thursday 4th October 9:15a.m.
 - Blue Base (Miss Brooks) Thursday 25th October 9:15a.m.
 - Blue Base (Mrs Taylor/Mrs Appleby) Thursday 22nd November
 - Yellow Base Thursday 29th November 9:15a.m.
 - Red Base Thursday 13th December 10a.m.
- Please return the attached slip to let us know that you will be attending the Traditional Tales workshop on Wednesday 10th October
- Please bring any brothers or sisters, who are not in our school, to the hall at 8:15a.m. on the 11th October to be photographed with your child in school

- 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 on 11th October
- Look out for the Rock Steady Music letter on 11th October
- Please support your child in taking part in the 10-day Active Challenge starting 15th October
- Please send a donation for our Harvest Festival on 23rd October
- If you would like your child to go to the Halloween disco on 25th October Please complete the slip at the end of the Newsletter, return this to the school office and make the £3.50 payment online through sQuid
- If your child is in Blue, Yellow or Green Base and does not yet have a place in an After-school club, please return the form attached as soon as possible

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.



- 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

Reward Playtime Ice-pops/Raisins on Fridays

On Friday children are able to buy an ice-pop or raisins at our reward playtime in the afternoon. (The only exception is where a child has had to have missed playtime sanction during the week.)

Rather than ask children to bring their money for ice-pops every Friday our School Council have requested that everyone pays an annual fee of £5 on sQuid. Teachers will be given a list of who has paid so they know who to give ice-pop tokens to. The School Council use the funds raised for playtime toys and other resources for everyone to use.

Please pay £5 for Friday ice-pops, or raisins, on your sQuid account

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.



All children do get free meals in the Infant School 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 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

Milk

For all children in the Infants aged 5 years and over: The cost of milk for the autumn term is £13.50. This must be paid by sQuid. All children who would like milk will have received it in the first week of term to allow parents the opportunity to pay. If your child is 5 during the autumn term, the amount to pay on your sQuid account will be based on the number of weeks remaining in the term.



Please pay £13.50 on sQuid, if you would like your child to have milk in school

Pantomime Dick Whittington Wednesday 5th December This is a trip for school only (not nursery).

On Wednesday 5th December we will be visiting Rotherham Civic Theatre to watch the pantomime: Dick Whittington. All the children and staff in school will be going on this trip.



The cost of this trip is £14 per child. Payments must be made online using your sQuid account. Payment may be made in full or in instalments. Please pay the full amount by 25th October.

Please pay £14 via sQuid for the Pantomime trip, and return form by 25th October

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. Arriving at school on time is just as important, as children miss valuable learning and often feel anxious when they arrive late to school.



We will continue to monitor attendance and punctuality each week and will contact families if we have a concern that attendance may drop below 90% or, if children do not arrive in school on time.

Please ensure that children arrive on time each day

Please contact school if your child is going to be absent or late

Settling children into class in the mornings

After the first week in their new classes we hope that the children will be able to say goodbye to their parents at the door and come into class on their own. We are working on independence skills this term and our first target with the children is for them to come into school on their own. The cloakrooms and classrooms, particularly in Blue Base, get very congested in the mornings and it is much calmer for the children if they are not crowded by adults around them. We understand that you may wish to pass on some information to the teacher so please feel free to do this or catch them at the end of the day when they are not so busy.



Please try to say goodbye to children at the classroom door and let them come into school independently

Volunteers required



We have lots of opportunities for parents and other adults who would like to volunteer in school. 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

PE kit/pumps/ pierced ears

All children in school must bring a pair of pumps or 'non-scuff sole' trainers and a PE kit (shorts/t-shirt or leotard) for PE. Children will not be able to do PE if they do not have suitable kit and footwear. Please can children leave their PE kits in school and just take them home occasionally for a wash (half-termly perhaps). Children may do physical activity, where kits are required, at any point during the week.

Children with long hair must have it tied up for PE. Children must remove earrings for PE and we are not allowed to do this for them or to tape ears. On your child's PE days please remove earrings, unless your child is able to do it themselves before the lesson starts. As we have many different activities going on throughout the term/week it would be really helpful for children to learn to remove their own earrings. Children are only permitted to wear stud earrings in school. No other jewellery is permitted.

Our main PE day is Tuesday for Blue, Yellow and Green Bases, and Wednesday for Red Base

Please ensure that all children in school have a PE kit and pumps that they keep on their peg in the cloakroom

Please remove earrings on PE days (or teach your child how to do it)

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 Merit assembly 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.

SEAL Family Workshop Thursday 20th September ~ 'New Beginnings' theme

Families are invited to the SEAL workshop at 9.15am - 10:15am in Waterthorpe Infant School hall. This workshop is for parents of children in Blue, Yellow and Green bases.



During this workshop you will be able to take part in an activity with your child. This workshop shares ideas on how to support your child in the new school year.

Feedback from the 'New Beginnings' Workshop last year:

New beginnings

- > This was a lot of fun, thank you for taking the time to give us this opportunity to work as a family.
- > I love these workshops, fantastic opportunity to work with my children in school. It's lovely that younger children are allowed too.
- > Good to reinforce positive appraisal. Games and questions good idea.
- > As always, we had a very good time.
- > We really enjoyed it and it was nice to make and play the game with him.
- > Found the activity enjoyable and fun and nice bonding exercise.
- > She enjoyed the session and playing the games.
- > Great time to do educational activities with my child in school time.
- > Nice to spend time watching and joining in fun work with your child. Child found it better doing stuff during school time with mum!
- > It was lovely to join in the activities.
- > I enjoyed seeing my child mingle with other children he didn't know, as he finds this hard. We enjoyed making the board game together and then playing.
- > Brilliant workshop as always. I love doing theses with my boys.
- > It was nice to have some quiet time with the kids.

Please return the form and join us for the SEAL Family Workshop on 20th September at 9:15a.m. in the school hall

Year 2 End of Key Stage 1 Expectations and Tests Parent's meeting 9a.m. 28th September

This is an important meeting where teachers will explain the end of year expectations for children in Year 2 who will be assessed and take national tests at the end of the year. Please try to send a representative to the meeting. Parents often tell us on Parent's Evening that they didn't realise what children need to be able to do to pass the end of Key Stage 1 tests so this is an opportunity to find out early in the year. At this meeting you will find out what your child will be working on over the year and how you can help them. The meeting will last for approximately 30 minutes. We have arranged the meeting on this date to allow working parents, who would like to attend the Singing Festival in the afternoon, to book this one day off work.



Please note, there will be no Merit and Birthday assembly on this day.

Y2 parents/families should attend the meeting, at 9a.m. on 28th September, to learn how to support your child in Year 2

Year 2 Singing Festival Performance Friday 28th September 1:30p.m.

The children in Yellow and Green bases have been working with the Sheffield Music Hub to prepare for a performance with other schools on Friday 28th September. We would like to invite families to the performance at St. Paul's Place in the City Centre at 1:30p.m. We will be travelling into town by tram and would welcome parents to help supervise the children on the journey. Please note: If you join us in supervising children, no younger siblings will be able to accompany you.



Please join us at 1:30p.m. in St.Paul's Place to watch our Y2 children in the Singing Festival

If you would like to volunteer to help with the Singing Festival trip, please speak to your child's class teacher

Class Assemblies for parents and families



Each class holds a termly assembly for parents and families. These are in the school hall. They usually last about 20 minutes. At these assemblies, the children share some of the things that they have been learning in school.

Please join us for our Year Group Assemblies/Performances on the following dates:

- Green Base (Miss Wilson) Thursday 4th October 9:15a.m.
 - Blue Base (Miss Brooks) Thursday 25th October 9:15a.m.
 - Blue Base (Mrs Taylor/Mrs Appleby) Thursday 22nd November
 - Yellow Base (Mrs Marriott) Thursday 29th November 9:15a.m.
 - Red Base (Miss Baggaley and Mr Timewell/Mrs Moffatt) Thursday 13th December 10a.m.
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Traditional Tales Family Workshop 10th October 9:15a.m.



Our Key Stage 1 topic this term is about those stories we all know and love. Please join us for our 'Traditional Tales' Family Workshop on Wednesday 10th October at 9:15a.m. in the school hall. This workshop is for families of children in school (Blue, Yellow and Green bases). Your children will be brought to join the workshop with you. Younger, pre-school, sisters and brothers are welcome to come along and join in too.

At the workshop you will be able to take part in some fun activities around the topic theme of Traditional Tales. You will learn how to help your child with their English/Literacy work.

The workshop will last for approximately 1 hour.

Please return the attached slip to let us know that you will be attending the Traditional Tales workshop on Wednesday 10th October

Individual School photos 11th October

SAY CHEESE!



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.

If you would like your child to be photographed with their brother/sister in Waterthorpe or Emmanuel, and are not able to come before school, 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 school, to the hall at 8:15a.m. on the 11th October to be photographed with your child in school

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 on 11th October

Rock Steady Music Workshops and Music lessons 11th October

On 11th October 'Rock Steady Music' will be running workshops with children in school. In the summer term we had a performance by the Rock Steady team and the children loved it, so we have arranged for them to return and run workshops.



Rock Steady Music provide peripatetic music lessons with a difference for children in schools. Children get the opportunity to learn musical instruments and to play in a band. All instruments and tuition are provided and children who sign up for lessons will take part in a performance at the end of each term. More information about these music lessons, including the cost, will be sent home after the workshops. Lessons will start the following week. For more information please go to: <https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/>

Look out for the Rock Steady Music letter on 11th October

Travel Plan Work: Scootfit Day on 24th September and 10-Day Active Challenge starting on 15th October

Scoot FIT

In the summer term we were successful in being the second school in South Yorkshire to be awarded the Modeshift Gold award. We were rewarded for our hard work by being given a 'Scootfit' day free of charge. We are very excited as this will be a fantastic day of scooter activities on 24th September. On the day, the Scootfit team will bring scooters, ramps and all the equipment needed for the children to have fun scooting to music.

This half term we are taking part in the 10-day Active Challenge. We hope that as many children as possible can join us in walking, scooting and cycling to school during the event. Children record their journeys daily in the classroom and work towards a certificate and prize at the end of the event.

Please support your child in taking part in the 10-day Active Challenge starting 15th October

Harvest Festival 23rd October 9:15a.m.

Our Harvest Festival is a time when the children take part in a traditional celebration. We ask everyone to bring in an item of food that is then donated to the S20 Foodbank, giving help to local people. Or harvest theme this year is 'Apples'. Food gifts may be on this theme or can be any other dried or tinned food item. Bottles or packets of baby food are welcome as many of the Food bank customers have very young children.



Parents and families are welcome to join us for the assembly. We ask that visitors are respectful of the need to be quiet in assemblies to set a good example to the children and to ensure that children can be heard when they come to the front to present their work. Thank you.

Please send a donation for our Harvest Festival on 23rd October

Halloween Disco 25th October 3:15p.m. to 4:30p.m.

On Thursday 25th October we are holding a Halloween Disco for the children. The price of this is £3.50 per child, payable online through your sQuid account. The ticket price includes drinks and crisps. Once you have paid, your child will be added to the classteacher's disco list. (Please note we will not be giving out tickets.)



All the children going to the disco will stay in their classes at the end of the day and be taken into the hall by their teacher. The teachers will take the children back to their base, at the end of the disco, for parents/carers to collect. On the day of the disco children may come to school in their party clothes. (This will be easier for them rather than getting changed at the end of the day.)

If you would like your child to go to the Halloween disco on 25th October Please complete the slip at the end of the Newsletter, return this to the school office and make the £3.50 payment online through sQuid. (If you need help accessing your account, please speak to the school office.)

Items for information:

After-school Clubs

After school clubs start of 10th September. Many children have signed up for clubs but we still have some places available (letter is attached). Clubs in the Autumn are for children in Blue, Yellow and Green bases.



We ask for £1.25 per week for each of the clubs (excluding karate). There has been an increase to help support rising costs. We ask that all clubs are paid for by the beginning of the Autumn term. Due to the costs of administration, we will no longer be able to give refunds when children do not attend clubs or change their minds about going to a club. For this reason, it is really important that you are sure your child does want to attend a club before you request a place.

If your child is in Blue, Yellow or Green Base and does not yet have a place in an After-school club, please return the form attached as soon as possible

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/>

Waterthorpe Behaviour Plan

Our Behaviour Plan and rules are attached. We hope that this helps you understand how we promote good behaviour in school.



Please help your child by looking at the playground rules with them and making sure they keep to them before and after school in the playground. Thank you.

School Council News

Our Fairtrade cake sale in the summer term raised £20 which has been sent to 'Fairtrade'. Thank you to everyone who supported this event.

We have spent some of our School Council funds, raised through the sale of icepops and raisins on Fridays, on a 'Worry Monster' for each class. The 'Worry Monsters' enable the children to share their worries whilst at the same time alerting staff that they have a worry which can then be dealt with.



As last year's Y2 School Council members have moved to the Junior school, we will be recruiting new representatives. All the children in Key Stage One will be given the opportunity to stand for election. Their class peers will then vote for one girl and one boy from each class. The successful candidates will then attend regular meetings and take on responsibilities for our ECO and Fairtrade work, along with other School Council duties. They will also attend the School Council conference at Rothervalley in October.

Sports Update

This term Mr Dungworth will be coming into school to teach 'Games' to children in Key Stage 1. Each class will do 2 hours of P.E. per week. The children in Y2 will also be learning playtime games so that they can lead games for other children in the playground at playtimes. The children in Y1 will also be doing 'BBC Dance' where they listen to a CD and imagine they are in other places, moving in different ways in response to the music styles. All children will take part in 10 minutes of additional dance each morning.



We will also have a sports coach working with children in Red Base on Wednesdays. Last year we only did this in the summer term and we found that it was so successful that we wanted to extend this throughout the year. Red Base children will therefore require a PE kit of shorts, t-shirt and pumps.

Throughout the year there will be many Sports Festivals, usually held at either Westfield school or the English Institute of Sport. All classes in KS1 will take part in one of the festivals.

Attendance

Each half term we enter the names of children, who have had 95% or above attendance, into our prize draw. Our winners for the Summer 2 half term attendance draw were Lili Tiffenbacher and Freya Ringrose. These children both received £20 vouchers courtesy of Hays Supply Agency who provide many of our absence cover staff.



Winners of our Sponsored Bounce Fundraising

Earlier in the year we held our annual sponsored bounce. The money raised from this is helping to pay for Ipads for the children to use. Fundraising this year will continue to support this project. At the

end of last term we presented prizes to the highest fundraisers in each class. In school, these were Matthew Silvester, Fayth Bellamy, Blake Gregory, Ruari Woodhead, Mason Hall and Lennie Walters. Thank you to everyone for your valuable on-going support.

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:

- SEAL Family Workshop
- Autumn 2018 After-School Clubs
- Y2 Expectations and Tests Family Workshop

- Traditional Tales Family Workshop
- Halloween Disco
- Pantomime
- Volunteer form
- Behaviour Plan

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 2018 ~ 2019

September

3rd INSET Day ~ Nursery and School closed to children

4th Children return to Nursery and school

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 th	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 th	All Red Base new starters:	9am-12 noon
10 th	30-hour children	Full-time from today (9am - 3:10p.m.)
10 th & 11 th	15-hour children	9am-12 noon
12 th to 14 th	15-hour children	9am-1:15p.m. (to include school lunch)
17 th	All children	9a.m. to 3:10p.m.

14th Food Drive Friday: Please send in donations of tins, bottles and dried food or toiletries

19th MAST drop-in

20th SEAL Family workshop ~ New Beginnings theme 9:15a.m. to 10:15a.m. (KS1 only: Blue, Yellow and Green Bases only)

24th Scootfit Day

28th Y2 End of Key Stage 1 Expectations and Tests Parent's meeting
(No Merit and Birthday assembly)

28th Y2 Singing Festival 1:30p.m. St. Paul's Place, City Centre

October

3rd MAST drop-in

4th Green Base class assembly 9:15a.m.

10th Traditional Tales Family workshop 9:15a.m. (Blue, Yellow and Green Base families)

11th Individual photos ~ Family photos from 8:15a.m. in school hall

11th 'Rock Steady Music' workshops for children in school (Please look out for letter about music lessons following the workshops)

12th School Council reps at Westfield School to plan Rothervalley event

- 15th 10 Day Active Challenge starts today
- 17th MAST drop-in
- 19th School Council Trip to Rothervalley
- 23rd Harvest Festival 9:15a.m.
- 25th Y1B ~ Miss Brooks' class Assembly 9:15a.m.
- 25th Halloween disco for children in school 3:15p.m. to 4:30p.m. (children may wear party clothes for school)
- 25th Break up for half term at end of today
- 26th INSET Day ~ School closed to children

November

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

December

- 5th Pantomime ~ Dick Whittington
- 12th Christmas Dinner day (to be confirmed)
- 13th Red Base Christmas Assembly 10a.m. in hall (doors open at 9:45am)
- 13th 6p.m. Carol Singing at Crystal Peaks
- 18th No After-School Clubs this week (Does not include Kid's Club)
- 18th Blue, Yellow & Green Base Nativity 2p.m. in church (doors open 1:45p.m.)
- 19th Blue, Yellow & Green Base Nativity 10a.m. in church (doors open 9:45a.m.)
- 20th Party Day (children may wear party clothes to school)
- 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 school
- 11th Food Drive Friday: Please send in donations of tins, bottles and dried food or toiletries
- 14th After-school clubs start today
- 18th SEAL Family workshop ~ 9:15a.m. to 10:15a.m. *Going for Goals* theme
No Merit and Birthday Assembly
- 23rd 'Minibeast' Family Workshop 3:15p.m.

31st Y2W Green Base class assembly 9:15a.m.

February

5th Online Safety Day

5th Y1 Phonics Family workshop 8:50a.m.

7th Y1B Blue Base class assembly 9:15a.m.

12th Blue, Yellow and Green Base trip to Butterfly Farm

14th Scooter Skills Day

14th Valentine Disco for children in school 3:15p.m. to 4:30p.m.
(children may wear party clothes for school)

14th Break up for half term at end of today

15th INSET Day ~ School closed to children

25th Return to school

March

6th Cake Sale at Crystal Peaks

6th SEAL Family Workshop 2p.m. to 3:10p.m. Good to Be Me theme

7th World Book Day: Dress-up

12th 'Easter Fun' Family Workshop 9:15a.m.

14th Y2M Yellow Base class assembly 9:15a.m.

15th Comic Relief Day

21st Red Base class assembly 9:15a.m.

25th No After-School Clubs this week (Does not include Kid's Club)

26th Easter Garden assembly 9:15a.m. to 10a.m.

27th Easter Bonnet Competition and Easter Draw (children only)

27th Individual Reports to parents out today

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

April

15th Return to school: No After-School Clubs this week (Does not include Kid's Club)

19th Bank Holiday ~ School closed

22nd Bank Holiday ~ School closed

23rd After-school clubs start today

26th Food Drive Friday: Please send in donations of tins, bottles and dried food or toiletries

30th Seaside Family Workshop 9:15a.m.

May

6th Bank holiday ~ School closed

9th Learn to Ride Your Bike workshops for children

15th Seaside workshops for children

- 22nd Sponsored event
- 23rd Class photo day
- 24th Break up for Half term at end of today

June

- 3rd INSET DAY School closed to children
- 4th Return to school
- 12th 'Dinosaur' Family Workshop 3:10p.m.
- 13th Bike Skills day
- 18th Transition assembly led by Mrs Newton-Wall for Y2 children
- 21st Parents informed of classes for next year
- 24th Dinosaur workshops for children
- 28th Sport Morning 9:30a.m. on field

July

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

WATERTHORPE AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS: AUTUMN TERM 2018

Clubs run after school every day except Wednesday. Clubs in the Autumn term are open to all children who will be in Y1 and Y2 (Blue, Yellow and Green bases) in September i.e. current Red and Blue Base children. Clubs start in the week beginning 10th September.

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 £1.25 per week for each of the other clubs. This has risen to help support costs.

We ask that all clubs are paid for by the beginning of the Autumn term. Due to the costs of administration, we will no longer be able to give refunds when children do not attend clubs, or change their minds about going to a club. For this reason, it is really important that you are sure your child does want to attend a club before you request a place.

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:

Monday 10th Sept to 10th Dec Drama (£16.25 for 13 weeks)

Tuesday 11th Sept to 11th Dec Sports (£16.25 for 13 weeks)

Thursday 13th Sept to 13th Dec Dance (£13.75 for 11 weeks)
(no dance on 25th Oct ~ Halloween Disco & 15th Nov ~ Parent's Evening)

Friday 14th Sept to 14th Dec Karate (£15 per half term)
(£5 for karate suits for new members)

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.

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Family SEAL

Workshop

Thursday 20th September

9:15a.m. to 10a.m.

Dear Parents/Carers,

You are invited to the family SEAL workshop on the theme of 'New beginnings' on Thursday 20th September 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.

I will be attending the family SEAL workshop on Thursday 20th September.

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:.....

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Y2 Expectations and Tests Family Workshop
Friday 28th September 9a.m.



Dear parents, carers and families,

Please join us for our 'Y2 Expectations and Tests' Family Workshop on Friday 28th September at 9a.m. in the school hall. **This workshop is for families of children in Yellow and Green bases.**

At the workshop you will learn about what your child will be working on over the year to help prepare them for the National end of year expectations and tests.

You will learn how to help your child at home to support them in achieving their full potential.

The workshop will last for approximately 30 minutes.

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

Y2 Expectations and Tests Family Workshop
Friday 28th September 9a.m.



Child/children's names & classes:.....

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

I will be attending the Y2 Expectations and Tests Workshop.

Signed:

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Traditional Tales Family Workshop
Wednesday 10th October 9:15a.m.



Dear parents, carers and families,

Please join us for our 'Traditional Tales' Family Workshop on Wednesday 10th October at 9:15a.m. in the school hall. **This workshop is for families of children in school (Blue, Yellow and Green bases).** Your children will be brought to join the workshop with you. Younger, pre-school, sisters and brothers are welcome to come along and join in too.

At the workshop you will be able to take part in some fun activities around the topic theme of Traditional Tales

You will learn how to help your child with their English/Literacy work.

The workshop will last for approximately 1 hour.

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

Traditional Tales Family Workshop Wednesday 10th October 9:15a.m.



Child/children's names & classes:.....
.....



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

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

I will be attending the Traditional Tales Workshop.

Signed:

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Halloween Disco

Thursday 25th October 3:15p.m. to 4:30p.m.



On Thursday 25th October we are holding a Halloween Disco for the children. The price of this is £3.50 per child, payable online through your sQuid account. The ticket price includes drinks and crisps. Once you have paid, your child will be added to the classteacher's disco list. (Please note we will not be giving out tickets.)

All the children going to the disco will stay in their classes at the end of the day and be taken into the hall by their teacher. The teachers will take the children back to their base, at the end of the disco, for parents/carers to collect.

On the day of the disco children may come to school in their party clothes. (This will be easier for them rather than getting changed at the end of the day.)

Please complete the slip below, return to the school office and make the £3.50 payment online through sQuid. (If you need help accessing your account, please speak to the school office.)

Thank you.



Halloween Disco 25th October



Child's Name:..... Class:.....

I enclose payment of £3.50 for the Halloween disco.

I have paid £3.50 online for the disco ticket

I will collect my child from their classroom door at 4:30p.m.

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

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Pantomime Dick Whittington

Wednesday 5th December



This is a trip for school only (not nursery).

On Wednesday 5th December we will be visiting Rotherham Civic Theatre to watch the pantomime: Dick Whittington. We will leave school at 8.45am. so we will be asking children to arrive earlier than usual at 8.30 am. Please note that **all** staff and children in school go on this trip so we are unable to provide care for anyone who arrives late to school on the day. We also do **not** have places for volunteers on this trip.

We will return to school for a late lunch at about 1:30p.m. The School Meals Service are happy to provide our meals at this later time. We will provide children with a drink and a snack at the theatre in the interval.

The cost of this trip is £14 per child. Payments must be made online using your sQuid account. Payment may be made in full or in instalments. Please pay the full amount by 25th October.

Please also complete the slip below and return to school by 25th October

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Pantomime: Dick Whittington 5th December



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

I consent to my child going on this theatre trip.

I will pay for this trip using my squid account.

Signed:.....

(parent/carer with parental responsibility)

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 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Boys Book club volunteers | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Kerb Craft Volunteers (Friday afternoons) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Gardening Cooking | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| General volunteering | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Administrative tasks
(not working with children) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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

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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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Waterthorpe NI School Behaviour Plan

Dear Parents/Carers,

At Waterthorpe we have a positive school Behaviour Plan. At the beginning of term we work with the children in assemblies, the classroom and the playground teaching and re-visiting our rules. This involves teaching the routines which help the children to be members of a safe and happy school.

We focus on our whole school rules and playground rules in assemblies and the classroom. We believe that these rules teach important morals, which will help the children to become valued members of their community. These rules are on display in school.

We have a strategy for helping children to keep these rules. This strategy is based upon positive reinforcement and all adults in school will give children praise for following our rules. When children fail to follow the rules we will use our skills and expertise to guide them towards improved behaviour. For example if a child is chattering during listening time we might praise another child for sitting and listening, giving them a sticker and telling the class why they are getting it.

There are times when, despite using a range of positive strategies, children continue to need help with following the rules. When this happens we have a procedure to follow (see below). We will start each session of the day afresh unless a child persistently gets to the point where their name is recorded by the end of a session. If this happens we will move up the consequences and they may go straight to 'time out'.

Consequences for misbehaviour:

- We will remind the child of the rule linked to their behaviour e.g. "We listen to the grown-up and do as they ask."
- If the behaviour continues the child will be given a warning and their name will go on the class 'cloud'
- If the behaviour still continues their name go on the 'rain cloud' and they will be given another warning.
- If the behaviour continues further then the child will miss their afternoon playtime that day (or the next if the behaviour occurs after last playtime) and they will spend the time with a member of staff talking about what they have done and how they can improve. A note will be sent home to tell you why they have missed their playtime. This will mean that they do not get their ice-pop at Friday afternoon Reward time

Further consequences include:

- 'Time out' away from the other children in their own classroom
- 'Time out' in another classroom
- Being sent to the Headteacher
- Being put on a behaviour report where they must see a senior member of staff at intervals throughout the day to check on their behaviour

If children seriously misbehave e.g. they deliberately hurt another child without provocation or they are confrontational with an adult in school, they will immediately move to the stage 4 sanction and will miss a playtime and their Friday ice-pop.

Where there is no improvement or where a serious incident has occurred, the school may follow exclusion procedures.

In the playground 'time out' will consist of holding the adult's hand. Staff on duty will report, to the classteacher, the names of children who ignore the rules after a reminder and a warning and the same sanctions as in class will apply.

On Friday afternoons all children who have behaved well in the playground and the classroom will be able to purchase an ice-pop or raisins from the School Council for 10p. The School Council spend the money that they raise on toys and games for the playground.

All children who behave well in class will have their names on the sunshine. If they are especially good then they may become 'superstars'. Each week the teacher chooses someone who has tried really hard to be the 'Star of the Week' and to get their award in assembly. Other children may be in the Merit book, on Friday in assembly, for good behaviour.

Please support us in helping children to stay safe and be well behaved in school. It is important that children follow the playground rules when they are in your care in the playground at the beginning and end of the school day. Please remind your child if they go in an area or do something that does not follow the school rules e.g. going into the vegetable garden, swinging round the railings or getting the outdoor toys out. This will help them to understand how to follow the rules in school and will help to keep everyone safe and happy.

Thank you.

Waterthorpe Nursery Infant School

Behaviour Plan



School Rules

In our school we will always:

- Listen to the grown up and do as they ask
- Be in the right place at the right time
- Look after our things and each other
- Always try our best
- Take turns and share

Playground Rules

In our playground, before and after school and at playtimes, we will:

- Remember our school rules
- Ask if we need to go to the toilet or the medical room
- Remember to play safely and stay away from:
 - the bank and trees
 - the vegetable garden and path
 - the bike pods
 - the railings and gates
 - the windows

When the whistle goes we will:

- Stand still and look at the adult
- Walk to our line when the card is held up.
- Stand quietly in our line