



Nursery Newsletter

Autumn 2 2018

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that everyone enjoyed the half term school holidays. Last half term all the children worked hard and had lots of fun with the different events and activities in school. We are very proud of all their achievements.

We are quickly coming up to Christmas and this is an exciting time in school. We have lots of events planned and we look forward to seeing you in school for our celebrations and performances. Christmas is always an exciting time for our children (and staff!) and we aim to give them lots of lovely experiences and memories for their future.

Our Newsletter will be sent out half termly and a weekly update emailed to families with diary events and important updates. Please also regularly 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 we 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 we know that they will do their best to help and to put your mind at rest. Helen Stokes and Shelly Appleby.

Senior leadership team



Mrs Helen Stokes
Headteacher



Mrs Caryn Moffatt
Foundation Stage
Leader



Mrs Kerrie Deeley
Nursery Teacher



Mrs Michelle Taylor
Special Needs
Co-ordinator

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

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

Items for action

Actions:

- Please look at our School Improvement Booklet for families on our website
- <http://www.waterthorpeinfantschool.co.uk/school-improvement-plan/>
- 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 to let us know that your child will be bringing sandwiches on Christmas dinner day (12th December) by 30th November.
- Please join us for our family of Schools Christmas Concert on 13th December at 6p.m. (Crystal Peaks Bonmarche entrance)
- Please let us know if your child cannot have photos or video taken during the Nativity performances.
- Please do not put any pictures of children on social networking sites etc. without the express permission of their parents
- Please send chocolate gifts for our Christmas raffle, to nursery
- Please join us and bring Nursery children to Emmanuel Church between 9am and 9:20a.m. on 21st December for the Nursery Nativity.
- Please note that there will be no Nursery sessions on 21st December
- Post Christmas cards in the postbox in Nursery entrance areas
- Please bring children, for morning and full-day sessions, to Nursery as usual on party day 20th December.
- Please bring 'Afternoon' children to Nursery at 1p.m. for the party on 20th December.
- Please return morning Nursery children to Nursery at 1pm for the party on 20th December.
- Please send children in party clothes with party food on 20th December
- If your child has a food intolerance and/or special diet, please contact your child's Key Worker to make arrangements for their food on party day
- Please ensure that children arrive on time each day
- Please contact school if your child is going to be absent or late
- Even if you have completed Parentview previously please do log your views again for the school year 2018/2019
- 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

School Improvement Priorities 2018/2019

We continually review the work that we do and evaluate what we are doing well and where we need to improve. Our full School Improvement Plan gives detail on all the areas that we are working on each year. This is available on our website. We have also produced a booklet for families which gives a summary of our plans. This is also available on our website and has been sent out via Parentmail.

Reading and Phonics are our key priorities for improvement and we need your help to work on these. The practise that children get at home makes so much difference to their progress, particularly in reading. Sharing books and listening to stories also helps to develop a lifelong love of reading.

Please look at our [School Improvement Booklet for families on our website](http://www.waterthorpeinfantschool.co.uk/school-improvement-plan/)

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Please support your child's progress in reading by sharing books and helping them practise their reading at home for a few minutes each day

Children in Need Charity Day 16th November



The theme of this day is to be Spotacular!

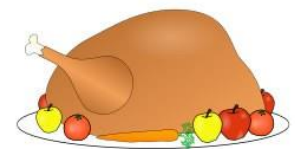
This will be a non-uniform day. Children may wear Children in Need t-shirts, colourful or spotty clothes and may wish to paint their hands or faces with spots for the day.

All children should bring a teddy to Nursery for a Teddy Bears picnic at the Forest School

Please bring a teddy to nursery on 16th November and any donations to Children in Need.



Christmas Dinner Wednesday 12th December [for Full-day children only](#)



Christmas dinner day will be on 12th December, for children who normally have a nursery dinner. This will be a traditional turkey dinner with a muffin for dessert.. If your child will be bringing sandwiches,, please complete the slip at the end of this newsletter and return it to the office by Friday 30th November. This pre-ordering is to help the kitchens with ordering the correct amount of food. We will order a Christmas dinner for anyone who does not return the slip. If your child is planning to bring sandwiches on the day it is important that the school knows as we will have to pay for all meals that we have ordered in advance.

- Please return the slip to let us know that your child will be bringing sandwiches on Christmas dinner day (12th December) by 30th November.

Nursery Nativity in church 21st December 9:30a.m.

Please bring children to Emmanuel Church between 9:00a.m. and 9:20a.m. The performance will start at 9:30a.m.



Please leave pushchairs in the church entrance. It would be helpful if wheelchair users could advise us before the event and we will reserve a space for you.

On the day of the performance there will be no Nursery sessions.

- Please join us and bring Nursery children to Emmanuel Church between 9am and 9:20a.m. on 21st December for the Nursery Nativity.
- Please note that there will be no Nursery sessions on 21st December

Family of Schools Carol Singing at Crystal Peaks 13th December at 6p.m.

We would like to invite families to join us for our annual Family of School's carol concert at Crystal Peaks. Everyone is welcome. Our singing teacher has identified especially enthusiastic and competent singers for us. Ten of these children will be invited to sing at the carol concert and we will send letters to families of these children.



- Please join us for our family of Schools Christmas Concert on 13th December at 6p.m. (Crystal Peaks Bonmarche entrance)

Photos and videos of Christmas performances:

Many parents/carers like to take photos and video of the Christmas events/performances. Please let us know if you have any reason for your child not to be included on photos and videos as we will need to ask visitors to limit their photography and/or make special arrangements for your child.



It is important that any photos/video taken are for personal and private use only. In order to follow 2018 Data Protection Act and to keep all children safe please follow this simple rule:

NEVER publish photos/video of other children on social networking sites e.g. Facebook without the permission of their parents ~ if any are reported to school we will have to ask you to remove them. (School may post pictures or film clips as we have a list of children where parents have signed permission as part of the admissions process.)

Please let us know if your child cannot have photos or video taken during the Nativity performances. Please do not put any pictures of children on social networking sites etc. without the express permission of their parents

Christmas Chocolate Raffle

We are having a Chocolate Christmas Raffle to raise funds for the school. The draw will be held on Thursday 20th December.

We would like each child to bring in a chocolate item which will then be used to make chocolate hampers for the raffle. Each class will put together their own chocolate hamper. There is no restriction on the size of the chocolate donation or how many items each child brings. The more creative the better, anything chocolate!

Please bring your donation to Nursery by Wednesday 19th December.

A sheet of raffle tickets is attached to this letter. Tickets are priced at 25p each.



Please send chocolate gifts for our Christmas raffle, to nursery

Christmas Post

From 3rd December we will have a Christmas post box in Nursery. Children may post Christmas cards for their friends in these boxes. Please ensure that all cards are clearly marked with children's names For example: Molly P



Post Christmas cards in the postbox in Nursery entrance areas

Last day of term:

If your child is absent at the end of term please try and pop into school to collect their christmas things or arrange for another parent to bring them home for you.



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

Nusery Christmas Party - Party Day 20th December-

We have decided to have one party for all Nursery children this year. This will be a good opportunity for children to meet each other and share in the celebrations. The party will be held between 1pm and 3.00p.m. In Nursery.

Please note: Nursery sessions will run as usual on this day with a finish time of 3:00p.m. (and a later start time of 1p.m. for afternoon children). 'Morning' children will be asked to return to Nursery in the afternoon for the party. All children should be collected from Nursery at 3.00p.m.

Lists of party food will be displayed in Key Worker areas for parents to sign up against.

Please bring children, for morning and full-day sessions, to Nursery as usual on party day 20th December.

Please bring 'Afternoon' children to Nursery at 1p.m. for the party on 20th December.

Please return morning Nursery children to Nursery at 1pm for the party on 20th December.

Please send children in party clothes with party food on 20th December

Children with Allergies or food intolerances:



We have a number of children in school who have intolerances to certain foods. We would like to provide them with their party food plated up to ensure that they only eat the food that they are not intolerant to. If your child has a food intolerance please contact the school office to let us know whether you would like to come into school on party day to plate up their food, if you would like us to plate up their food or, if you would like them to bring their own plate of party food.

If your child has a food intolerance and/or special diet, please contact your child's Key Worker to make arrangements for their food on party day

Items for information:

Twitter



We have a school Twitter account. Photos and videos of activities are regularly tweeted.

Our 'Twitter handle' is [@waterthorpeNI](https://twitter.com/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/>

We need your opinion...!



Parent view is one of the ways OFSTED and school collect views about a variety of different aspects of school life. The website you need is:

www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk

- Even if you have completed Parentview previously please do log your views again for the school year 2018/2019

Payments

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

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 sQuad account in your child's name
Please contact the office if you need a new sQuad letter with your account details on
Please download the sQuad App on your mobile device

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



Where children arrive after 8:45a.m. or 12:45p.m. the Nursery doors are locked and parents are asked to wait with their child at the school office until registration/group session is finished (9am/1pm) so that the session is not disrupted by late arrivals.

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

Safeguarding

Ensuring the well-being and safety of children is the responsibility of everyone in school, at home and in the community. There have been many incidents over the years where children have come to harm and neighbours or local people have said that they were concerned but didn't take action or know what to do. To help you if you are concerned about a child there are some numbers below that can be used to report concerns. If you do this please try to provide as much information as possible. Calls may be anonymous.



- Sheffield Safeguarding team: 0114 2734855
- NSPCC: 0808 800 5000 or email help@nspcc.org.uk

Our School Safeguarding leads are Mrs Stokes and Mrs Appleby. If you have any concerns, please arrange to speak to one of these people or your child's class teacher. When school staff have concerns about a child they inform the Designated Safeguarding Lead (Mrs Helen Stokes) or the Deputy (Mrs Shelly Appleby). In most cases a member of staff speaks to the parent about the concern. We may ring the safeguarding team first to ask for advice about this. There are some concerns where we

have to refer to Social Care. Please be aware that this is our professional responsibility and we always put children's well-being first.

When an incident of domestic abuse has taken place in a family we are notified by the safeguarding team at MAST (Multi-Agency Support Team). We may be able to support families who are suffering from domestic abuse and signpost or refer for support. It is also helpful to understand what may be happening in the life of a child outside school so that we can be supportive of any changes in behaviour.

It is really helpful for parents and families to keep the school informed about anything that may have an impact on their children.

All staff recently completed the one-day safeguarding training and they have a good understanding of recognising concerns and how to respond to these. Our website contains information on Safeguarding for parents and families, including our policies and links to useful sites:

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

For E-safety information and website links for both children and families please visit the following pages on our website:

<http://www.waterthorpeinfantschool.co.uk/computing-and-e-safety/>

<http://www.waterthorpeinfantschool.co.uk/e-safety/>

Volunteers

Boys reading club every Tuesday between 2.45p.m. and 3.10pm. We need lots of 'men' who can come along and share a book with one or two of our boys each week. We want to show our little boys how reading is fun and something lots of men enjoy!



Please, please, please come along or (if you're a women) encourage dads, granddads, uncles, neighbours to come along and support us.

Jewellery in School

Children are allowed to wear stud earrings for Nursery but are **not** allowed to wear other jewellery such as necklaces, bracelets or hooped/dangly earrings. Serious accidents have occurred as a result of jewellery getting caught especially while children are running and playing outside.



Please support us in keeping the children safe.

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:

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

Christmas Dinner

Christmas Chocolate Raffle

Diary Dates 2018 ~ 2019

November

- 5th Return to Nursery
- 16th Children in Need Charity day - wear spots

December

- 12th Christmas Dinner day
- 13th 6p.m. Carol Singing at Crystal Peaks
- 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 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
- 6th World Book Day: Dress-up
- 15th Comic Relief Day
- 25th No After-School Clubs this week (Does not include Kid's Club)
- 28th Break up for Easter at the end of today
- 29th INSET Day ~ Nursery 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

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 school

July

9th Family picnic 4p.m. to 6p.m.

12th Nursery Consultation Day ~ Nursery closed to children

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):

Christmas Dinner Day Wednesday 12th December

On Christmas Dinner day it is important that you let us know if your child will be bringing their own sandwiches on the day so we can order the correct amount of Christmas dinners from the kitchen a week before the event.

Please return the slip below



Christmas Dinner Day Wednesday 12th December

Child's Name:.....

Class:.....

My child will be bringing their own sandwiches on 12th December

Signed

(parent/carer).....

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

Chocolate Christmas Raffle

We are having a **Chocolate Christmas Raffle** to raise funds for the school. The draw will be held on **Thursday 20th December**.

We would like each child to bring in a chocolate item which will then be used to make chocolate hampers for the raffle. Each class will put together their own chocolate hamper. There is no restriction on the size of the chocolate donation or how many items each child brings. The more creative the better, anything chocolate!

Please bring your donation to your child's classroom by **Wednesday 19th December**.

A sheet of raffle tickets is attached to this letter. Tickets are priced at **25p** each. Please fill in the details of the person who is purchasing each ticket and return the tickets & money to the office, or your child's class, in an envelope before **Wednesday 19th December**. (You can just put on your child's name and their class on the ticket if the prize would be for them.)

If you require more tickets, they are available from the school office.

Thank you for your support in our fundraising.



Chocolate Raffle Tickets 25p each /£2.50 for sheet.

