



# Nursery Newsletter

## Spring 1 2019

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



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to all our children and families. We hope you all had a great Christmas and you enjoyed your holiday. All the staff would like to thank you for the lovely cards and gifts sent to us. We have lots of events planned this term to help engage and motivate the children; we hope you can join us for some of our activities. We welcome parent/family volunteers and have many already working in school to support your children. Thank you to these people who give up their valuable time to give the children additional help and experiences in school. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please speak to your child's teacher or the school office.

Our Newsletter is 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](http://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 Shelly Appleby  
Headteacher on  
Wednesdays



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 Spring 1 2019 Newsletter.

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

### **Actions:**

- Please send any donations for the Food Bank to school on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January.
- 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 order Christmas performance photos from the school office.
- If you have not yet completed your application for Infant or Junior School, please complete the form that has been sent to you and send it to Primary Admissions (Additional forms available from the school office).
- If you have any underwear that your children have outgrown, please donate it to school.
- Please join us for our assemblies on 6<sup>th</sup> February and return the attached slip to let us know if you will be attending the Safer Internet workshop.
- Families of Morning and Full-day children: Please join us at 8:30a.m. on 12<sup>th</sup> February for a Nursery Stay and Play Family Fun with Phonics session.
- If you are interested in being a school governor, please return your information to the school office by 25<sup>th</sup> January.

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## Items for action

### **Food Drive Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January**

Our next Food collection for the S20 food bank is on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January.

**The S20 Information Station** (in the old Westfield TARA building) offers support to families in a relaxed environment; it is open on Mondays 1pm to 3pm. They have a housing officer and Citizen's Advice Worker on hand to offer support.

We are able to refer any families who would like a Food gift. Children are asked to

bring food gifts to school on Friday 11<sup>th</sup>, where they will be collected ready to send to the Food Bank.



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### Photos of Christmas performances:

We have taken photos of our children in their nativity/Christmas performance costumes. If you would like to purchase them please complete an order at the school office. Please note, we will print the photos on paper (A4 page size) in school. If you would like the photo to be smaller or larger please let us know. Photos will be charged at 50p each.



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## Applications for Infant School

This information applies to children wanting to start at Waterthorpe (current Nursery children) in September 2019:



The deadline for admissions to the Infant School of your choice is **15<sup>th</sup> January**. We have sent out applications and reminders to those families who have not yet applied but there are still a number who have not put in an application. Online applications are now closed, paper applications only accepted.

If your application is not received in Primary Admissions by 15<sup>th</sup> January, you may not get the school of your choice and your child may be allocated to another Sheffield School.

**If you have not yet completed your application for Infant School, please complete the form that has been sent to you and send it to Primary Admissions (Additional forms available from the school office).**

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## Spare Clothes request

We are desperately in need of spare pants, tights and socks.

**If you have any underwear that your children have outgrown, please donate it to school.**



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## Playground Gate

It is really important for parents and visitors to close the playground gate and put the top latch on when you bring children to Nursery or collect them at lunchtimes. School staff are vigilant about children approaching the gate but please help to keep all our children safe by ensuring it is kept closed securely.



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## Parent Governor Vacancy

We have several parents who sit on our governing body. They attend termly full governor meetings, sit on committees, attend training and make visits to school. Parent governors have an important role

in our school community and they contribute to the plans

for the future of the school. Meetings and training are sometimes held during the day, after school or occasionally at

weekends. Some employers will give staff leave of absence to fulfil governor duties.

If you are interested in being a parent governor, and feel that you could commit the time to this role, please write a short letter about yourself containing the following information and we will get in touch with you to arrange a meeting.



- Your name
- Your children's names and ages
- Your job, skills and interests
- Why you would like to be a governor
- What you feel you can offer to the governing body
- Anything else you want to tell people

If you are interested in being a school governor, please return your information to the school office by 25<sup>th</sup> January.

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

### On-Line Safety Day Events Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February

**Safer Internet Day 2019** will be celebrated globally with the slogan: 'Together for a better Internet'.



Children in both Emmanuel and Waterthorpe will be involved in additional learning about online safety on 6<sup>th</sup> February. The children in school would like to share this work with you in the school halls from 1:15p.m. Parents of children in both schools will be able to walk between the schools; the internal connecting door will be open. Please see below for times:

- 1.15p.m. Sharing Assembly in Emmanuel
- 1.30p.m. Sharing Assembly in Waterthorpe
- 2.00p.m. - 3.00p.m. Online Safety Workshop for parents in Emmanuel School Hall. (Tea and Coffee will be provided)

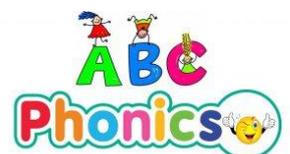
Sue Finnegan who is the Primary Lead and Online Safety Lead for Sheffield will be hosting a workshop for parents to support you in keeping your children safe online. Please join us for the work sharing assemblies and the parent workshop.

Please join us for our assemblies on 6<sup>th</sup> February and return the attached slip to let us know if you will be attending the safer internet workshop.

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### Nursery Stay and Play Fun with Phonics Family Session 12<sup>th</sup> February 8:30a.m.

On 12<sup>th</sup> February we would like to invite parents or Carers to stay in Nursery with your child, for approximately half an hour. There will be lots of activities set out for you to do with your child. The theme for this session will be around



letters and sounds. This will give you an opportunity to see some of the things we do to help children with early reading skills, and should give you some ideas about how you can help your child at home.

This is a session for the families of morning and full-day children. On 2<sup>nd</sup> May we have a family session planned for afternoon children.

Families of morning and Full day children: Please join us at 8:30a.m. on 12<sup>th</sup> February for our Nursery Stay and Play Fun with Phonics Session.

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## Items for information:

### Message and Update on Mrs Moffatt

Mrs Moffatt would like to wish the parents and families a Happy New Year. She is still working on her recovery and is missing school very much. She is hoping to be back with us all later in the year.



Mrs Moffatt has been sadly missed this year and I am sure you will all join us in wishing her a speedy recovery.

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### 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.



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### 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](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk)

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

Thank you for purchasing raffle tickets and donating prizes. These have all now been distributed.

At Christmas we raised £318 from the Nativity raffles and the Christmas Chocolate raffle. These funds helped to pay for the cost of our Nativities and Christmas presents for the children.



The winners of our Chocolate raffle boxes were Lili T in Y2M, Logan S in Y1AT, Lily W in Y1B, Ronnie in RB, Laila in RM and Connie in Nursery. A great spread of prizes across the classes! Thank you so much for all your support with this.

Thank you for your charity donations at the nativities. We raised £172. This money has been donated to Sparkle Sheffield who support families and children with Autistic Spectrum Disorders.

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## **Children in Need Charity Day November 2018**



Thank you for all your generous donations. We raised a total of £235.58 for Children in Need.

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## **Short Breaks for children with disabilities**

Sheffield City Council are accepting applications for Short Break Grants. The closing date for these is 31st January 2019.

You can apply if:

- your child has a disability
- your child is under 18 years of age at the time of application and when you are going to use the grant
- you are in receipt of means-tested benefits or your family household income is less than £21000 a year
- you do not receive any other short break service funded by Sheffield Council

For further information or to apply, please visit: <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/social-care/short-breaks.html>

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## **Feedback from the Learning Together Red Base Family Workshop**

- Good to get some clarity of what's expected. Confirms what we are already doing and supporting from home.
- Really enjoyed taking part. Gives you a good idea on what is achievable by the end of the year.



- Very informative, very helpful and was able to understand what is expected of the children by the end of the year.
- The workshop was fun for the children. My daughter really enjoyed the activities and it was lovely to do this alongside her.
- The age related expectations section was very informative and helps me as a parent to understand where to focus our home learning activities. (A drink would have been nice.)
- My daughter really enjoyed doing the activities with me and I liked the talk afterwards informing us of children's targets and how we can be involved in helping.
- Great start off by choosing and completing activities together.  
It's useful to have the areas all laid out simply that we can help them at home with to match school (and take the booklet home to remind us.)
- Really enjoyed the workshop. Will try to attend more often
- The workshop was interesting as we found out what is expected for the end of the year. It was teaching without the children feeling they are learning.
- A lovely workshop and very informative. Maybe a longer time spent with the children and a layout of the workshop before with timings about how long we had to spend with children, would have been good. We enjoyed it and were well informed.
- The children enjoyed the activities at the beginning and I found it useful for ideas. Presentation was informative and well-structured. We enjoyed the session.
- I think it gave a great insight into what the children are learning about in Reception.
- Really helpful, some great ideas. Can't wait to try some!
- Very explanatory. Learning made into fun. Good ideas.
- It has been good to see what they are working on in school and how we can help them at home. Would have liked slightly longer doing the activities with the children.

### Feedback from the Toys Family Workshop



- We had great fun making things together, quite simple but really interesting toys. Really enjoyed, thank you. P.S. Change from the Ipad!
- The workshop was brilliant. All the children were having a great time. No improvement needed.
- We loved all the activities and the variety of different crafts we could do. We cut, stuck, coloured, sewed and created lots of different toys. We really enjoyed the shooting rocket and puppet making. Thank you for doing this for us.
- My daughter really enjoyed sewing. My son really enjoyed making the rocket. The activities were really fun.
- Had a lot of fun.
- It was amazing. My daughter and myself had a fantastic time. Thank you.
- We really enjoyed this morning. Thank you for the activities that were so much fun.
- Fantastic workshop. We really enjoyed it. Thank you.
- Had a good time being with our kids. It was really nice.

## Travel Plan News



We were delighted to have been nominated, by the Sheffield Travel plan and Modeshift team, for the regional Modeshift Awards 2018. Lily and Arthur joined us for the event in York on 20<sup>th</sup> November.

We didn't win the award this year but had a great day and were proud runners-up!



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## School Council News

We have recently been successful in renewing our Fairtrade Fairachiever Award. We try to use Fairtrade products where we can and teach the children about Fairtrade. If you have any Fairtrade packets from products you have bought could you please let us have them so we can use them in our Fairtrade work.



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## 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 of statutory school age. Arriving at Nursery on time is just as important, as children miss valuable learning and often feel anxious when they arrive late.



Morning Nursery session starts at 8:30a.m. and the afternoon session starts at 12:30p.m. If children arrive late to these sessions, they will be asked to wait with their parents in the office until 9a.m. /1p.m. to prevent disruption to the initial teaching session.

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## On- going Information for newsletter

There is some information that we are regularly asked for, e.g. the number for playgroup, and 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](#)
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  - [Westfield Family of Schools](#)
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### **Attached to this Newsletter**

Online Safety Day Letter

Kid's Club Activities for Spring 2019

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**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):**

## Diary Dates 2018 ~ 2019

### **January**

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

### **February**

- 6<sup>th</sup> Online Safety Day Activities and Parent event
- 12<sup>th</sup> Nursery Play and Stay Fun with Phonics Family Session 8:30a.m.
- 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
- 7<sup>th</sup> World Book Day: Dress-up
- 12<sup>th</sup> 'Easter Fun' Family Workshop 9:15a.m.
- 15<sup>th</sup> Comic Relief Day
- 27<sup>th</sup> Easter Bonnet Competition and Easter Draw (children only)
- 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
- 19<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday ~ School closed
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Bank Holiday ~ School closed
- 26<sup>th</sup> Food Drive Friday: Please send in donations of tins, bottles and dried food or toiletries

### **May**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nursery Play and Stay Fun with Maths Family Session 12:30p.m.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Bank holiday ~ School closed
- 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
- 10<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> 10 Day Active Challenge
- 21<sup>st</sup> Parents informed of classes for next year

### **July**

- 9<sup>th</sup> Family picnic 4p.m. to 6p.m.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Nursery Consultation Day ~ Nursery closed to children
- 24<sup>th</sup> Break up for Summer at end of today

## Online Safety Workshop - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019



Dear parents, carers and families,

**Safer Internet Day 2019** will be celebrated globally with the slogan: 'Together for a better Internet'.

The internet is amazing. Children can play, learn, create and connect - opening up a whole world of exciting possibilities. But with the digital world changing all the time, how can you make sure your child is staying safe?

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### Online Safety Workshop Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019 2.00p.m. - Emmanuel School Hall

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

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

I will be attending the Online Safety Workshop.

Signed: .....

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

**Waterthorpe Kids Club**  
**Monday to Friday 3-6pm**

<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Welcome Back Children's choice</b>
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Be Creative Junk modelling Design a den Painting Colouring Hot beads</b>
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Around The World Flags of the World Australia Africa Making pizza Europe</b>
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February</b>	<b>South America Food tasting Asia North America Antarctica</b>
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Chinese New Year Year of the Pig pictures Chinese writing Chinese lanterns Chinese food tasting Free play</b>
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Valentine's Day Free play  Valentines Day activities Inset Day - Kids Club closed</b>

**We hope you have a lovely break and we'll see you on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February!**