

ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 2020

Broadening Horizons

5th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to another fun-filled and exciting term. We've had a wonderful start with a visit from local farmer, Andrew Ward, as part of the Tractors into Schools campaign. This initiative is designed to bring schools and the local farming community together to help children gain a better understanding of where our food comes from and the role that tractors play in bringing food to our tables. Our children had the unique opportunity to see different cereals that are grown locally and to experience life as a farmer from behind the wheel of a massive tractor. There was a real buzz of excitement that was also captured by Lincs FM and an ITV Calendar team.

Staffing News

There will be a few staffing changes over the next few months. Mrs Nicholls will start her maternity leave at the end of the spring term and Miss Blinko will take over responsibility for her class. Sadly, we have received resignations from Miss Badger and Mrs Von Der Heide. Miss Badger will be with us until the end of the academic year and Mrs Von Der Heide will be leaving at Easter. Both will be missed by staff and children, and we are currently recruiting for the posts.

Mrs Blockley will be off work for a number of weeks as she recuperates from an operation. We all wish her a speedy recovery and Mrs McMorran will cover her class until her return to full health. Mrs Pappini will cover Mrs McMorran's classes during this period.

Department for Education Coronavirus helpline

Public Health England have launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687 Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk. Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday).

Please note that we have also added an information page, located on the Parent Tab, on our academy website that will direct you to the latest advice from Public Health England.

School Transport

If your child is starting primary school or transferring to secondary school in September 2020, they may be eligible for school transport. If you think your child is eligible please apply for transport as soon as you have your offer of a school place. Applications can be made online at the website below or a telephone application can be made by contacting the Customer Service Centre on 01522 782020. For more information about the home to school transport policy and online applications please go to www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport. Queries can be emailed to schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk.

Waddington Redwood Friends Association

Do you want to meet new people? Do you want to get more involved in the life of our academy? Do you want to help us to raise funds for a number of academy projects that we couldn't otherwise afford? The current charity committee of the Waddington Redwood Friends Association will be resigning at the end of this academic year after years of hard work, dedication and fundraising. Some of the committee are moving on to secondary schools with their children, and others have work commitments so are no longer able to offer the time. The committee have done a brilliant job over the years and our children have been fortunate enough to have benefited from a number of funded projects including:

- refurbishing the changing rooms in the pool area;
- a large contribution to the refurbishment of the EYFS outdoor area;
- a large contribution to the Year 1 and 2 outdoor area;
- a new sound system in the academy hall;
- a new overhead projector in the academy hall;
- purchasing of books for our academy libraries;
- and purchasing of books for our classroom libraries.

Currently, Friends plan to support us with refurbishments to the playground and plans for this will be revealed shortly.

So far this year, Friends have raised £151.20 from the textile recycling; a huge thank you to everyone who emptied their wardrobes and brought in a bag. In addition, they are also recycling batteries and cartridges so that the academy may be lucky enough to win I pads.

If you think that you would like to get involved with our Friends or find out more about what they do, then please contact Toni Gamwell or Michelle Parsons through our academy office.

Y6 SATS Timetable

Please read below for further information on the Y6 SATS timetable 2020

It is respectfully requested that all children attend school for all tests. If your child is unable to attend school, please inform us as soon as possible as we may be able to make alternative arrangements.

Date	Test Timetable
Monday 11 th May 2020	English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Tests Paper 1 : short answer questions Paper 2: spelling
Tuesday 12 ^h May 2020	English Reading Test
Wednesday 13 th May 2020	Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic Paper 2: reasoning
Thursday 14 th May 2020	Mathematics: Paper 3: reasoning test

Teachers will submit writing assessments by **25th June 2020**. If you have any questions about these assessments, please speak to your child's class teacher.

End of KS1 Assessments

The key stage one statutory tests will take place during the month of **May 2020**. It is respectfully requested that **all** children attend school during this period.

The KS1 national curriculum tests consist of:

- English reading Paper 1: combined reading prompt and answer booklet;

- English reading Paper 2: reading booklet and reading answer booklet;
- English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: spelling;
- English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2: questions;
- Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic;
- Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning.

Writing is assessed through teacher assessment.

Teachers must make their judgements for each pupil at the end of key stage one. This must take into account pupils' progress and performance throughout the key stage and is based on 'a broad range of evidence from across the curriculum'. It takes into account children's:

- written, practical and oral classwork;
- results of the statutory KS1 tests;
- homework.

If you have any questions about these assessments, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Y1 Phonics Screening Check

The phonics screening check is a short, simple assessment to make sure that all children have learned phonic decoding to an appropriate standard by the age of 6.

The phonics check will help teachers identify children who need extra help so they can receive the support they need to improve their reading skills. These children will then be able to retake the check in year 2.

The Y1 screening check will take place on the week beginning **Monday 8th June 2020**. If you have any questions about this screening check, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Y4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

From this year, all schools are required to administer the online MTC to year 4 children. The purpose of the check is to determine whether children can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will also help us to identify those who have not yet mastered their times tables, so that additional support can be provided.

We have a 3-week check window, starting on Monday 8th June to administer the MTC and request that all children attend school during this period.

Clubs

<u>Sports Clubs</u>	<u>Who For</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Leader</u>
Skipping club	Y1 and Y2	Mon 12.30-1.15pm	Mrs Kent
Girls Maths Club	Y3 to Y6	Mon lunchtime	Miss Daubney
Cross Country	Y5 and 6	Mon 3.20-4pm	Mr Silk
School Council	Y1 to Y6	Tues lunchtime	Mrs Nicholls and Miss Badger
Homework club	Y1 and Y2	Tues lunchtime	Mrs Milling
Homework club	Y3 and Y4	Tues lunchtime	Mrs Newbould
Girls Football	Y4, Y5 and 6	Tues 3.20-4.20pm	Mr Silk
Multi-sports	Y2, 3 and 4	Tues 3.20-4.20pm	Mr Housam
Tuesday Tennis	Y3, 4, 5 and 6	Tues 4-5pm	Coach Terry
Forces Club	Forces Children	Tues lunchtime	Mrs Green and Mrs Buckley
Choir	Y3 to Y6	Wed lunchtime	Mrs McMorran
Back Garden Drama Company *	All children	Wed 3.20-4.30pm	Helen McCormick – see academy office for details *
Chatroom	All children	Thurs lunchtime	Mrs Green

*External provider – fees charged

Cheerleading Dance	Y3, 4, 5 and 6	Thurs 3.20-4.20pm	Hannah Simmons
Challenge Club	Y2,3, and 4	Thurs 3.20-4.20pm	Mr Housam
Anti-Bully Ambassadors	Y4 to Y6	Fri lunchtime	Miss Hall
Friday Ballet	Y1 and 2	Fri 3.10-4.10pm	Hannah Simmons
Friday Tennis	Y3, 4, 5 and 6	Fri 4-5pm	Coach Terry

IMPORTANT

INFORMATION – Procedures to follow in the event of adverse weather conditions

If the academy is forced to close due to adverse weather, then all parents/carers who have registered a mobile number with us will receive a text message giving information about the closure. You will also receive a message from our e-mail service.

Unless you notify us to the contrary, all parents/carers who have registered a mobile phone number and email address with the school will automatically be included in the service.

Please remember that this system is only effective when we have up to date contact details. **PLEASE INFORM THE ACADEMY ADMINISTRATION TEAM IF YOU HAVE RECENTLY CHANGED YOUR MOBILE TELEPHONE NUMBER AND/OR YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS.**

If parents/carers have not registered to receive texts then they should listen to BBC Radio Lincolnshire or Lincs FM, which will broadcast up to date information on schools within the county that have to close. BBC Radio Lincolnshire will also post information on their website at www.bbc.co.uk/lincolnshire and Lincs FM at www.lincsfm.co.uk. You can also access Lincolnshire County Council website for information on school closures. www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures

Yours sincerely,



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Diary Dates

Please note that these dates may be subject to change.

Date	Event
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Monday 9 th Mar	British Science Week
Tuesday 10 th Mar	Author Visit
Thurs 12 th Mar	Cross Country at William Farr
Friday 13 th Mar	Friends Gift for Someone Special
Monday 16 th Mar	Friends Gift for Someone Special
Monday 16 th Mar	Reading meeting for parents/carers and volunteers 3pm
Wednesday 18 th Mar	Cathedral Trip Reception and Key Stage One
Thursday 19 th Mar	Cathedral Trip Y3/4
Thursday 19 th Mar	Cross Country Washingborough
Friday 20 th Mar	Cathedral Trip Y5/6
Tuesday 24 th Mar	Class photographs
Wednesday 25 th Mar	Cross Country Sir Francis Hill
Friday 27 th Mar	Share a Story 9am
Tuesday 31 st Mar	Friends Easter Coffee Afternoon 2.30pm
Wednesday 1 st Apr	Y3/4 production 2pm and 6pm
Thursday 2 nd Apr	End of Term reports to parents/carers
Friday 3 rd Apr	Term 4 ends
Monday 20 th Apr	Term 5 begins

Term Dates 2019-2020

Term 4

Monday 24th February 2020 to Friday 3rd April 2020

Term 5

Monday 20th April 2020 to Friday 22nd May 2020

Term 6

Monday 1st June 2020 to Friday 17th July 2020

May Day Bank Holiday Friday 8th May 2020

Term Dates 2020-2021

Term 1

Thursday 3rd September 2020 to Friday 23rd October 2020

Term 2

Monday 2nd November 2020 to Friday 18th December 2020

Term 3

Tuesday 5th January 2021 to Friday 12th February 2021

Term 4

Monday 22nd February 2021 to Wednesday 31st March 2021

Term 5

Monday 19th April 2021 to Friday 28th May 2021

Term 6

Monday 7th June 2021 to Tuesday 20th July 2021

May Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May 2021



