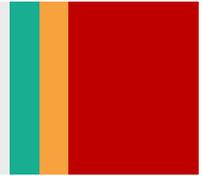


# Waddington Redwood Primary Academy

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## Broadening Horizons

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## Newsletter Term 2 2018

7<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and I hope that you enjoyed the half term break. Last term, it was lovely to see so many parents and carers join us for our Harvest Celebrations and Parents' Evenings. The children and staff really enjoyed their performances and your food donations are making a difference to homeless people in our local community. At Parents' Evening, you will have received valuable information about how well your children are settling into their new classes and about how they are progressing with the challenges of the curriculum.

We anticipate that this term will be just as exciting and busy as last term. We can look forward to events such as: Anti-Bullying week; Children in Need; the Year 6 residential trip and many Christmas events.

### **Staffing**

There have been some additions to our staffing this term. I am delighted to announce that Mr Michael Jenkinson has been appointed as our new site manager. Mr Jenkinson is a familiar face around school and over the next few months will be getting to know you better.

We would also like to welcome Mrs Vicky Brader and Mrs Moira Tocock who have joined our fabulous and dedicated team of midday supervisors.

I am also thrilled to share the news that we will hear the pitter patter of tiny feet at Redwood in the new year as Mr and Mrs Miller are expecting their first baby. Mrs Miller is expecting to go on maternity leave in the new year and we are currently recruiting for a temporary teacher to cover her maternity leave. I will keep you informed of our progress.

### **Assemblies**

This term our assembly theme is 'Joy and Happiness'. We will be considering what makes us happy and the different ways that we can show that we are happy. As the term progresses, we will look at the wider

world, discussing celebrations of different cultures. Finally, we will discuss and engage in how Christians celebrate Christmas and we hope that you will join us for some of the festivities.

### **School Admissions 2019 – Waddington Redwood Primary Academy**

If you have a child whose date of birth is between **1st September 2014** and **31st August 2015**, then you will need to register your child for school for September 2019. If you would like to visit our academy and see our marvellous facilities, please ring the school office on **01522 721156** to make an appointment.

Please remember that all applications for school places are made online and open on **14<sup>th</sup> November 2018**. See [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions) for further information, or call the admission team on 01522 782030.

### **Healthy Schools Capital Funding**

In the summer term, the academy applied for and was awarded a grant through the Healthy Schools Capital Funding to install a kitchen in our small hall. The kitchen was installed during the October half term and we will be using this fantastic resource to teach valuable life skills in cookery and to promote healthy eating. A huge thank you to Miss Hall, who is the mastermind behind the project and to Mr Jenkinson for overseeing the work over the holiday period.

### **Share-A-Story Morning**

A massive thank you to everyone who joined us for Share-a-Story morning last term. The children really enjoyed reading with you. In addition, thank you to our Friends' Association who raised an amazing £132.20 for Macmillan Cancer with their coffee morning. Once again thank you for your kind donations and for supporting us in this venture.

### **Home School Safety Officers**

Our Home School Safety Officers have been selected and Olivia and Amelia are very enthusiastic and looking forward to supporting us to ensure that we all keep safe in our homes. This term, they are working with us on bonfire safety and making sure everyone knows how to keep safe while still having fun.

Later in the term, they will be addressing issues around fire prevention and highlighting the importance of having an evacuation plan at home. They will be working hard doing research using the Lincolnshire County Council Fire Service website and will be sharing their information with children during an assembly.

### **Anti-Bullying Ambassadors**

This year's ambassadors have started their important work in school. Our new ambassadors have been chosen and the rest of the children in school have been informed. They have a busy schedule ahead of them as they work with our Sports Crew to organise children's team games at play and lunchtimes, and with our digital leaders during Anti-Bullying Week which starts on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November**.

### School Council News

On **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October**, the children of Redwood decided who would be their elected school councillors. An anonymous ballot took place and our new school councillors were announced in assembly. They will begin their tenure on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November** when they will work with Mrs Nicholls and Miss Kilby to begin thinking about how to make best use of their stall at the Christmas Fair.

### Friends' Association Glow Disco

Thank you to everyone who braved the dark night and cold weather to support our Friends' Association Glow Disco on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November**. There were lots of children at both discos and a staggering £408.01 was raised. Well done everyone!

### Sporting News

Our school football team have been very busy in the first half of the autumn term. The team were delighted to qualify for the Lincoln City Half Time Tournament and will be playing Bishop King during the Lincoln City vs Mansfield game on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November**.

In the football league, there have been some stunning performances but our team has faced some fierce competition from Ling Moor and Fosse Way. The side are continuing to develop and are looking forward to their fixtures for this term.

In addition during this term, Waddington Redwood will be represented at the Girls Football Tournament, the Netball Tournament and Sportshall Athletics.

### Children in Need

On **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November**, we will be joining schools across the nation to raise funds for BBC Children in Need in the 'Big Spotaclar'. Redwood is going spotty for the day. Children are invited to come to school in spotty clothes for a small donation which this year will be shared equally between Children in Need and Bullying UK.

### Christmas Performances

Reception and Key Stage 1 Christmas performances will take place during the afternoon and evening of **Thursday 13<sup>h</sup> December**. This year's performance is called 'Hosanna Rock'.

Years 3 and 4 will be presenting their class assembly, 'A Roman Holiday', on the afternoon of **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**. You will be able to see Year 3 and 4 later in the new year, when they will be performing their pantomime at Easter.

Year 5 and 6 will be hosting a 'Christmas Carols Around the Tree' evening on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December** and we can look forward to Christmas-themed refreshments afterwards.

We look forward to welcoming you and further information about tickets and times will follow shortly.

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

If the school 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 SCHOOL 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](http://www.bbc.co.uk/lincolnshire) and Lincs FM at [www.lincsfm.co.uk](http://www.lincsfm.co.uk). You can also access Lincolnshire County Council website for information on school closures. [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures)

### **Leadership Structure**

Our Senior Leadership Team (SLT) structure for 2018-19 is as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
Mrs Kent	Headteacher
Mrs Milling	Assistant Headteacher for Reception and KS1
Mrs Miller	Assistant Headteacher for KS2
Mrs McGeachie	Special Educational Needs and Disability Coordinator (SENDCO)

If you have a complaint or a query about any aspect of school life, your first port of call is to speak to your child's class teacher. Most queries or issues are sorted out in this way. However, if you feel that the matter has not been resolved, then please approach one of our Assistant Headteachers, who will try to ensure a satisfactory conclusion as quickly as possible. In the unlikely event that you still have concerns, then you will be asked to put these in writing to be addressed by the Headteacher. A copy of our Complaints Policy is available to read on our school website. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in contact with us.

## **School Results for 2017-18**

The results of the 2018 teachers' assessments and national tests are due to be published soon. Children are formally assessed at the end of Reception, Year 2 and Year 6. In addition, children undertake a phonics screening check at the end of Year 1. Our unvalidated results are available to view below.

Overall standards at the end of Key Stage 2 remain in line with national averages. We were delighted that so many children achieved the higher standard and this is due to excellent teaching and learning across the school. In our development plan for 2018-19, we will continue to develop our work in mathematics and writing.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the following, please do not hesitate to contact me.

<b>Percentage of Reception Children achieving a Good Level of Development (GLD)</b>	
<b>Year</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Good Level of Development</b>	<b>82%</b>
<b>National Average</b>	<b>71.5%</b>

<b>Percentage of Children who passed the Y1 Phonics Screening Check</b>	
<b>Year</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Y1 Phonics</b>	<b>77%</b>
<b>National Average</b>	<b>82.6%</b>

<b>End of Key Stage 1 Teacher Assessments 2018</b>				
	<b>Expected Standard</b>		<b>Higher than expected standard</b>	
	<b>% school</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>% school</b>	<b>NA</b>
Reading	69%	75.5%	26%	25.7%
Writing	59%	70%	33%	15.9%
Maths	72%	76.1%	23%	21.8%

<b>End of Key Stage 2 SAT Outcomes 2018</b>				
	<b>Expected Standard</b>		<b>Higher than expected standard</b>	
	<b>% school</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>% school</b>	<b>NA</b>
Reading	73%	75%	30%	27.8%
Writing (TA)	78%	78%	38%	19.7%
GPAS	78%	78%	40%	34.1%
Maths	65%	76%	13%	23.3%
R,W &M	63%	64%	10%	9.7%

*NA= National Average*

*TA= Teacher Assessment*

Yours sincerely,

## Diary Dates

Please note that these dates may be subject to change.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Y6 Remembrance Assembly</b>
<b>Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Wear Blue to support 'Bullying UK'</b>
<b>Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Anti-Bullying Week</b>
<b>Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Cyber Bullying Day</b>
<b>Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Children in Need Day – the Big Spotacular</b>
<b>Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Friends' Association Christmas Fair 5.30-7.30pm</b>
<b>Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Y6 Residential Week</b>
<b>Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Reception and KS1 Xmas performances – afternoon and evening</b>
<b>Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Children's Christmas Lunch</b>
<b>Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Christingle Service at 3pm</b>
<b>Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Y5 and Y6 Christmas Carol Concert</b>
<b>Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Y3 and Y4 afternoon class assembly 2.30pm</b>
<b>Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Friends' Association buy a 'Gift for Someone Special'</b>
<b>Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Term 2 ends</b>
<b>Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019</b>	<b>Term 3 begins</b>

## **Term Dates 2018-19**

Term 2

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October to Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Term 3

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Term 4

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Term 5

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Term 6

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019

## **Term Dates 2019-2020**

Term 1

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019 to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Term 2

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019 to Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Term 3

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Term 4

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020 to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020

Term 5

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020 to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020

Term 6

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020 to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020