

Waddington Redwood Primary Academy

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Newsletter Term 3 2019

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new term at Waddington Redwood Primary Academy and may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy New Year. The spring term will no doubt prove to be as exciting and busy as the autumn term. Please have a look at the diary dates at the end of this newsletter for forthcoming events, or catch up on events and news via our school website.

I would like to take a moment to thank you for your support and kindness during our autumn term. We are very proud of our community and of your continuing generosity. Last term, we donated an amazing **£195** to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, **£147.10** to the BBC Children in Need appeal and **£117.45** to Bully UK. Thank you once again for supporting these fantastic charities!

Last term, we have also received a cheque from the Lincolnshire Co-op for **£841.47** following our period as their Community Champion. As if this wasn't enough, our Friends' Association raised a record **£1813.12** at our Christmas Fair in November. We are delighted with this and will be using this money to replenish and update our classroom library resources.

Staffing News

As announced in my last letter, Mrs Miller is expecting her first baby and is due to go on maternity leave on **25th January 2019**. Miss Anna Daubney will be joining the Redwood team. Miss Daubney comes to us with a wealth of experience; she has worked in both primary and secondary schools and is a specialist teacher in mathematics so she will lead this area during Mrs Miller's absence.

Reporting to Parents/Carers

You should have received your child's new style progress report card for the autumn term by now. This is intended to keep you up to date with your child's progress and attainment, and also informs you about next steps. If you have any questions about the report, please speak to your child's class teacher. We have an 'open door' policy and will be happy to discuss this with you. You will get an opportunity to discuss the report at our Parents/Carers evenings on **Monday 11th February 3.30 -6pm, Tuesday 12th February**

3.30-5.30pm and Wednesday 13th February 3.30-5.30pm. If you are unable to make these dates, please contact the school office to arrange an alternative appointment. Appointment letters will be sent to you soon.

Assemblies

Our assembly theme for this term centers on the theme of ‘Respect’, one of our core British Values. Children will have the opportunity to discuss what respect means and consider how we show respect through our behaviour and actions. As the term progresses, children will look at celebrating their differences and reflecting on how this makes the world a more interesting place. At the end of the term, we will think about the Christian celebration of Lent and understand why people give things up around this time.

Safer Internet Day 2019

The academy will be participating in ‘Safer Internet Day 2019’ on **Tuesday 5th February 2019.** The focus will be ‘Together for a better internet.’ Each class will be taking part in online safety activities.

World Book Day

It is once again time to dust off the cobwebs and bring out your World Book Day costumes. We are delighted to announce that World Book day will be celebrated at Waddington Redwood on **Thursday 7th March 2019.** Children (and staff!) will be invited to dress up as their favourite book character and indulge in the pleasure of reading their favourite books. Miss Kilby will be organising a number of events, including a book swap. Watch out for more details later in the term.

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.

See www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions for further information, or call the admission team on 01522 782030.

Activity Passport

As you are aware, not everything that a child needs to learn can be covered in a classroom and we all lead lives that are becoming busier and busier. The Department for Education (DfE) has launched a new activity ‘Passport’ to help inspire our children and build resilience. It can be used by teachers or parents of primary aged children and one of its aims is to encourage family time. It can be downloaded from the

government website and we would love to know what you are getting up to.
www.gov.uk/government/publications/my-activity-passport.

Safeguarding in School Update

It is our duty to ensure that anyone who directly or indirectly works with your child is able to notice indicators of possible abuse or neglect, and knows who to speak to in order to pass on their concerns. At Waddington Redwood Primary Academy, Mrs Kent, the Headteacher, is the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSLs) are Mrs Milling, the Assistant Headteacher, Mrs McGeachie, the SENDCO, and Mrs Green, the Lead Behaviour and Pastoral Support Worker. Our safeguarding governors are Mrs Suzie Charman and Mrs Josie Jamieson.

If you have any concerns about a child's safety or welfare, please contact one of the above.

Important Diary Dates

Please see below for important dates for the summer term 2019 for Years 1, 2 and 6. **Please note that all children are expected to be in school during these dates. The school will not authorise term time leave of absence during these dates.**

<u>Test Period</u>	<u>Date</u>
1 st May to 24 th May 2019	Y2 SATS testing period
13 th May to 17 th May 2019	Y6 SATS
10 th June to 14 th June 2019	Y1 phonics screening test

Sporting News

We are very proud of all our children who represent us at sporting events throughout the year.

Last term, Redwood's football team were thrilled to walk out onto the hallowed turf of Sincil Bank at half-time during Lincoln City v Mansfield Town, to play in the Half-Time Cup against Bishop King C of E Primary. The event was sold out, creating an unbelievable atmosphere, and our team of Year 5 and 6s produced a fantastic performance, eventually winning the match 3-0. The team are now through to the semi-final stage of the competition and they are looking forward to the next game with great expectation.

Additionally, two netball teams, a sportshall athletics team, a girls' football team and two football teams also represented the school at various competitions. We are delighted that our girls' football team won their competition, and have progressed to the county stages at Skegness in February.

Clubs

<u>Sports Clubs</u>	<u>Who For</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Leader</u>
Lunchtime Lounge	All children	Mon, Tues, Wed lunchtime	Mrs McGeachie
Multi-Sport Club	Y1-Y6	Mon 3.30-4.30pm	Deano's
Y6 Reading Club	Y6	Mon 3.30-4pm	Mrs Kent & Miss Kilby
School Council	Y1-Y6	Tues 12.30-1pm	Mrs Nicholls
Fun Club	Y2	Tues 3.15-4pm	Mr Housam
Girls Football Club	Y5 and 6	Tues 3.20-4.30pm	Mr Silk
Tuesday Tennis	Y3, 4, 5 and 6	Tues 4-5pm	Coach Terry
Forces Club	Forces Children	Tues 12.45-1.15pm	Mrs Green and Mrs Buckley
Coding Club	Y5 and Y6	Tues 3.20-4.30pm	Mrs Blockley
Tag Rugby Club	Y5 and 6	Weds 3.20-4.20pm	Coach Ben
Maths Club	Y6	Thurs 8-8.50am	Mr Silk & Miss Kilby
Thursday Street Dance	Y3, 4, 5 and 6	Thurs 3.20-4.20pm	Hannah Simmons
Multi-sports	Y2,3 and 4	Thurs 3.20-4.20pm	Coach Luke
Chatroom	All children	Thurs 12.45-1.15pm	Mrs Green
Homework Club	Y1 and Y2	Fri 12.30-1pm	Mrs Milling
Anti-Bully Ambassadors	Y4-Y6	Fri 12.30-1pm	Miss Hall
Friday Street Dance	Rec, Y1 and 2	Fri 3.10-4.10pm	Hannah Simmons
Science Club	Y1-Y6	Fri 3.30-4.30pm	Gizmo's
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 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 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,



Mrs F Kent

Headteacher

Diary Dates

Please note that these dates may be subject to change.

Date	Event
Friday 18 th Jan	STEM assembly and workshops
Thursday 24 th January	Science day
Wednesday 30 th January	Friends' Association Bounceathon
Thursday 31 st January	Y4 residential trip to Rand Farm
Thursday 31 st January	Y5 Indoor Athletics 3-5pm
Friday 1 st February	Y4 residential trip to Rand Farm
Tuesday 5 th February	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 5 th February	Phonics meeting for parents/carers 3.20pm
Monday 11 th February	Parents/carers evening 3.30-6pm
Tuesday 12 th February	Parents/carers evening 3.30-5.30pm
Wednesday 13 th February	Parents/carers evening 3.30-5.30pm
Friday 15 th February	End of Term 3
Monday 25 th February	Start of Term 4
Thursday 28 th February	Friends' Association School Disco
Friday 1 st March	Y6 E-safety workshop
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Monday 11 th March	Science Week
Thursday 21 st March	Years 3 & 4 Church Visit
Friday 22 nd March	Friends' Association 'Buy a Gift for Someone Special'
Monday 25 th March	Friends' Association 'Buy a Gift for Someone Special'

Tuesday 26th March	Class Photographs
Wednesday 27th March	Years 3 & 4 performance afternoon and evening
Tuesday 2nd April	Friends' Association Easter Coffee Afternoon
Friday 5th April	End of Term 4

Term Dates 2018-19

Term 3

Monday 7th January to Friday 15th February 2019

Term 4

Monday 25th February to Friday 5th April 2019

Term 5

Tuesday 23rd April to Friday 24th May 2019

Term 6

Monday 3rd June to Friday 19th July 2019

Term Dates 2019-2020

Term 1

Wednesday 4th September 2019 to Friday 18th October 2019

Term 2

Monday 28th October 2019 to Thursday 19th December 2019

Term 3

Tuesday 7th January 2020 to Friday 14th February 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