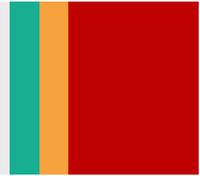


# Waddington Redwood Primary Academy

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## Broadening Horizons

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## Newsletter Term 4 2019

21<sup>st</sup> March 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

There has been a real buzz around school during this term with lots of opportunities for everyone to get involved in a wide range of learning experiences.

Year 5 and 6 have been discovering the wonders of the universe with a special visit to the Lincoln Astronomical Society's observatory and they have also been learning more about the Earth and Space with a trip to the National Space Centre in Leicester. The whole school got fully involved in World Book Day and once again, the range and quality of the children's (and staff's) costumes were amazing! Added to this, our 'Share a Story' morning and book swap were popular activities, enjoyed by all.

Pantomime season is upon us with our Year 5's visiting The Priory Witham Academy to see 'The Quest to Save Oz' and our Year 3 and 4 children eagerly seeking out every opportunity to practise for their forthcoming pantomime, 'Fi, Fie, Fo, Fum' on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March (tickets available now).

Last week was National Science Week and to celebrate, Redwood threw itself into the imaginary world of the wonderful book 'Journey' by Aaron Becker. Classes used this as a medium to ask questions, make predictions, plan experiments and investigations, make observations, present evidence and draw and explain conclusions. Everyone had a fun, exciting and eventful week!

Finally, the whole school took to joke telling as we laughed our socks off for Comic Relief and raised an incredible £195.85.

As you can see, it has been a very busy and eventful term so far and there is still more excitement on the horizon. Year 3 and 4 are preparing for their trip to visit Reverend Annabel at Waddington St. Michael's Church and we are looking forward to hosting the children's author E.R. Reilly, who will be talking to all our children during an assembly on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Staffing**

We send our heartiest congratulations to Mrs Miller, who gave birth to baby Charlie Ian on 26<sup>th</sup> January. Both mum and baby are very well and have already visited us here at school.

Mrs Frayne has had a successful operation and is currently recuperating. We look forward to her returning to us after the Easter break.

Sadly, our clerk to governors, Mrs Lewis, has resigned to take up a new full time post elsewhere but I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her effort and commitment not only with the governing body but with supporting the school with our academy conversion.

### **Sporting Events Round-Up**

After their quarter final victory in November, Redwood's football team are looking forward to their next match in the Half-Time Cup competition. On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March, Lincoln City will host Macclesfield Town at Sincil Bank, and between the halves, our team will be playing The Meadows Primary in the semi-final. The atmosphere was electric throughout our 3-0 victory over Bishop King Primary in the previous round, so we can hardly wait for this next challenge....

This year Redwood's running team have also begun competing in the Lincoln Schools' Cross Country races. So far, our Year 4, 5 and 6s have raced at venues in Cherry Willingham and North Hykeham, showing great determination and teamwork. With three events left to run, there is now a palpable buzz of excitement around all things cross country in the corridors of Waddington Redwood!

### **Class Photographs**

A reminder that the school photographer will be in school on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March** to take our annual class photographs. Children are required to wear school uniform.

### **School Logo**

Since joining the Priory Federation of Academies, we have been working on how we can develop our school logo to reflect our new partnership but ensure that we maintain our values as a community school. This has been an exciting project and we have incorporated the views of children, staff, parents and governors. We have nearly completed our task and I hope to be able to give you an update next term.

Please be assured that any changes to the school logo on school uniform will be effective from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 and even then, uniform with the old logo will still be acceptable until you are ready to renew.

### **Waddington Redwood Friends Association**

Once again, may we take the opportunity to thank our Friends' Association for all their hard work and commitment in raising extra funds for our school.

This year they have given each class a sum of money to spend on something to support the curriculum or the classroom environment. They have supported playtimes and lunchtimes by providing the children with extra hoops and balls. They have also pledged £2000 to support the school with books and £3000 to help support with improvements that we are planning to make to the KS2 playground. These projects would not be possible without this additional funding so a massive thanks to you for getting involved and supporting school events.

### **Children transferring to secondary school in September 2019**

If your child is starting secondary school in September 2019 they may be eligible for school transport. If you think your child is eligible please apply for transport immediately once you have your offer of a school place. Applications can be made online at the website below or a paper application form can be requested from 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/schooltransport](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooltransport). Queries can be emailed to [schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk).

### **Y6 SATS Timetable**

Please read below for further information on the Y6 SATS timetable 2019.

**It is respectfully requested that all pupils 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.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Test Timetable</b>
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Tests Paper 1 : short answer questions Paper 2: spelling
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	English Reading Test
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic Paper 2: reasoning
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Mathematics: Paper 3: reasoning test

Teachers will submit writing assessments by **28<sup>th</sup> June 2019**. 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 2019**. 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 pupils 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 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019**. If you have any questions about this screening check, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "F Kent". The letter 'F' is stylized with a loop at the top.

Mrs F Kent

Headteacher

## Diary Dates

Please note that these dates may be subject to change.

Date	Event
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Years 3 & 4 Church Visit
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Friends' Association 'Buy a Gift for Someone Special'
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Friends' Association 'Buy a Gift for Someone Special'
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Class Photographs
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Years 3 & 4 performance afternoon and evening
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Friends' Association Easter Coffee Afternoon
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	End of Term 4

### Term Dates 2018-19

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