



ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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Broadening Horizons

22nd January 2020

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 academy 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 **£485.75** to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and **£281.05** to the BBC Children in Need appeal. Thank you once again for supporting these fantastic charities!

Our Friends' Association raised **£413.81** from our autumn term disco and an amazing **£1345.56** at our Christmas Fair in November. We are delighted with this and these funds will support us in developing our academy playground this year.

Staffing News

It is always a pleasure to bring you good news and I can now officially announce that Mrs Nicholls is expecting her first baby in May 2020. I am sure that you will all join me in congratulating her and her husband. Miss Blinko returned to work in January of this year and she will take over the teaching of Mrs Nicholls' class in the summer term. Miss Blinko is working with the children this term, getting to know them and the class routines.

Sadly, Mrs Costello resigned from her administrator post in January to begin work as the school librarian at Sir William Robertson Academy in Welbourn. Mrs Costello's work in the office was pivotal to the success of our academy and I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her hard work and commitment. Mrs Brader was appointed as our new administrator and on behalf of the school community, I would like to extend her a warm welcome.

Finally, I would like to welcome Miss Hulett to our lunchtime team. She has been appointed as midday supervisor and she has lots of experience with children as a play worker at Redwood Kids Club.

Assemblies

Our assembly value for this term is 'Truthfulness'. During this time, the children will be exploring the difference between truth and lies, and how they can make the right choices when faced with a dilemma. Later in the term, they will have an opportunity to discuss what can stop them seeing the truth and to look at how we know if something is true.

Junior Home Safety Officers

Last term, our Junior Home Safety Officers planned and delivered an assembly to promote bonfire and firework safety. This term, they will be researching how to avoid burns and scolds and will be running a poster competition to raise awareness of these. They will also be looking at the Lincolnshire Fire Safety website and researching what to do if you discover a fire in the home. Their work will involve raising awareness about this.

School Council

At our Christmas Fair, our School Council had a 'decorate a biscuit' stall. They were delighted to have raised £70 and will spend this money on books for our 'Eco Week'. This will take place in the week beginning **Monday the 20th April** and they will be raising awareness about ways to help care for the planet. They are planning on promoting schemes to cut back on the use of electricity, reduce the use of paper, increase the amount of recycling and reduce the amount of water wastage. In addition, they would like to develop an outside space for wildlife and for growing food that can be used in our teaching kitchen. If you feel that you can support with any of these ideas, Mrs Nicholls would be delighted to hear from you.

Parking on Redwood Drive

We take the safety of our children and families very seriously and parking on Redwood Drive has always been a difficult and contentious issue. We are balancing the safety of our children, with the schedule of our parents/carers and the well-being and rights of our local residents. Recently, Waddington Parish Council has received a number of complaints from local residents regarding parents/carers parking across driveways when dropping off, picking up or attending academy performances.

We are all part of our local community and I would ask if you could just take a moment to ensure that you are parking responsibly. I have listed below a few suggestions that I hope will help:

- park away from the zig-zag lines and any markings near the entrance to school;
- always find a space where it is safe and legal to park;
- ensure that children get out of the car on the curb side;
- park a little way from the school and walk;
- supervise your children when they cross the road;
- and please refrain from parking across resident's driveways.

Our Junior Road Safety Officers will be looking at this and will attempt to offer further solutions. In the meantime, Waddington Parish Council have agreed to contact the highways to find out how they can further support our community. Thank you for your consideration.

Clubs

For the Spring term, there are a myriad of new after-school clubs available for the first time ever at Waddington Redwood: children in Key Stage 1 will get the opportunity to practise their pliés at Ballet Club; children in Key Stage 2 can reach for the stars at our Cheerleading Club; any budding athletes can begin training for the upcoming season at Cross Country Club; and for the first time, our Girls Football Club is also being made available to Year 4s! As if that wasn't enough, anyone in Years 2, 3 and 4 can also come along to another Multi-Sports Club run by Mr Housam on Tuesdays.

As well as competing at the annual Sporthall Athletics competition this term, Redwood will also be competing at an Inclusive Sports Festival and a 'Kinball' Competition- both of these events are new to us as a school and are sure to broaden our horizons in sport yet further...

See below for the full list of clubs this term.

<u>Sports Clubs</u>	<u>Who For</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Leader</u>
Lunchtime Lounge	All children	Mon lunchtime	Mrs McGeachie
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 Newboul
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
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

*External provider – fees charged

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 received 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.

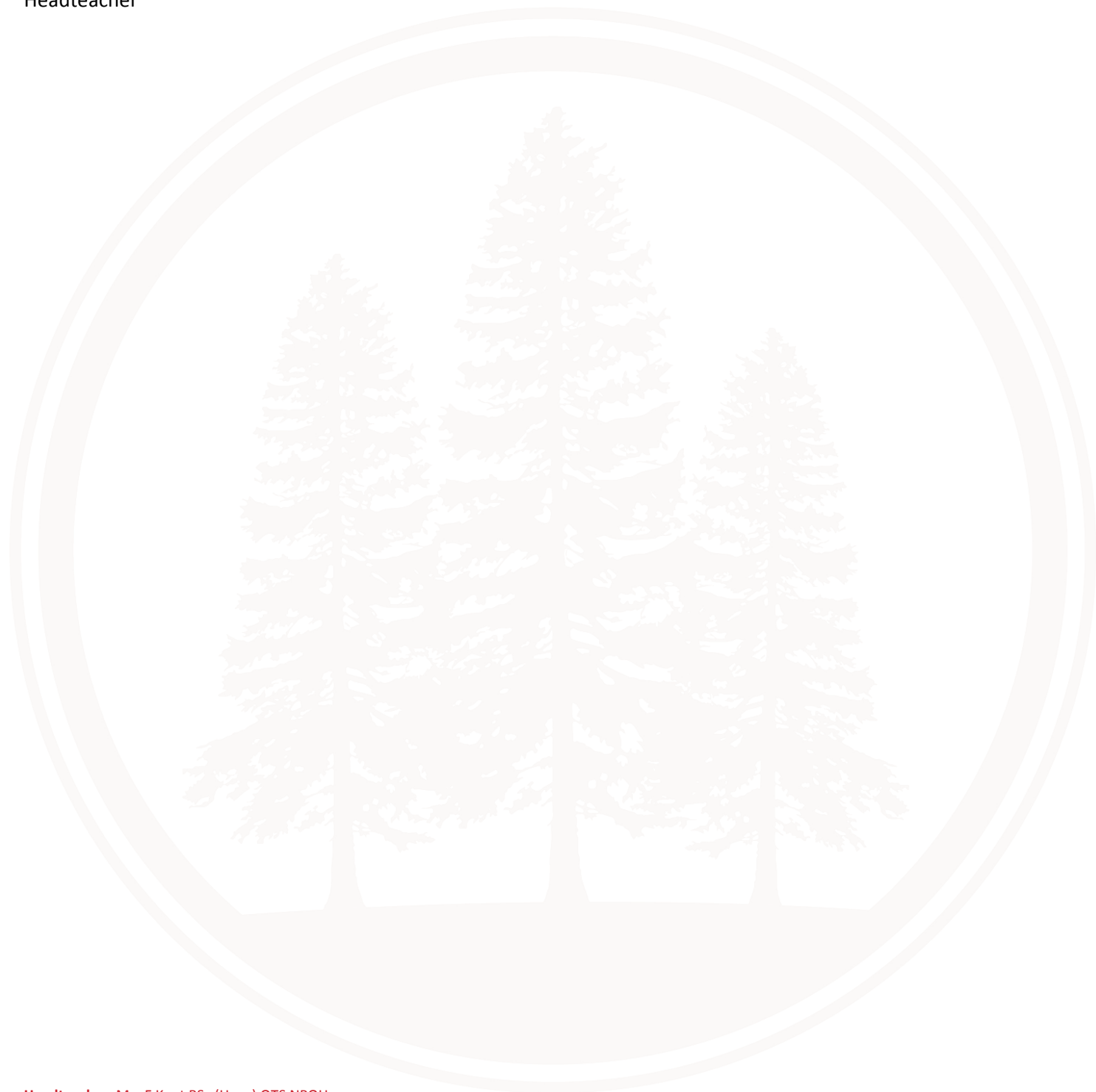
Please remember that this system is only effective when we have up to date contact details. **PLEASE INFORM THE ACADEMY ADMINISTRATION TEAM IF YOU HAVE RECENTLY CHANGED YOUR MOBILE TELEPHONE NUMBER AND/OR YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS.**

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
Tuesday 28 th Jan	Bags to School Collected
Monday 3 rd Feb	Y4 depart for Rand Farm Group 1
Tuesday 4 th Feb	Y4 return from Rand Farm Group 1
Wednesday 5 th Feb	Y4 depart for Rand Farm Group 2
Thursday 6 th Feb	Y4 return from Rand Farm Group 2
Thursday 6 th Feb	Mental Health Awareness Day – Time to Talk
Friday 7 th Feb	Sports Festival
Monday 10 th Feb	Parents/ Carers Evening 3.30-6pm
Tuesday 11 th Feb	Parents/ Carers Evening 3.30-5.30pm
Wednesday 12 th Feb	Parents/Carers Evening 3.30-5.30pm
Wednesday 12 th Feb	Reception and Y6 heights and weights
Friday 14 th Feb	'Kinball' Tournament
Friday 14 th Feb	Term 3 Ends
Monday 24 th Feb	Term 4 Begins
Tuesday 25 th Feb	Cross Country at Cherry Willingham
Thursday 27 th Feb	Friends Movie Evening
Wednesday 4 th Mar	Multi Skills Competition Y3/4 and Cross Country at NK
Thursday 5 th Mar	World Book Day
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
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 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

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



