

# ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

TERM 2 2019

## Broadening Horizons

11<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of our autumn term. Last term seemed to fly by and it was lovely to see so many of you join us for our Harvest Festival and Parents' Evening. The Lincoln Community Larder was absolutely delighted to receive your food donations and these were distributed to hungry people and families in our local community. However, your generosity did not stop there and we supported World Mental Health Day on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October by getting creative with yellow clothing, hair ribbons, socks and scarves. By supporting YoungMinds' fundraising theme #HellowYellow, we seized a great opportunity to show young people that they are not alone with their mental health and we had an amazing day, raising a grand total of £233.10. With three children in every classroom with mental health problems, YoungMinds is leading the fight for a future where all young minds are supported and empowered, whatever the challenges. They exist to make sure young people get the best possible mental health support and have the resilience to overcome life's difficulties. So far the grand total raised from #HellowYellow this year is £66,000. Once again thank you for your support.

We anticipate that this term will be just as exciting and busy as last term. We have many initiatives going on in school to promote our love of reading and to improve our basic fluency in maths. You can read more about these later in the newsletter. We can also look forward to events such as: Anti-Bullying week; Children in Need; UKS2 visit to our local Mosque and many Christmas festivities, including a trip to the theatre.

### **Year 6 Residential Visit**

At the end of last term, the Year 6s had a fantastic experience on their residential in the Peak District. They focussed on challenging themselves, working on their teamwork skills and developing their independence through a vast array of activities. Their schedule was jam-packed with raft-building, canoeing, rock-climbing, abseiling, bushcraft, orienteering, a campfire, archery, zip-wire and high-ropes activities. Watching them develop over the course of the five days is always an incredibly rewarding experience and this year was no different as children pushed themselves beyond their comfort zones, they began to realise their capabilities and shared moments of success with their peers. They arrived back with smiles on their faces and so many unforgettable memories. What an incredible week!

### **Sport**

Sport is well-underway at Waddington Redwood again for the 2019-20 academic year. We have already had three football matches (girls and boys), our active clubs are once again proving popular and this term promises more opportunities for everyone to enjoy competitive sport. Already, over 20 children have had the chance to represent Redwood FC, and this term's School Games and Lincoln City tournaments will give yet more children the chance to put on our Academy football kit. On top of our tennis, street dance, football, skipping and netball clubs, we are also running a Challenge Club and a Dance Fitness Club for the first time - both have been extremely popular with the children. There are still some places available at some of these clubs if your child would like to join. Later this

term, Year 3 and 4 will get the chance to try out a whole range of skills at one of the Lincoln Multi-Sports competitions. Well done and thank you to everyone who takes part and also to everyone who supports!

### **Junior Road Safety Officers**

Our new Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs) have got off to a good start this year looking at how children at Waddington Redwood can stay safe on journeys to and from school, particularly now it is getting darker. They have completed their first assembly of the year, supporting children to understand the things that can help them and what they need to be careful of, whilst travelling to school. Our JRSOs have also launched our first Road Safety competition of the year, asking children to design a poster about coming to school safely and there are prizes to be won!

### **Times Table Rock Stars**

Since launching Times Table Rock Stars at the end of the last academic year, many children have been enjoying playing on the programme and improving their times table skills. Times Table Rock Stars is a fun and challenging programme designed to help master the recall of times table. It also helps to build up the speed at which children can recall facts, which is important in helping them to be able to complete more advanced mathematics without overloading their short term memory.

Times Table Rock Stars is being used in school, but it is also a great tool for children to use in their spare time at home. It can be played either through the Times Table Rock Stars website, or through the free app that can be downloaded onto phones or tablets (the internet is required to download the app, but the app can be used without internet after that). If your child is unsure of their log-in details, they will be able to get these from their class teacher.

Across the school, we will be launching a 'Rock Battle' where each class will be competing in their phase team to answer as many questions correctly in the space of a week. We hope that you will encourage your child to join in with this competition to help them to improve their times table skills. May the best rockers win!

### **KS2 Book Bingo**

Book Bingo is off to an excellent start. All children in Key Stage 2 have engaged with the high quality book list - either through their class reading or their own reading at home. I am pleased to be able to tell you that your children have read over 200 quality texts since returning from the summer. The winners of Book Bingo raffle for last term were announced. Well done Charlie and Layton!

Book Bingo will continue this term and we will be looking at how we can get Key Stage 1 involved. Watch out for more news!

### **Staffing News**

I am pleased to announce that we have appointed a permanent site manager, Mr Chris Ward. Mr Ward has previous experience of working in a primary school and is very interested in supporting us to become more energy efficient and environmentally aware. I'm sure that you will join me in wishing him a warm welcome to our academy and please take the opportunity to introduce yourselves to him when you meet him around school.

### **Assemblies**

During our assemblies this term, we are looking at the value of 'Sharing'. The children will be looking at how we share memories and the feelings that this evokes. This will be further explored during our Remembrance Assembly which this year will be led by our children from our service families supported by our Year 6 children.

### **School Communication**

As we all become more environmentally aware and with more people than ever having access to a mobile phone or internet device, we would like to make some changes to the way that we communicate with you. From January 2020, **all generic news, trip or information letters** will be sent via e-mail and then all copies will be uploaded onto the school website. We will no longer send paper copies of letters unless we require a reply slip or we have a

specific request for a paper copy. We have taken this decision in order to save costs on photocopying and paper, to save valuable administration time and to be more environmentally friendly. Please ensure that we have your up-to-date e-mail address and if you change it, please remember to inform the academy office. If you do experience any problems with our communication, please speak to a member of staff so that we can resolve any issues immediately. Thank you for your continued support.

### **Children in Need**

On **Friday 15th November**, we will be joining schools across the nation to raise funds for BBC Children in Need. Waddington Redwood is going spotty for the day. Children are invited to come to school in spotty clothes for a small donation which will be donated to Children in Need.

### **Christmas Performances**

Reception and Key Stage 1 Christmas performances will take place during the afternoon and evening of **Monday 9th December 2019**. This year's performance is called 'Lights, Camels, Action.'

Years 3 and 4 will be presenting their class assembly, 'A Stone-Age Showcase', on the afternoon of **Tuesday 17th December**. You will be able to see Year 3 and 4 later in the new year, when they will be performing their Easter pantomime.

Year 5 and 6 will be hosting a 'Christmas Carols Around the Tree' evening on **Monday 16th December**. Come and join us for a festive singalong. We look forward to welcoming you and further information about tickets and times will follow shortly.

### **School Admissions 2020 – Waddington Redwood Primary Academy**

If you have a child whose date of birth is between **1st September 2015** and **31st August 2016**, you will need to register your child for school for **September 2020**. If you would like to visit our academy and see our marvellous facilities, please ring the academy office on **01522 721156** to make an appointment.

Please remember that all applications for school places are made online and open on **14th November 2019**. See [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions) for further information, or call the admission team on 01522 782030.

### **Clubs**

<b><u>Clubs</u></b>	<b><u>Who For</u></b>	<b><u>When</u></b>	<b><u>Leader</u></b>
Lunchtime Lounge	All children	Mon-Wed 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
School Council	Y1 to Y6	Tues lunchtime	Mrs Nicholls and Miss Badger
Homework	Y3 and Y4	Tues lunchtime	Mrs Newboulton
Football Club	Y5 and 6	Tues 3.20-4.20pm	Mr Silk
Netball Club	Y3 to Y6	Tues 3.20-4.20pm	Miss Kilby
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
Thursday Street Dance	Y3, 4, 5 and 6	Thurs 3.20-4.20pm	Hannah Simmons
Challenge Club	Y5 and Y6	Thurs	Mr Housam
Chatroom	All children	Thurs lunchtime	Mrs Green
Anti-Bully Ambassadors	Y4 to Y6	Fri lunchtime	Miss Hall

Friday Street Dance	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

### **Leadership Structure**

Our Senior Leadership Team (SLT) structure for 2019-20 is as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
Mrs Kent	Headteacher
Mrs Milling	Assistant Headteacher for Reception and KS1
Mrs Newbould	Acting 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.

### **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 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](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)

### **Academy Results for 2018-19**

The results of the 2019 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.

We are pleased that our work in reading and writing has had a positive impact across the school with results broadly in line with national averages at the end of key stage 1 and 2. Although results in mathematics are improving, we do recognise that this is an area that we need to continue to improve and it forms part of our Academy Development Plan for the forthcoming year.

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

Percentage of Reception Children achieving a Good Level of Development(GLD)	
Year	2019
Good Level of Development	72%
National Average	72%

Percentage of Children who passed the Y1 Phonics Screening Check	
Year	2019
Y1 Phonics	90%
National Average	82%

End of Key Stage 1 Teacher Assessments 2019				
	Expected Standard		Higher than expected standard	
	% school	NA	% school	NA
Reading	71%	75%	29%	25%
Writing	67%	69%	21%	15%
Maths	69%	76%	17%	22%

End of Key Stage 2 SAT Outcomes 2019				
	Expected Standard		Higher than expected standard	
	% school	NA	% school	NA
Reading	71%	73%	18%	27%
Writing (TA)	80%	78%	24%	20%
GPAS	73%	78%	27%	36%
Maths	69%	79%	20%	27%
R,W &M	58%	65%	4%	11%

NA= National Average

TA= Teacher Assessment

Yours sincerely,



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## Diary Dates

Please note that these dates may be subject to change.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Anti- Bullying Week
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Open Afternoon for children starting Sept 2020
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Open Morning for children starting Sept 2020
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Mosque Trip
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Mosque trip
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Mosque Trip
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Friends Xmas Fair - evening
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	R & KS1 Xmas Performance 2pm and 6pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Friends Gift for Someone Special
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Friends Gift for Someone Special
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y5 and 6 Xmas evening event 6pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y3 and Y4 'Stone- Age Showcase' 2pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Whole school trip to LPAC
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Last day of term 2</b>
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020</b>	<b>Start of term 3</b>

## **Term Dates 2019-2020**

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

**May Day Bank Holiday Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

## **Term Dates 2020-2021**

Term 1

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020 to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

Term 2

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Term 3

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Term 4

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 to Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Term 5

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021 to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Term 6

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 to Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**May Bank Holiday Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021**



