

ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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Broadening Horizons

13th September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a fantastic start we have had to the new term! This year we have received 41 new children into our reception classes and there are many who have joined other year groups. A warm welcome to everyone and we are absolutely delighted that you have chosen our wonderful school for your child's education. We are very much looking forward to working with you. It was lovely to see so many eager and excited children on their return to school and the staff have been working hard over the holiday period to ensure that classrooms are bright and full of resources that will support learning. I look forward to greeting you this term at our Harvest Festival and Parents/Carers evening. As usual, we expect it to be a busy one and the excitement will be building for Year 6s as they prepare to go on their residential trip.

Staffing News

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Waite and family had a beautiful baby daughter during the summer holidays. We wish them all the very best and look forward to our first hugs with baby Josie.

Mrs Carina McMorrán will be working with us during Mrs Waite's maternity leave. She will be covering leadership time in classes, and teacher planning and preparation time. We also welcome Miss Emily Marron to Waddington Redwood. Miss Marron is completing her teaching training with us and will be working with Mrs Milling in Year 2. The academy is currently recruiting for a Site Manager. If you would like any more information on this vacancy, please visit our school website or call in at the school office.

Assemblies

Our assembly value for this half term is 'Thankfulness'. Through collective worship, children will reflect on what they have to be thankful for and consider those who are less fortunate than themselves. They will also be thinking about their own special talents and skills and showing an appreciation for the amazing world that we live in. Finally, we will consider the harvest by giving thanks for our food. Our Harvest Celebrations will take place on **Friday 4th October 2019**. We will contact you nearer the event with further details on timings and on how you can share in our celebrations.

School Games Gold Mark

I am very proud to inform you that Waddington Redwood has achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the second consecutive year. The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched to reward schools for their commitment to the development of sports competition across schools and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. Our sporting achievements last year included: winning the Lincoln School Games Girls Football competition and reaching the regional finals; reaching the semi-finals of the

LCFC Half-Time football competition; reaching the final of the Synergy Super League football competition and competing in cricket, hockey, netball, athletics, tennis, cross-country, tri-golf and tag-rugby.

With so many of our young people competing in local inter-school competitions, we are extremely proud of our children for their dedication, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that everyone's hard work has been rewarded. A special thanks goes to all parents and carers who supported their children at competitions, and for all the enthusiasm which the children at Redwood have shown for getting involved in school sport.

We are looking forward to going for gold once again in 2019-20!

Key Stage 2 Book Bingo

Across Key Stage 2 (KS2) our new reading incentive, Book Bingo, has been launched this term. This is an exciting new way to explore our wonderful collection of quality texts that we have in our academy library. All children who use the KS2 library are invited to join in.

Children are invited to choose one of our amazing books from the list of '100 books to read in KS2', read and enjoy it, then take their reading record to Miss Kilby to have their Book Bingo card stamped in exchange for team points and raffle tickets. Each term, there will be a prize draw; the more children read, the more chances they'll have to win!

Children are also invited to share their views by completing a book review bookmark to tell others what makes their favourite book so exciting. Children are already thoroughly enjoying their new reading challenge with many reporting to have found a new favourite author.

Aldi's Kit for Schools

Our academy is collecting Team GB stickers for the latest Aldi promotion. We need to collect 300 stickers to fill our poster which we will return to receive an exclusive sports kit and be in with a chance to win £20,000 for our academy. If you have any stickers, please pass these to the class teacher or hand them into the academy office. Thank you once again for your continued support.

Standard Assessment Tests

Important Dates for your diary for 2020

<u>Test Period</u>	<u>Date</u>
1 st May to 29 th May 2020	Y2 SATS testing period
11 th May to 14 th May 2020	Y6 SATS
8 th June to 12 th June 2020	Y1 phonics screening check
8 th June to 26 th June 2020	Y4 Multiplication check

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.

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, then please ring the academy office on **01522 721156** to make an appointment.

Alternatively, or in addition, you may visit us during our Open Days on the afternoon of **Monday 11th November 2019 between 1.30pm-2.45pm** or on the morning of **Tuesday 12th November between 9.30 -11.30am**. Please ring the academy office to make an appointment and we look forward to meeting you.

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

School Admissions 2020 – Secondary Schools

If your child is in Year 6 and due to go to secondary school in **September 2020**, please apply online at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions. Secondary school applications open on **9th September 2019** and close on **31st October 2019**. If you need any support with your application please contact the academy office, alternatively you can contact school admission via e-mail at schooladmissions@lincolnshire.gov.uk or call 01522 782030.

Hot School Dinners

Our academy has been using our new online service with Ideal Meals for almost a year now and we feel that the transition has gone smoothly.

We would like to remind you to ensure that you place an order by midnight on the Monday before the week that you would like to order, i.e. order by midnight on Monday 9th September for orders on the week beginning 16th September.

The website to register is www.schoolmealsonline.com. If you are unsure or need some additional support, please call into the academy office for an information sheet.

Friends' Association

The Friends' Association would like me to pass on their thanks to everyone who supported and attended the Summer Fair in July. It was a lovely afternoon in the blazing sunshine and they are thrilled to announce that a whopping £1172.83 was raised!

This term, the Friends' Association would like to raise some money for a 'Friendship Bench' to commemorate Friends members past and present. They will be selling doughnuts after school on the following dates: **Friday 13th, 20th and 27th September at 3.10pm.**

If you would like to meet some new people and get involved in our local community, Friends are holding their Annual General Meeting on **Tuesday 17th September at 7pm** at the Crows Nest. Parents, carers, grandparents and friends are all invited to attend.

Clubs

<u>Clubs</u>	<u>Who For</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Leader</u>
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
Multi-Sport Club *	All children	Mon 3.20 -4.20pm	Deano – see academy office for details
School Council	Y1 to Y6	Tues lunchtime	Mrs Nicholls and Miss Badger
Homework	Y3 and Y4	Tues lunchtime	Mrs Newbould
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

Parent/Carer Help in School

We always need extra help in school, so if you have some free time to spare and would like the opportunity to work with lots of wonderfully well-behaved children and an amazing staff, then please come along and join us. It does not have to be for a whole day, it might be for just an hour. We currently have parents, grandparents and some people from other areas of the local community who help on a regular basis. Come along and you will be amazed at how fulfilling working with young children can be! If you feel that this is something that you are interested in or you would like to know more details, please contact your child's class teacher or the academy office. We look forward to working with you!

School Routines

As the new academic year begins, I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents/carers that the academy takes responsibility for children from 8:50am and that any children who arrive before this time need to be supervised by an adult. If any older children come to school independently, they are expected to wait sensibly and set a good example to our younger children. Staff members will continue to see children out at the end of the school day; this will give parents/carers an opportunity to discuss any concerns or issues with them.

Scooters and Bikes in the School Grounds

May I remind everyone that bikes and scooters are **not** to be ridden in the school grounds at any time. Children and toddlers are expected to alight at the school gate and walk their bike or scooter into school. At the end of the day, they should walk their bike or scooter to the front gate before riding.

Parking

A polite request to be considerate to local residents when parking your car in the mornings. Please avoid parking across their driveways and blocking access to homes at the beginning and end of the school day. I do understand the difficulties with parking in the vicinity of the school but I do ask that if you arrive at school by car, then please be mindful of local residents and park your car in a safe place, ideally away from the local shops and the front entrance of school.

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher

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Diary Dates

Please note that these dates may be subject to change.

Date	Event
Friday 13 th Sept	Friends after school doughnuts sale
Friday 20 th Sept	Friends after school doughnuts sale
Tuesday 24 th Sept	Friends Teddy Bear picnic for reception children and families
Friday 27 th Sept	Friends after school doughnuts sale
Monday 30 th Sept	Friends Coffee Afternoon
Friday 4 th Oct	Harvest Festival
Monday 7 th Oct	Parents Evening 3.30-6pm
Tuesday 8 th Oct	Parents Evening 3.30-5.30pm
Wednesday 9 th Oct	Parents Evening 3.30-5.30pm
Thursday 10 th Oct	'HelloYellow' World Mental Health Day
Monday 14 th – 18 th Oct	Y6 residential trip
Friday 18th Oct	Last day of term 1
Monday 28th Oct	First day of term 2
Monday 28 th Oct	Poppy Launch Assembly
Tuesday 29 th Oct	Annual flu vaccinations R to Y6
Thursday 7 th Nov	Friends Disco R & KS1 5-6pm KS2 6.15 -7.30pm
Monday 11 th -15 th Nov	Anti- Bullying Week
Monday 11 th Nov	Open Afternoon for children starting Sept 2020
Tuesday 12 th Nov	Open Morning for children starting Sept 2020
Wednesday 13 th Nov	Mosque Trip
Thursday 14 th Nov	Mosque trip
Friday 15 th Nov	Mosque Trip
Friday 29 th Nov	Friends Xmas Fair - evening
Monday 9 th Dec	R & KS1 Xmas Performance 2pm and 6pm
Friday 13 th Dec	Friends Gift for Someone Special
Monday 16 th Dec	Friends Gift for Someone Special
Monday 16 th Dec	Y5 and 6 Xmas evening event 6pm
Wednesday 18 th Dec	Whole school trip to LPAC - TBC
Thursday 19th Dec	Last day of term 2

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

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



