



ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

TERM 2 2021

Broadening Horizons

5th November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Last term seemed to fly by but it was great to be back to a school environment that we are more familiar with. The vast majority of children settled very well into term one and our highlights were being able to meet everyone in whole school assemblies and to hear children singing as one voice. The effort and enthusiasm that is put into this is wonderful.

Thank you to everyone for your kind donations for our Harvest Festival. We were quite overwhelmed by your generosity and we received a thank you letter from the Lincoln Community Larder.

It was lovely to see everyone at parents/carers' evening and thank you for your patience with our new arrangements. We were pleased with the feedback from this and it meant that classrooms and could be cleaned to the usual high standards.

I hope that you all managed to enjoy some time with your families at half term break and it is great to see everyone back, refreshed and raring to go for the Christmas term.

School Admissions 2022 – Waddington Redwood Primary Academy

If you have a child whose date of birth is between **1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018**, you will need to register your child for school for **September 2022**. Please give us call on 01522 721156 so that we can introduce ourselves and you can find out more about us.

Please remember that all applications for school places are made online and you can apply between **15 November 2021 - 12 noon on the 15 January 2022**. See <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-admissions/apply-school-place> for further information, or contact the admission team at schooladmissions@lincolnshire.gov.uk or 01522 782030.

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Open Week for School Admission 2022

On the week beginning Monday 8th November, we are hosting visits to the academy for parents/carers of children who are due to start school in September 2022. Contact our school office on 01522 721156 or contact enquiries@redwood.lincs.sch.uk to book your appointment. We look forward to meeting you.

Children in Need

Once again we will be joining schools across the nation on **Friday 19th November**, 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.

Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

We are very excited to be able to appoint our new Anti-Bullying Ambassadors for 2021-22. These are children from Years 5 and 6 and they have a busy schedule ahead of them as they prepare for Anti-Bullying Week which starts on **Monday 15th November**.

Christmas

In our usual optimistic fashion, we are delighted to announce that as long as the Covid-19 transmission rates stay fairly stable, then we will be inviting parents/carers to our Christmas performances. Due to Covid-19 protection measures, there will be restrictions on the number of guests that we can admit with **one ticket per family**. We will operate a waiting list and if you are allocated a ticket but unable to attend, please let us know so that we can reallocate your seat.

Reception and Key Stage One will be performing a nativity play on the following dates:

- Monday 13th December – morning and afternoon performances;
- Tuesday 14th December – morning and early evening performances.

Years 3 and 4 will be performing a recorder recital on the following dates

- Wednesday 15th December – afternoon performance.

Years 5 and 6 will be performing Carols around the Christmas Tree on the following date:

- Wednesday 15th December – evening performance.

On **Friday 10th December**, we will be taking part in Christmas Jumper Day 2021 in aid of Save the Children. Please do not feel that you have to buy your child a Christmas jumper, an old jumper or t-shirt that has been customised with drawings or tinsel can be more effective. We will send out more information about this later in the term.

Friday 10th December is our 'Christmas Lunch' day. If you would like your child to have a festive menu, then you can book this online with Ideal. <http://www.idealschoolmeals.co.uk/home/parents/>

Once again, we are asking that children do not bring Christmas cards into school. We will however still be making cards in classes and using this as a learning opportunity to investigate the origins of Christmas traditions.

Staffing

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Mr Alex Brockie. Mr Brockie joins our team as a teaching assistant and will be working with our Reception team. Mr Brockie is a former pupil of Waddington Redwood.

Contact Tracing

Contact tracing is now completed by test and trace and is not undertaken by schools. We are unable to alert parents/carers about those who may have tested positive and who their close contacts may be, due to data protection.

Changes to statutory requirements from September 2021

1 Reception baseline assessment will be statutory

All new primary school pupils will be expected to take the reception baseline assessment from September 2021. For more information, click on the link below.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1025098/Information_for_parents_reception_baseline_assessment.pdf

2. Phonics screening check in autumn 2021

We will be administering a past version of the phonics screening check to year 2 pupils in the second half of the 2021 autumn term.

Year 2 pupils who:

- **Meet** the expected standard in the statutory check will not need any further statutory assessment in phonics;
- **Don't meet** the expected standard will need to take the statutory check in June 2022, alongside year 1 pupils

Year 3 pupils who were due to take the phonics screening check in June 2021 (when they were in year 2) won't be required to take the statutory check. Instead, we have support programmes in place for these children.

3. KS1 National Curriculum tests

These are scheduled for **May 2022**.

KS1 National Curriculum tests are made up of:

- English reading paper 1: combined reading prompt and answer booklet
- English reading paper 2: reading booklet and reading answer booklet
- Mathematics paper 1: arithmetic
- Mathematics paper 2: reasoning

KS1 National Curriculum tests are used by teachers alongside the KS1 assessment framework to make judgements for pupils in:

- English reading
- English writing
- Mathematics
- Science

These are reported to parents/carers at the end of the year.

4. Year 4 multiplication check

The DfE has announced that the multiplication check must be administered to all Year 4 pupils within the three-week period from 6 June 2022.

5. Key stage 2

The key stage 2 tests are timetabled from Monday 9 May to Thursday 12 May 2022.

Clubs

As we get back to normality, clubs are starting up again. Please note that clubs may change or be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

<u>Clubs</u>	<u>Who For</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Leader</u>
Lunchtime Lounge	KS1	Mon-Fri Lunchtime	Mrs Dodds and Miss Clarke
Art Club	Service children	Mon-Fri lunchtime	Mrs Percival
Homework Club	Y3 to Y6	Mon-Fri Lunchtime	Mrs Gleadhill
School Council	Y1 to Y6	Mon lunchtime	Mrs Pellatt and Miss Pavier
Homework	Y3 and Y4	Mon-Fri lunchtime	Mrs Newbould
Multi-Sport	Y3 /4	Tues 3.20-4.20pm	Mr Housam
Dance Club	KS1	Tues 3.20-4.20pm	Hannah Simmons
Anti-bullying Ambassadors	Y5/6	Fri lunchtime	Mr Brown and Mrs Baxter
Junior Road Safety	Y6	Mon lunchtime	Miss Waite
Junior Home Safety	Y6	Mon lunchtime	Mrs Lyons
Digital Leaders	Y5/6	Thurs lunchtime	Mrs Nichols

And finally....

Staff in school are working very hard to ensure that, post pandemic, we have a curriculum that meets the needs of our children at Waddington Redwood. We have prioritised mental health and well-being, PSHE and Physical Education. We have also added additional maths and reading support to our curriculum timetables. We have comprehensive plans in place to support children whose education has been affected by the pandemic. We ask for your support by continuing to ensure that your children turn up to school on time, read on a daily basis and practice basic maths skills e.g. counting, number bonds and times tables.

As always, we appreciate and thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher



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Headteacher