



ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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Broadening Horizons

14th December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the festive season approaches, the governors, staff and pupils at Waddington Redwood would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. However before we sign off for the year, I wanted to bring a few things to your attention.

Staffing

We have appointed a new class teacher for Year 1 and team leader for Key Stage 1. Mrs Laura Lill will join us after February half term. In the meantime, she will be visiting us and meeting the children and staff. Miss Hall has kindly agreed to extend her contract to at least Friday 13th January 2023. This may be extended further but depends on Miss Hall's personal circumstances. We will keep you informed.

Online Safety

We know that many of your children will be extremely lucky over the Christmas period to receive gifts that include new phones, tablets, computers or consoles. Exposing children to online content increases their chances of stumbling across adult content, making expensive downloads or installing unsuitable apps. Investing a little time now configuring your child's device can save a lot of anguish later. Below are some useful sites to help you navigate the digital world.

Internet Matters have put together some information for parents/carers about setting up devices over the festive period.

[Get ready for a digital festive season | Internet Matters](#)

Internet Matters and Sony Playstation have put together an interactive quiz for adults to do with children around online safety when using a playstation.

[PlayStation online safety quiz for parents | Internet Matters](#)

Information for parents/carers on setting up devices:

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Gaming consoles and devices - <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/gaming-consoles/>
Smartphones - <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/smartphones-and-other-devices/>
Broadband and mobile networks - <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/broadband-mobile/>
Entertainment and search engines - <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/entertainment-search-engines/>

Holiday Activities and Food programme

The Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF) provides healthy food and enriching activities to children and young people, with free places available for those who receive free school meals. It is available during the summer, Easter and Christmas school holidays, with the next HAF programme running this Christmas.

School holidays can be a particularly difficult time for some families. This free holiday club programme helps children to enjoy active and healthy school holidays, where they can experience new activities, meet friends and eat healthy meals.

For information on how you can get involved, please contact your local council.

https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/04/06/what-you-need-to-know-about-the-holiday-activities-and-food-haf-programme-2/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Childcare offers for parents

The Childcare Choices campaign aims to raise awareness and understanding of the support available from the government with the costs of childcare.

Make sure that you are not missing out by visiting <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

With the school Christmas holidays approaching and looking ahead to half term in February, it is more important than ever that parents and carers are able to access the financial support you qualify for.

You could be entitled to:

- up to £2,000 a year of Tax-Free Childcare per child (or £4,000 if disabled) for children up to 11, or 17 if they're disabled
- help with up to 85% of their childcare costs for children up to 16 with Universal Credit
- 30 hours of free childcare for 3 and 4 year olds if you are a working family in England.

Parking

Parking is always a contentious issue:

- there is never enough space for everyone;
- we want to make sure that everyone gets to school safely;
- and we also want to cause as little disturbance as possible to our local residents.

It has been reported that some parents/carers are parking in a manner that is endangering other road users and pedestrians. If you need more clarification around parking laws then please take a look at the Highway Code <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code/waiting-and-parking-238-to-252>. **Please park within the rules of the law and keep our children and families safe.**

And finally, we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school at 0850hrs on Wednesday 4th January 2023.

Yours sincerely,

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