



WADDINGTON
REDWOOD
A PRIORY ACADEMY

Broadening Horizons

12th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school! I hope you and your families have had a restful summer break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the new academic year. It is with great pleasure that I extend a warm welcome to all our new reception children and those who have joined other year groups. I must say, they have transitioned seamlessly and are taking all the new routines in their stride. Well done to each and every one of them!

School Refurbishment

I am excited to share some fantastic news with you. Over the summer holiday, the small hall underwent a massive transformation. We have successfully created an additional Key Stage One classroom, a sensory room, and a further intervention room. This development has provided us with much-needed extra space, allowing for more effective teaching and learning. Already, we can see the positive impact it is having on our children.

Applying for Secondary School for September 2024

If your child is born between 01/09/2012 and 31/08/2013 then it is time to apply for a secondary school place for September 2024. You can apply from 8 September 2023 to 31 October 2023.

How to apply

- Online – This is the easiest way to apply. To make an application online you need to make an account on the parent portal if you do not already have one. To access the parent portal there is an orange button titled 'Make or amend a school application' on the 'how to apply page' at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions. Applications can be made online on most mobile devices. Libraries also often have computers with free internet access
- Telephone - 01522 782030
- Email schooladmissions@lincolnshire.gov.uk for a paper form.

If you need any help with the application, please call into school and we can support.

Applying for Primary School for September 2024

As the academic year progresses, it is time to consider the admission of your child into primary school, if they were born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020.

We invite you to have a closer look at Waddington Redwood and to facilitate this, we have scheduled an Open Week from 6th November to 10th November 2023.

During the Open Week, parents/carers will have the opportunity to take a tour of our facilities, meet our experienced staff, and engage with the vibrant academy community. We believe that this firsthand experience will provide valuable insights that will help you in making an informed decision about your child's education.

To ensure that each visitor has a personalized experience, we kindly request that you book an appointment in advance. This will allow us to allocate sufficient time for you to explore our academy and address any queries you may have.

If the designated Open Week dates are not suitable for you, we are happy to accommodate you at an alternate time.

Scooters and Bikes on the Academy Grounds

It is always lovely to see children biking and scootering to school. This has amazing health benefits and of course is good for the environment. Just a polite reminder that bikes and scooters are **not** to be ridden in the academy grounds at any time. Children and toddlers are expected to alight at the main 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.

Knowledge Organisers

As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance the learning experience for our children, we are introducing knowledge organisers to children from Year 1 to Year 6.

Knowledge organisers serve as a valuable resource, aiding the retention and retrieval of essential information for learning, by highlighting the key points and concepts for each topic. Knowledge organisers help children to remember crucial dates, people, events, vocabulary, definitions, and key concepts. Consolidating this knowledge promotes a deeper understanding across the topic of work. In addition, they can be used as a fun tool for assessment, allowing children to test their own understanding while making learning more enjoyable.

By providing transparency around what our children are learning, parents/carers can actively support their child's education, by building upon the knowledge acquired in the classroom and facilitating easy opportunities for quizzing at home.

In order to ensure that our knowledge organisers are tailored to the delivery of our curriculum, we have developed them in-house. Each knowledge organiser is carefully designed to align with the identified key knowledge and vocabulary for each subject taught in our classes.

Should you have any further questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's class teacher or myself. We are here to support you and your children.

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As you may be aware, there have been concerns raised about the use of RAAC in school buildings across the country.

I want to assure you that our academy has been closely monitored following the guidance issued by the DfE on this subject. We have conducted thorough inspections of our site to identify any presence of RAAC, and I am pleased to inform you that no RAAC has been identified at our premises. This means that our school buildings do not pose any risk associated with this material.

The safety and well-being of our children and staff are of paramount importance to us. We remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for everyone to thrive in. As part of our commitment, we will continue to monitor updates from the DfE regarding RAAC and any other potential risks that may arise in the future. Rest assured that we will promptly implement any further guidance or instructions provided by the DfE.

Parents Evening Autumn Term

At Waddington Redwood, we understand the importance of keeping you updated on your child's educational journey. Therefore, we have established a comprehensive system to ensure regular communication and transparency.

Throughout the academic year, we produce several reports to inform you about your child's progress. In December and March, you will receive two smaller reports that highlight your child's achievements and areas for improvement in the core subjects.

Furthermore, in July, we provide a more detailed and comprehensive summative report. This report will outline your child's progress throughout the entire academic year, summarizing their achievements, strengths, and areas for further development.

Additionally, we believe in fostering a strong parent-teacher relationship. Therefore, we hold two parent consultation evenings during the year, where you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher. These evenings are designed to provide you with a more personalized update on your child's progress, and discuss any concerns or questions you may have.

The first parents' consultation evening will take place on Monday, 16th October, and Thursday, 19th October. To ensure a smooth and efficient process, we have implemented an online booking system. More information regarding the booking system will be provided to you shortly by our administration team.

Lincolnshire Community Larder

This year, we will be celebrating the Harvest Festival on Tuesday 10th October 2023. The Harvest Festival is a special occasion when we take the time to reflect on the origin of our food and express gratitude for what we receive.

As part of our celebration, we have decided to support the Lincolnshire Community Larder once again. The Lincolnshire Community Larder is a local charity that provides emergency food parcels to families and individuals facing crisis in their lives. By making a donation, we can contribute to their mission and help those in need.

If you would like to participate in this initiative, we kindly ask you to send in a non-perishable food item to school on Tuesday 10th October. These items can include canned goods, pasta, rice, biscuits, and other non-perishable food items that do not require refrigeration. Please ensure that the food items you donate are within their expiry date.

Our staff will organize the collection and ensure the items are delivered to the Lincolnshire Community Larder.

Contacting Teachers

At the start of the academic year, I wanted to remind you about the availability of our class teachers for updates on your child's well-being and education.

If you have any concerns or would like to speak to a class teacher, there are a number of options available:

- You can catch them at the end of the day, as they will be available for a brief chat.

- For urgent matters or immediate information sharing, we encourage you to contact the academy office. The office will ensure that your message reaches the teacher promptly, allowing for a timely response.
- If your query is not urgent and you can wait for a response, we encourage you to reach out to the teachers via email. Please bear in mind that it may take up to three working days for teachers to respond to your email.

We kindly request that you consider the daily schedule of our teachers. They are occupied with teaching our wonderful children from 8.45am to 3.20pm. Outside of these hours, they dedicate their time to preparing classrooms, marking and assessing work, and planning engaging lessons. Furthermore, they must also attend meetings and participate in staff training. As a result, it may not always be possible for our teachers to immediately address queries or share information.

We understand the importance of regular communication between parents/carers and teachers. By following these procedures, we can ensure that our teachers have the necessary time to focus on their teaching duties, while still being available to address any concerns or queries you may have.

Contact Details

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Headteacher

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Diary Dates Autumn 2023

Date	Event
Tuesday 26 th September	Y6 trip to the Lincolnshire Showground as part of Construction Week
Monday 2 nd October – Wednesday 4 th October	Y4 Residential Trip to Rand Farm
Tuesday 10 th October	Whole School Harvest Festival
Monday 16 th October	Parents/Carers Consultation Evening
Thursday 19 th October	Parents/Carers Consultation Evening
Monday 23 rd October – Friday 27 th October	Half Term
Thursday 2 nd November	Friends of the School Disco Evening - TBC
Monday 6 th November – Friday 10 th November	Open Week for Reception Class September 2024
Mon 13 th November – Friday 17 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 1 st December	Friends of the School Christmas Fayre - TBC
Monday 4 th December	Reception and KS1 Nativity Play 2pm
Tuesday 5 th December	Reception and KS1 Nativity Play – 9.30am and 2pm
Tuesday 12 th December	Y5/6 Christmas Recital 2pm
Wednesday 13 th December	Y3/4 Christmas Recital 2pm
Thursday 14 th December	End of Term Reports due
Monday 18 th December to Monday 1 st January 2024	Christmas Holiday
Tuesday 2 nd January	INSET training for Staff
Wednesday 3 rd January	Children return to school