



# Newsletter July 2018

## Another Set of Fantastic Results for Waddington All Saints Academy

	England, 2017 (all schools)		Waddington All Saints		
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2018
Reading	66%	71%	70%	81%	83%
Writing	74%	76%	78%	89%	88%
Grammar, punctuation & spelling	73%	77%	76%	85%	88%
Mathematics	70%	75%	74%	87%	83%
Combined	<b>53%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>74%</b>

How well schools and pupils achieve has been a key focus of government and media consistently over the past twenty years. It is not surprising therefore that when our pupils and staff do so well, we feel justifiably proud. Once again we have produced outcomes significantly above the national average and children in this school continue to thrive. The bar was significantly raised in 2016 and this makes the achievement all the more impressive.

In addition, the results of our Foundation Stage and KS1 were also sustained above average evidencing that the quality of provision runs richly through this Academy. We were thrilled that 96% of our year one pupils were successful in the phonics screening.

Well done to everyone for achieving this whilst also ensuring that all of the other areas of learning remain priority. Enabling all pupils to thrive is not easy and we are never complacent and truly appreciate the work that the staff of this Academy do to maintain this success year after year. Well done everybody for making this year such a success.



## What Goes On Under the Sea?

Upper KS2 have been very excited about their end of term performance. Listening to the children working hard to develop their vocal and acting skills has been a real pleasure. The set looked amazing and the audience were thrilled by the costumes and the whole spectacle. It is always so humbling to see our pupils confidently performing on stage and to see children growing in confidence as they explore and develop new talents. Their success in all areas makes us very proud and it is good to know how well they have been prepared to be successful when the time comes for them to move on to the next stage of their education.

We would also like to thank Rev Annabel for once again leading our pupils in exploration and consideration of a Labyrinth. Providing and opportunity for our year 6 pupils to consider their right of passage and the life journey that they are on.

## Keep In Touch

We have been looking forward to having access to Weduc since February of this year and after a number of frustrating months, we finally have access to our new communication portal. This will be taking over from all other sources of information associated with the school to ensure that the information that people receive is accurate and accessible. The only exception to this is the school website because it is statutory, to have this information freely available. There will however be links from Weduc to the website when appropriate. 'Tapestry' and 'Seesaw' will continue to be used, but from September they will only relate to the childrens' learning and will no longer be used to pass on information and messages.

32% of parents signed up to Weduc within the first few days and many others have since enrolled. These parents are now accessing information available via the internet and through the app on their phone or tablet. The office are currently working through some parental enrolment queries and we hope to be able to resolve these soon. To ensure that you get the communication and reminders, it will be important to get access to Weduc before we break up as other forms of contact are being phased out over the coming weeks.

### Summer Fair and Uniform Recycling

We would like to thank the committee of the PTA and all of their supporters for the wonderful Summer Fair that they put on again this year. Good weather always makes for a carnival atmosphere and we were blessed with a lovely evening to enjoy. We would like to thank the committee, not just for this event, but for all of the things that they have helped with over the course of this year, including providing teas and coffees at Parents Evenings. Their dedication is unbelievable.

As the term ends, we reach the launch of our new school uniform. The PTA have offered to collect unwanted jumpers and uniforms and give them to a charity that will take them for children in Africa to use. There will be a collection point near the KS2 gates between 8:45 and 9am on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July for you to bring in any old and unwanted school jumpers.

### End of Term

Children will be leaving from  
**2:30pm on Friday 20th July**  
and will return on  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

After spending their time with their new teacher over the next week the children will all return to their teacher of this year for the last day on Friday.

### Sports Days

We have been so proud of how the children represented their teams at our sports days this term. Three sunny days made for hot work, but the children ensured that all three were wonderful occasions. The competitive spirit was apparent, but also amazing teamwork as they strived to do their best and support each. It was also heart-warming to see the way that the older pupils cared for and encouraged our younger pupils.



### Minibeast Celebration.

Foundation Stage parents were invited in to see the children performing a 'Creepy Crawlies and Itchy Things' dance, before enjoying a picnic in the sunshine. They ate ladybird biscuits made by the children and shared books with each other. The children then demonstrated to their family how they had created minibeasts from clay and developed their observational drawing skills.

### KS2 Environmental Day

For the second year in a row, KS2 have taken part in caring for and developing our outdoor environment. Once again they worked incredibly hard to weed beds and neat-en borders to make sure that paths are clear and the school looks attractive. Some of the groups also pruned trees and bushes; constructed bug houses for our environmental area; cleared space to make way for our new fairy walk; and made willow art. This is a day that gives the children a sense of ownership for the grounds of our Academy. When they sat down to enjoy a well-deserved ice cream, donated by the PTA, they all felt very proud of their achievements. We would also like to thank all of the helpers who gave up their time to support us with this day.





## International Bomber Command Centre

### Open Afternoon

The Open Afternoon will take place between 2pm and 4pm on Friday 13th July. Entry at 2pm will be through the hall doors, after this it will be through the school gates.

Children should be collected from their classrooms on Friday as teachers will not be in a position to bring them out onto the playground. (Kids Club and Taxi children will however be taken to their collection point.)

When you take your child, please ensure that the teacher knows that they are leaving, so they can be ticked off on the list. Please be aware that the car park gates will be closed from 3:10pm until 3:30pm and no vehicles may move during this time. Please take extra care if you are leaving with your children outside of this time.

### Staff Changes

This term we will say goodbye to Mr Holman who will be leaving at the end of the term. We would like to thank him for his contribution over the past few years and wish him and his family well for the future. We welcome Miss McGill to our teaching team at the end of this term. We are looking forward to working with her in future. It turns out she has a link with our school as her mother used to teach here.

We would also like to congratulate Mr Lawrence who will be moving onto our teaching team in September. Having trained to teach many years ago, he will be accessing our National Support School Teacher Training provision which will enable him to secure qualified teacher status for primary education. So next year he will be teaching in year 3 with Miss Guy. We will also have Miss Ware on the same programme working in Year 5 with Mrs Tozer.

Our caretaking provision through Garner Property Care Services Ltd is coming to an end. From September Mr Dixon will be taking post as our first Site Manager. We are very much looking forward to welcoming him into our community and working with him.

Year 5 were lucky to be invited to the International Bomber Command Centre to take part in work linked the RAF Centenary project. We worked with Ash Dickinson, a brilliant poet, who inspired our pupils to be creative with their use of words. The monument was used as inspiration for the writing, after which they visited the museum to find out more about what life would have been like for people during the war. The children showed great thoughtfulness and wrote some very poignant poems, which have since been used back at school supported by artist Ruth Pigott.



Y5 also visited The Priory LSST to take part in a Science day. During this day they had to help solve a murder using chemicals: testing urine, hair samples, finger prints and pen samples. They also had the chance visited the planetarium to look at the effects of space on the human body; created our own rainbow experiments by testing acids and alkalis; observed the effects of liquid nitrogen and how to use it to make things explode; used our understanding of forces to create a safe car for an egg; examined a real skeleton; worked with Anglian Water to look at how to filter water; and used different equipment to measure our sporting strength. It was a very busy day but inspirational and full of learning.



### Lincoln Childrens' Festival

Our pupils once again represented the school in the Lincoln Childrens' Festival. A group of Foundation Stage children performed a minibeast dance from the Ugly Bug Ball and their creepy crawlies song and dance. After this a group of children from years 5 and 6 read some inspirational poems that they have written about acceptance and performed a musical number from 'The Little Mermaid'. Their performance went down well with the audience who were thrilled by their efforts.



### Waddington All Saints Art Exhibition.

Families were invited into the hall at the start of July to visit our Art Gallery. It was lovely to see just how amazed our visitors were with the extreme high quality of the art work on show. The exhibition was based upon the skills and techniques used by a range of famous artists. The different skills were distributed to the year groups between Foundation Stage and year 4 to enable us to demonstrate the progression of skills through the years in school.



### 3 out of 7 Chicks

Joe from Rand Farm delivered some eggs to KS1 and the children have been fascinated by their progress observing them in an incubator. They were thrilled to learn that all 7 eggs have a chick growing in them. The children are excited that three have already hatched and their faces were a picture when they saw them for the first time.

