



# Waverley Academy

## Teachers in January

## Autumn Newsletter December 2017

Dear Parents /Carers

We have come to the end of the first term. It has absolutely flown by!

The whole term has been amazing at Waverley; so many visits out and visitors into school.

Please see our website with news and information up-dates at: [www.waverleyacademy.org](http://www.waverleyacademy.org)

Also sign up to our 'Friends of Waverley' Facebook page for our latest information and celebrations. Thankyou to all governors and parents who have supported the academy this term as always it is much appreciated.

We are looking forward to our official conversion to the Astrea Trust in the Spring Term and have already begun working with them.

The Christmas fair last week, completed the term. It was very well attended and the atmosphere was lovely. Thank-you to all who contributed, helped out and attended - we can not do these things without you. A total of £1070 was raised for school funds! I know that we are very lucky to have the most generous and supportive parents (and staff) and all money raised pays for treats for the children. Recent treats have been Whole school Roman show and Christmas presents.

The Macmillan Coffee morning was a huge success and was enjoyed by many; raising in excess of £270 which was sent to the Macmillan cancer fund, and our 'Children in need' events raised over £250. There was over £100 in pennies! Y6 won the penny challenge with over 6 metres.

Staff at Waverley work exceptionally hard to make sure our children are working to their potential and at the same time have an exciting and enjoyable time. They, like me feel proud and privileged to teach such lovely children. Their excellent behaviour and impeccable manners are a credit to you and is commented upon daily by our visitors into school.

Have a wonderful Christmas

*Diane Humphrey*

Headteacher

**School Dates**

- Teacher training days
- 09/02/18
- 25/05/18
- Schools opens on Monday 8th January 2018
- School closes on Thursday 8th February 2018
- Mid term reports 23/02/18
- Parent consultations w/b 26/02/18
- Class Assemblies to follow in the Spring Term

**Volunteers needed!**

- To listen to readers
- Help out at events
- Gardening
- Painting shed/benches

If you want to volunteer please contact:  
head@waverley.doncaster.sch.uk

### Coming Soon...

The school Council are very active and play a huge role in telling us what they children want to see in school to make it better for them!

- \* Seating in the quad
- \* Bike/Scooter rack
- \* Children's newsletter

Y5 pupils at Waverley took part in a poetry recital competition at Hexthorpe Academy earlier this term and Shane Harrop won first prize with his performance of 'If' by Rudyard Kipling. Well done to him and all who took part .  
Skye Toyne, Aleks Chlebus and Melvyn Bbosa.



Mrs Chauhan	N
Mrs Walton	YR
Mrs Wood	
Miss Liddle	Y1
Mrs Holmes	Y2
Mrs McGlone	Y3
Mr Briggs	Y4
Mrs Addelee	Y4
Mrs Buckle	Y5
Mrs Hussey	Y6

**Bulb Planting**

Doncaster Parks and Gardens worked with Y4 (Rowan) earlier this term to plant hundreds of bulbs at the front of the school. We are looking forward to seeing the flowers in the Spring.

**Uniform List**

- Navy sweat-shirt/cardigan
- Grey trousers/skirt
- Grey/black socks for boys
- White socks/grey tights for girls
- Black shoes-not trainers

## Parent Pay

In the interest of security, and to improve our ways of working, we are using ParentPay online. Those of you wishing to pay via PayPoint should contact the school office.

At the end of this school year any balances will be carried forward and you will see these on your account once you have logged in and activated it. We will gradually be introducing online payments for all events in school including trips and breakfast club. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office. 01302 853326



## ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

If your child is absent from school, please ring the school office to inform them as soon as possible that morning (preferably before 8.45am) Tel: 853326

### DOCTOR & DENTIST APPOINTMENTS

If you have a dental or medical appointment during school time, pupils should only be absent for their appointment time and should return immediately to school. Please do try whenever possible to make such appointments either after school or during school holidays.

## Behaviour & Safety

### School visits and visitors into school

To enrich our children's learning experience, visits out of school play a large part in making the topic exciting and real.

Hands-on activities help the children to understand concepts and make links in their learning which is essential as we want them to make good progress.

We always ask for a donation as the school does not have any funding to be able to pay for both the activity and the transport. Over the years the governing body have subsidised trips from the school budget but this is currently not possible due to constraints on the budget.

Visitors into school for themed days is less expensive but equally as valuable and the voluntary contribution we would ask for would be much less.

**If parents are unwilling to contribute the activity will not be able to go ahead.**

## Food and drinks in school

The school operate a 'Healthy Schools Policy'. Therefore all dinners/packed lunches provided by the school are nutritional and devised as part of a healthy diet. We do not expect to see packed lunches brought from home containing high levels of fat, sugar and salt. E.g. crisps, chocolate and biscuits.

It is very beneficial for children's health and well-being to be well hydrated. The school provide drinking water throughout the school which the children are able to drink freely. Any drinks sent in by parents should only be water as some children have been bringing in sweetened water which contains very high levels of sugar.

Waverley have improved our attendance data over the year

Autumn 2016 94%

Autumn 2017 95%

National Average is 97%

## Behaviour in school has improved significantly both in the classroom and on the playground

To ensure that all children feel safe in school have the best possible opportunity to reach their full potential we have a zero tolerance on bad behaviour. The behaviour policy is on the Waverley Academy website and from school by request.

[www.waverleyacademy.com](http://www.waverleyacademy.com)

Children who do not follow the school rules will go through the stages of the behaviour procedure. Unfortunately there are times when the school have no alternative but to issue fixed term exclusions which may lead to a permanent exclusion. These incidents are rare as we do try very hard to work with parents; the school community and external agencies if possible to be able to change poor behaviour to an acceptable level.

Our policy is the same as that of all the school's within the Balby pyramid and we do work together to support each other and sometimes as part of our inclusion policy have pupils from other schools for up to 5 days in order to impose a sanction other than exclusion. When parents sign the home-school agreement they are saying that they will support the school in it's aims and policies.

## HEADLICE

Please could parents check their children's heads EVERY WEEKEND. If you suspect infestation please use a fine nit comb and treat you child's head immediately. If all parents did this we could contain any spread of headlice/nits in school.

### Bug Busting Day

On 31st January we will hold a 'Bug Busting Day' and will be giving kits out to all pupils/families



## The Christmas productions

were wonderful and the children (as always) did us proud! A visit from Santa himself, whipped the whole school into a frenzy on Friday morning! (That was just staff!)

