

Welcome (or welcome back) to Wyke Regis C E Junior School. We hope that everyone had a most enjoyable vacation time. It is such a pleasure to see the children looking so smart – many thanks to everybody for their efforts.

As always, at the beginning of a new school year we are looking forward to an eventful time ahead. The aim of the monthly newsletter is to keep you informed of developments and activities happening in school. The newsletters are normally published during the first week of the month – so please do check in your child's bag for a copy!

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**Home-School-Child
Agreements/Computer
Contracts**

Year 3 parents/carers and children should have received copies of our Home-School-Child Agreement and Computer Contract with the School Prospectus. Thank you to those of you who have already returned these documents – please can we have any outstanding copies returned to school as soon as possible. Further copies are available from the school office.

We ask Year 5 parents/carers and children to read and sign a copy of the Home-School-Child Agreement. A copy accompanies this newsletter. Please read, sign and return it to school as soon as possible. A reminder that the H-S-C Agreement is not a legally binding contract and you are not required to sign it.

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Secondary School Admissions

The County's School Admissions Team are offering parents/carers of children in Year 6 the opportunity to attend a question and answer session about secondary school admissions at Westhaven County Junior School on Monday 22nd September starting at 7 pm. As parents/carers with children in Year 6 will soon have to consider their secondary school preferences, I encourage them to attend this meeting.

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Drugs Awareness Evening

P. C Wooley from the Dorset Police has arranged a Drug Awareness Evening for local parents/carers to be held at the Blues Club, Grove Road, Portland, on Monday 10th October, starting at 6.30 pm.

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**Phonological Awareness
Training**

We would welcome parent/carer volunteers to work with individual children in developing their phonological awareness – the development of their spelling and recognition of words. The little training required will be provided – no expertise is necessary! The sessions take place every school day between 8.40 and 8.55 am – if you can spare 15 minutes each morning, please see Mr Saunders or Mrs Sloan.

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Payments



It would be greatly appreciated if any payments sent to class teachers or the school office could be placed in an envelope marked with your child's name and class.

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Prior Notice – SATs 2004

The national SATs for Year 6 pupils takes place during the week beginning Monday 10th May 2004. **All our pupils will be involved in some form of assessment during that week. It is essential that your child attends school during that week and we ask all parents/carers to avoid holidays being planned at that time.**

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Photographs

The school photographer will be visiting the school on Friday 19th September – combs at the ready!

Tokens and Cartridges

We are collecting the Nestles 'Tokens for Education' and empty printer cartridges for recycling – any of the above would be most welcome at the school office.

Access to school playground from the High Street

For reasons of security, the gate on the path running alongside the Year 6 block will be locked from **9.15 am to 3.00 pm**. This will mean that parents/carers collecting children from the Infant School at 3.00 pm will have to find an alternative route from the High Street.

When sporting activities are taking place on the main playground, I must request that parents/carers do not enter that area until the lesson has ended.

I would also like to remind parents/carers who transport their children to and from school by car that there is no access to the school car park at the start and end of school. Please park your car on the High Street, with consideration to local residents.

Extra Curricular Activities

A full list of lunchtime and after-school clubs will be published soon. By their nature, all clubs are limited to an appropriate number of children who can take part. However, we will do all we can to ensure that every child wishing to participate in a club has the opportunity to do so.

The Friends of Wyke Regis C E Junior School

Accompanying this newsletter is a copy of the Friends' newsletter. The Friends have gone from strength to strength over the last ten years, but will only continue to be successful with your support. Any offers of help, whether as a committee member or volunteer - even if you can only help occasionally – will be gratefully appreciated.

Photographs and Video Filming

Many parents/carers will be aware that last year the Governing Body decided to prohibit the taking of photographs and video filming on school premises. I am grateful to all parents/carers for abiding by this decision. The Governing Body are due to review this policy at the forthcoming Governors' meeting. I feel that it is important that the Governors are aware of the opinions of our parents/carers during their consideration of the policy. Please read the

accompanying letter and take the opportunity to voice your opinion on this important matter.