

Welcome (or welcome back) to Wyke Regis C E Junior School. We hope that everyone has had a most enjoyable vacation time. It is a pleasure to see so many children looking so smart – many thanks to everyone 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 usually published during the first week of the month, on gold/orange paper, so please do check your child's bag for a copy.



Children Absent from School

It would be greatly appreciated if parents/carers would continue to contact the school by 'phone or in person, **on the first day of their child's absence**. We are introducing a new system to ensure that children leaving home for school arrive safely. This will involve our office staff contacting the families of children who have not

registered and are unexpectedly absent.

To save the office staff from making unnecessary 'phone calls, it would be greatly appreciated if all parents/carers would contact the school before 9.15 am if their child is unexpectedly absent through illness or for any other reason.

A written note explaining the reason for your child's absence is still required on the day he/she returns to school.

Home-School-Child Agreements

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 returned these documents – please can we have the outstanding copies as soon as possible please. Further copies are available from the School Office

We provide forms for Year 5 parents/carers and children to re-confirm their support of the school and its aims, by signing a copy of the Home-School-Child Agreement. A copy of the agreement accompanies this newsletter. Please read, sign (if you wish) and return it to school

as soon as possible. (A reminder – this is not a legally binding document).

Water Bottles

We welcome small plastic bottles of water (which can be refilled) in school, as these can be a great aid to the health and learning of our children. It would be helpful if the bottles were of the sports-type with the click tops. Please do not allow your child to bring in a bottle of frozen water.

Prior notice – SATs 2005

The national Standardised Attainment Tests (SAT) for Year 6 pupils are to take place during the week beginning **Monday 9th May 2005**. **ALL** our pupils will be involved in some form of assessment tests during that week. It is essential that your child attends school during that week and we ask all parents/carers to avoid planning a holiday during these five days.

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 necessary!

The sessions last from 8.40 am to 8.55 am – if you can spare 15 minutes each morning, please contact Mrs Sloan or Mr Saunders.

Friends of Wyke Regis C E Junior School

For the last eleven years the fund raising activities of the Friends has provided the school with many resources which have directly improved the quality of education that we can offer your child. The Friends will be meeting at the school at **7.15 pm on Tuesday 21st September.** They would greatly appreciate offers to join the committee or to help at events.

Please come along and join the Friends – it is not a huge commitment and has such a positive impact.

End of School

After 3 pm there are many parents/carers waiting in the playground for our pupils. I would request that parents/carers do all they can to ensure that younger children are kept under control and do not disrupt lessons still going on in classrooms. Furthermore, it is essential for their safety that younger children are not allowed to climb on bins, over walls on garden beds or in the long jump pit. Thank

you for your co-operation in this matter.

Persil Stars and Nestle Box Tops

Donations of Persil 'Hands-on Arts Award' Stars and Nestle Box Tops would be most welcome. They can be sent to your child's class teacher or directly to the school office.

'School Past and Present' Project



Year 3 are planning a project looking at the school 'past and present'. If any former pupils or present parents/carers have photographs of the old school that we could borrow it would be much appreciated. Please see Mrs Blackwood or Mr Saunders if you can help us in our search.

The Removal of Paint and Glue

We ask that parents provide an old shirt or apron to protect the children's uniform during Art/Craft and DT lessons. However, occasionally things are accidentally spilled onto uniform.

In order to remove stains the advice from the suppliers is as follows:

“To remove glue which has been accidentally splashed onto uniform, remove as much glue as possible whilst dry by scratching away from the fabric. A cold water soaking (preferably overnight) and washing by hand with soap and warm water should remove most stains. Avoid biological powders and hot water.

To remove paint, again a cold water soaking (preferably overnight) followed by hand washing with soap and warm water, should remove most stains. Again avoid biological powders and hot water”.

School Meals

Pace Services have asked us to let all parents have a copy of their School Meals menu. If anybody wishes to order them, please complete the order form and return it to Pace Services. The meals ordered will then be delivered to school each day, and given to your child.