

Friends Christmas Raffle

Thank you to everyone who has donated a prize or bought tickets for the Christmas Raffle. The draw for the raffle will be held at the Bingo on the evening of 8th December. **Please ensure that tickets sold and unsold are returned to school by Tuesday 7th December.**

Used Stamps

We are collecting used stamps, which will be passed on to charitable organisations to provide funds for good causes. A collection box has been placed in the school entrance area.

Recycling Computer Printer Cartridges

The school has been collecting used printer cartridges for some time now. The cartridges are collected by a recycling company for re-use. The school receive a donation from the company in return. If you have any used cartridges, we would be grateful if they could be presented at the school office. This collection is on-going throughout the school year. Thank you to those who have made donations, we have been able to purchase two printers and a number of other items with the proceeds received so far.

Parking

A small number of people delivering and collecting children from school are using the school car park for this purpose. In the interest of safety, **please do not enter the car park at the beginning and end of school.** Thank you to everyone for your support in this matter.

Photography at School

As a matter of policy, we do not allow our children to be photographed by any outside agency (e.g. newspapers) without the prior permission of parents/carers. To enable your child to be photographed, the Governing Body requires parents/carers to indicate their approval. The naming of children in press photographs will not be allowed without the express permission of the parents/carers.

Please complete the permission slip accompanying this newsletter and return it to school as soon as possible.



Start of the Day

The ringing of a bell at 8.43 am seems to have worked very well. Thank you to all the parents/carers who have left the playground at that time.

Emergency Closure of the School

In the event of extremely inclement weather, the school may be required to close at short notice.



Parents/carers can check whether the school is closed by tuning into Wessex FM (96 or 97.2 FM) or BBC Radio Solent (103.8 FM) on the mornings when they have any concerns about the weather (such as a heavy fall of snow.) The radio stations will regularly announce any closures.

After school Clubs

Each Monday morning, notices will be placed on the school's notice board in the main entrance, and on the Year 4 and Year 3 doors, confirming whether or not your child's after-school clubs are happening that week. I would request that parents/carers do not phone the office to ask if their child's club is going ahead, except when there are doubts caused by inclement weather on the day of the club. Club leaders will inform parents/carers if a club has to be cancelled due to foreseen circumstances.

Interactive Whiteboards

Two classrooms have now been fitted with interactive whiteboards, which enable computer-generated texts and graphics to be projected onto a whiteboard. The text and graphics can be moved across the screen. This technology enhances the learning experiences children enjoy in school.

I am pleased to say that we have purchased a further four whiteboards which will be fitted after the vacation. Our aim is to have an interactive whiteboard available to every class by September 2005. I wish to thank the Friends for their financial support of this project.

We hope to provide parents/carers with an opportunity to see this technology in practice next term.

Staff Appointment

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Debbie Sear has joined our school office staff.

Absences Notes

You can notify us of an absence by email absence@wykeregisjun.dorset.sch.uk

Puffin Crossings

Accompanying this newsletter you should find a pamphlet describing new puffin crossings, which are gradually being introduced for pedestrians. I hope that you will find time to share its contents with your child.

A Reminder

School closes for the Christmas vacation at **2.15 pm** on **Friday 17th December**. School re-opens at **8.45 am on Tuesday 4th January**.

Christmas 2004

As I am sure you can imagine, as we approach the festive period there are many activities being planned as part of our celebration. Below are the times and dates for Christmas Events:

Wednesday 8th December

Year 3 Christingle Service – 9.15 am (Family members welcome)

Year 4 Christingle Service – 2.30 pm (Family members welcome)

Friends Christmas Bingo – 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm ‘eyesdown’

(All tickets are now sold – sorry, no admission at the door)

Thursday 9th December

Year 5 Christingle Service – 9.15 am (Family members welcome)

Monday 13th December

Year 6 Christingle Service – 9.15 am (Family members welcome)

Tuesday 14th December

Year 4 Christmas Party 1.30 pm

School Christmas Carol Service – 7.00 pm at All Saints Church (Family members welcome)

Wednesday 15th December

Year 5 Christmas Party – 1.30 pm.

Year 6 Christmas Party – 4.30 pm – 7.30 pm

Thursday 16th December

Year 3 Christmas Party – 1.30 pm

On behalf of the Governors and Staff of the school, I wish to thank you all for your continuing support of the school and take this opportunity to wish all our families a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year