

As April will be a short month due to the Easter vacation, there will not be an April newsletter. This Easter newsletter will update you on events, which have happened and are planned for the coming weeks.

Change to the end of school

Having given consideration to the proposal to change our school finishing time, the Governors have agreed to change to a 3.05 pm finish as from September 2005. This will mean that the lunchtime will be reduced to 50 minutes. As I indicated in previous correspondence, we will be carrying out a full review of our lunchtime provision to ensure that the children receive adequate time to eat their lunches.

School Reports

Parents/carers of children in Years 3, 4 and 5 normally receive their child's annual report just before the Easter vacation. However, due to administrative delays, we will not be able to forward reports to you until the Friday 15th April. I apologise for this delay.



Talent Shows

As you may be aware, the school's bi-annual Talent Shows are taking place today and tomorrow starting at 6.30 pm. Tickets are on sale from the school office priced £3 for adults and £1.50 for children (under 16 years of age).

I would like to remind parents/carers that:

(I) Children watching the performance must be accompanied by an adult.

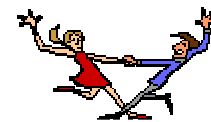
(II) The taking of photographs and video filming is prohibited during the performance.

A video film and photographs of the show will be available for purchase on the evenings.

Royal Albert Hall

Twenty of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils have performed at the Royal Albert Hall as part of a Dorset schools choir and orchestral concert in front of a packed house. They sang beautifully and their behaviour and attitude

were outstanding. Congratulations to everyone who participated and a special thank you to Mrs Rewse for her excellent preparation of the children.



Friends

The next events being organised by the Friends are children's discos on Friday 22nd April. There is the usual arrangement: Yrs 3&4 – 6.00 to 7.30 pm Yrs 5&6 – 7.45 to 9.15 pm Tickets are £2 (including refreshments) available at the school office from Monday 18th April.

I would like to remind parents/carers that an adult is expected to deliver and collect the children from discos. As the organisers of the discos, we have a duty of care to the children and do not feel that it is appropriate for young children to walk alone on their way to and from our events.

Sporting Success

Congratulations to the school's football team for achieving the 'treble' by winning the Nash Cup competition for the third successive year. This year, the trophy has been shared with Tophill Junior School. Congratulations to the team and Mr Rice for his excellent coaching.

The netball team also goes from strength to strength with some outstanding performances. They have reached the final of the area schools knock-out-competition and they achieved a third place in a tournament played last week. Congratulations to the team and best wishes for the final. Many thanks to Miss Humphrys and Mrs Mitchell for their excellent coaching of the team.

Medication

May I remind parents/carers that they are required to complete a medication administration form should you wish us to administer medication/treatment during school hours. These forms are available from the school office or on the information page of the school website – www.wykeregisjun.dorset.sch.uk



London Residential Visit

We wish year 6 an exciting and enjoyable residential visit to London during the week 11th to 15th April.

Late Arrivals and Absence

We encourage parents and carers to ensure that their children arrive punctually at school. However, if children do arrive after the start of school, they must come to the school office to record their attendance. We would appreciate it if you could telephone the school before 9.30am to advise the school if your child is absent and send a note in when the child returns to school.

Caretaker

We are pleased to welcome Mr Martin Hayne to our staff in the role of caretaker. Mr Hayne has been acting as substitute during Mr Craner's prolonged absence. He will assume his permanent position after the Easter vacation.

Vouchers/Cartridges

We are collecting Tesco vouchers, and have set a target of 6000 for a digital camera and would be grateful for any donations. We also are still collecting Persil Stars for art equipment and empty computer cartridges which are recycled for cash.

A final reminder

School closes for the Easter vacation at 2.15 pm on Thursday 24th March and reopens at 8.45 am on Monday 11th April.

Dates for remainder of school year

Summer Term – 1st half

Monday 11th April to Friday 27th May (3:15 finish) there is a Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May

Summer Term – 2nd half

Monday 6th June to Thursday 21st July (2:15 finish)