

Welcome back to school - I hope that everyone had a restful and enjoyable half term holiday.

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### Parental Consultations

Thank you to all the many parents/carers who attended the consultation sessions before half term. I hope that they proved to be a useful opportunity for discussion for parents/carers and children as I know they did for the teachers.

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### Pupil absence/e.mail contact

In September, we introduced a system whereby parents/carers would be contacted by 'phone if their child was unexpectedly absent from school. Thank you to the many parents/carers who have contacted the school by phone on the first day of their child's absence. I would again ask all parents/carers to contact the school

before 9.15 am, when their child is unexpectedly absent through illness or for other reasons.

If you would prefer to e.mail the school to notify us of your child's absence you can do so by contacting us at [absence@wykeregisjun.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:absence@wykeregisjun.dorset.sch.uk)

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### 'Poppy Day' Appeal

As we do every year, we are providing the children with the opportunity to support the British Legion's 'Poppy Day' Appeal by making a donation and receiving a poppy in return. The poppies will be on sale from Wednesday. We will be asking the children to make a small donation of at least 20p if they wish to buy a poppy.

In the week before half term, the children enjoyed a visit from Cliff Billing, the British Legion's branch marshal who thanked the school for its continuing

support of the poppy appeal.

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### Air conditioning

The school's ICT room now has a splendid air conditioning unit, which has made the environment of the room much more pleasant. I wish to thank the Friends for their generous donation in purchasing the unit for the room at a cost of over £3400.

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### Forthcoming Friends Events

The Friends have arranged children's discos for the evening of Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November. Tickets will be available from the school office from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November - price £2 (including refreshments) The discos are at the following times:

Yrs 3 & 4: 6.00 - 7.30 pm  
Yrs 5 & 6: 7.45 - 9.15 pm

Just to let you know that the very popular Friends Christmas Bingo is planned for the evening of Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December, starting at 7 pm. This year, the event will be all ticket - further information will follow nearer the event.

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### **Start of the day**

As from next week we are introducing a new arrangement at the start of the school day. When the bell is rung at 8.43 am it would be very helpful if parents/carers would respond by leaving the playground. A second bell will then be rung at 8.45 am to instruct the children to gather in their class lines. Thank you for your support in this matter.

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We have some wax granules, for making candles. If anybody is interested in having some, please contact the office.

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### **'Breakfast Club'**

We are again considering establishing a 'breakfast club' on two mornings per week from 8.00am to 8.30am (probably Tuesdays and Thursdays). The club would provide children with the opportunity to have a breakfast (if they wish to) and to complete homework tasks under the supervision of staff. The breakfast is likely to consist of cereals, toast and fruit juice. The cost of the breakfast is likely to be in the region of £1 per morning.

If your child would be interested in attending on one or two mornings per week, please complete the form attached (without obligation) and return it to school by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November. The response we receive will determine whether or not the breakfast club would be viable.