

The Staff and Governors welcome everyone to a new year at Wyke Regis CE Junior School. A special welcome to everyone who has joined us for the first time. We hope that you have all had an enjoyable summer vacation.

We welcome Mr West (Year 6) and Mr Otter (Year 5) to our teaching staff.

There is another busy year ahead, which we hope will be happy and successful for your child. However, if you do have any concerns, please do contact your child's class teacher.

This is the first of this year's school newsletters. You should normally receive a copy during the first week of each month – please do check your child's bag and nag them if you don't receive them! Copies of the newsletters can also be found on the school website – [www.wykeregisjun.co.uk](http://www.wykeregisjun.co.uk)

Please do visit the school website – it provides updates on what is happening in school and access to a variety of forms and other resources.

### School Uniform

We would like to thank parents/carers for their tremendous support of the school uniform. The children look very smart – a credit to the school and their families. There has recently been discussion in the media about the issue of school uniform. I would like to reassure you the school does not make a profit on the uniform that it sells to you, but by taking control of its purchase, we can ensure the quality and value of the products.

### First Day Absence

We would ask all parents/carers to contact the school by phone on the first day of their child's absence. This enables us to ensure that all the children who have left home have arrived at school safely. If we are not aware of the reason for your child's absence, we will contact you. However, this is very time consuming and I would urge you to contact us, before 9.15am on 786041 or e.mail us at [absence@wykeregisjun.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:absence@wykeregisjun.dorset.sch.uk)



### School Houses

As from this term, we are introducing houses into the school. Each child and members of staff have been allocated a house, all named after mythical creatures: Dragon (Red), Gryphon (Green), Phoenix (Blue) and Unicorn (Yellow). Children will be awarded house points for good deeds, effort and achievement. The top houses will be awarded trophies for house points and there will also be other inter-house competitions.

The children may purchase a house wrist band from the school office for £1, half of which goes to the house members agreed charity. As from this term, only house bands may be worn to school.

### Visiting the School

The school has a clear policy for adults visiting the school – please always firstly report to the school office.

### Lego

We would welcome any donations of Lego. If you have any unwanted items at home, please do bring it to the school office.

## The morning bells

At the start of the day the bell will be rung a couple of minutes before 8.45 to ask family members to leave the playground. This is not intended to be unwelcoming, but it does mean that the playground is clearer for children to line up at 8.45.

May I also remind you that the zig-zag lined area outside the school gates on the High Street must be kept clear at all times and that the car park cannot be used for the dropping off or picking up of children. These rules are obviously in place to help ensure the safety of the children and members of the public. Thank you for co-operating with these requests.

## Parent/Carer Consultations

This term parent/carer consultations are planned for the following evenings:

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October**  
5.00 – 7.00

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October**  
3.15 – 5.15

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October**  
3.15 – 5.15

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**  
5.00 – 7.00

The consultations provide an opportunity for you and your child to meet with their class teacher to discuss your child's progress. Further information will be available nearer the time.

## After-School Clubs

Many of our after-school clubs will be starting next week. The children will be told of the clubs on offer and may bring home a permission slip for you to complete. There are obviously limits on the number of children who can attend each club, but staff will do all they can to ensure fair access. Due to the nature of the clubs, some are by invitation only. You should receive a list of the clubs with this newsletter. If you have any queries about a club, please do contact the activity leader or the school office.

## Dates for your diary

**Year 4 Leeson House Residential Visit Meeting**  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September  
7.00pm

**School Photographer**  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 9.00am

**Literacy Evening for Parents/Carers**  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October  
7.00pm  
(more information will follow)

## Secondary School Applications Year 6 Pupils

Information packs will be sent home next week.

Application forms must be returned to us by  
***Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2006 at the latest.***

### Open Days / Evenings

**The Wey Valley School & Sports College**  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October – 6pm to 8pm

**All Saints School**  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 6.30pm  
&  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October  
9am to 12.15pm & 1.15pm to 3.00pm

**Royal Manor Arts College**  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October – 6pm to 8pm

**Budmouth Technology College**  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October – 6.30pm