

Welcome back to everyone after what has been a very warm and hopefully enjoyable Easter vacation. As April in school is a short month, I have decided to combine the newsletter into an April-May edition.

School Development and Performance

Since the start of this academic year, the school has received a number of visits from what is known as the School Improvement Consultant. The role of a SIP is to work with the school in reviewing issues and evaluating performance. Our SIP is himself a Dorset headteacher.

Following his latest visit, the school has been graded as a 'successful school which has the capacity to continue to move forward.'

Sporting Success

The school's football team have reached the final of the South Dorset 11-a-side Cup where they will play Dorchester Middle School – date to be arranged. We wish them good luck!

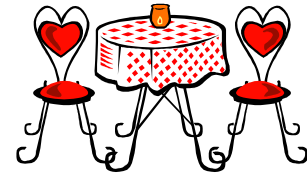
The School Profile

Many parents/carers may remember in the past receiving an Annual Report to Parents from the Governing Body. This has now been replaced by the School Profile which is available electronically from the school website – www.wykeregisjun.co.uk

When you get to the front page of the website, go to 'Information' under Navigation Bar and you can then click on 'School Profile.' The profile will provide you with up-to-date information about the school and its performance.

Parent Governor Elections

You should have received voting forms for the election of parent governors. There are four candidates who are standing for the two vacancies. Please do take this opportunity to vote and return the completed ballot papers to school in the envelope provided by Friday 4th May.



Maths Café

An enormous **THANK YOU!** to everyone who donated cakes and biscuits to the Year 5 Maths Café. We were absolutely overwhelmed by the response. The café proved to be a great success and many very positive comments were made by those who attended. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience of 'waiting on' customers. The café also raised £255 which will be used to purchase wet lunchtime and 'golden time' games for the whole school. Thank you again to everyone for their support. A special thank you to Mrs Derrien for organising the café.

Red Nose Day

A fantastic Red Nose day was held in March and the children came to school in an amazing variety of costumes. The donations they made and the sale of Red Noses raised £740 for this very worthwhile charity. Thank you to everyone for their support.

Music Festival

In March, the school choir, recorder band and instrumentalists performed at the Weymouth Music Festival. The choir were awarded the festival cup for their performance and were asked to perform at festival concert the following week.

Congratulations to everyone who took part. My thanks to Mrs Rewse and Mr Payne for their inspirational teaching.



Year 6 London Residential Visit

A super week was had by all when Year 6 visited London during the week before half-term. The children (and even some of the adults!) represented the school outstandingly. The staff at the theatre commented that Wyke Regis Junior was the best behaved school ever to visit the show! Congratulations to everyone involved and thanks to the staff and volunteers who supported the visit. Special thanks to Mrs Dyke for organising the visit.



Artsmark Gold Award

You may remember from the last newsletter that the school was due to undergo a visit from a validator in respect of our application to receive the national Artsmark Award. Following the visit, we are very hopeful of hearing that the school will receive the award next month. We will keep you informed.

Theatre Lighting

Speaking of the arts, the school is investing in new theatre lighting for the studio to enhance performances. The new equipment will be the most up-to-date and will provide much improved lighting. It will hopefully get its first 'airing' when Years 3 and 4 present 'The Bubblesnouts' in June.

Tesco 'Computers for Schools' tokens

Many thanks to everyone who has donated their tokens to the school – we would welcome any more that are out there. We are attempting to collect around 10,000 to receive some urgently needed headphones and memory sticks.

'Learning Walks'

You may remember from the last newsletter I mentioned that some of our children were involved in helping us to evaluate aspects of the school through 'learning walks.' I am pleased to say that four of our Year 6 children will be visiting Beechcroft Primary School next week to assist them in evaluating their lunchtime provision.

Hot Meals in Schools

As you may be aware, primary schools are obliged to provide pupils with the opportunity to eat a hot meal for lunch as from September 2008. You may also be aware that Dorset primary schools have not provided hot meals since the 1980's.

As a school, we are at present investigating ways of providing hot meals from September 2008. This will involve some small scale construction work to provide a preparation room and servery. The meals will not be cooked on site, but are likely to be pre-prepared and steam heated. We will be contacting parents/carers in the near future to gauge support for such a project and further information will follow.

Parking on the High Street

As you are no doubt aware, finding a parking space on the High Street at the beginning and end of the school day is difficult. However, I have received information from a local resident that cars have deliberately parked across her driveway entrance at these times. I would ask all drivers to respect the rights of way of our local residents. If it is necessary to drive, please park further away from school and walk the short distance.

School Photographer

We had to postpone the visit of the school photographer in March. He has re-arranged his visit the afternoon of Friday 27th April when he will be taking class photographs which you will have the opportunity to purchase at a later date.

Friends Association

The Friends have organised children's discos for the evening of Friday 27th April. The discos are as follows:

Years 3&4 - 6.00 - 7.30pm
Years 5&6 - 7.45 - 9.15pm

Tickets cost £2 (including refreshments) and will be available from the school office from Monday 23rd April.

Please note in your diary the date of this year's Summer Fayre – **Friday 29th June.**



Drama Club

This after school club will commence on Wednesday 2nd May. Children wishing to participate will need to have a permission slip completed by their parents. Drama Club sessions will cost £1 per week.

All Saints – Lost Property Uniform Sale

Year 6 parents may be interested in this sale, which will be taking place on Saturday 21st April, at All Saints School, from 10am to 12 noon. All items have been laundered.

Standardised Assessment Tests Week

I would like to remind parents/carers of children in Year 6 that their child will be involved in national SAT's for English, Maths and Science during the week beginning **Monday 14th May.** We would ask you to do all you can to ensure that your child is present during that week.

A Reminder

The school will be closed at the following times:

Monday 7th May
Bank Holiday

Monday 28th May
to
Friday 1st June
Half-term vacation