

Welcome back to school! None of us can claim that it has been a glorious summer (unless you have been abroad) but hopefully everyone has enjoyed the time.

A special welcome to all those who have joined us for the first time. This is going to be another busy year ahead which we hope will be an enjoyable and successful year for everyone.

This is the first of our newsletters which you should receive on the first week of each month. Please do check your child's bag. Please also check out our school website



[www.wykeregisjun.co.uk](http://www.wykeregisjun.co.uk) where you can also pick up on the latest news and information.

### **Contact Information**

If there are any changes in contact information relating to your child, please do inform the school office. It is vitally important that we are able to contact families when the need arises.

### **School Uniform**

The children look so smart in their school uniforms. Many thanks to you all for supporting the school's uniform policy. We understand that a few of you may have encountered problems with the availability of uniform at National Schoolwear. They have asked us to pass on their apologies for any inconvenience caused. They had underestimated the demand for uniform, but have assured us that they will order more in the future.

### **Nut Allergy**

You may be aware that we have a number of children in the school who are allergic to nuts and products made in factories processing nuts. These children can suffer a severe reaction to coming into contact with nuts. In the interest of their welfare, I would ask parents/carers not to include items containing nuts in their child's snacks or packed lunches. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



### **Half-Termly Year Group Letters**

In the next week you will receive a newsletter from your child's Year Leader outlining this half-term's curriculum and events involving the year group.



### **Morning Bell/Start of the Day**

A bell is rung at 8.43am as a signal for the children to start lining up. We politely request that all parents/carers leave the playground at that time in order to relieve congestion.

During last term, it was becoming increasingly obvious that a small minority of unaccompanied children were arriving at school very early. Some were on the school premises from 8.10am. We cannot receive children before 8.30am and I would ask parents/carers to ensure that their children do not arrive before this time as they will have to remain unsupervised outside the school gates.

## Hear 4 U

Since 2003, the school has provided a child counselling service in partnership with Relate Dorset. Children facing problems or worrying times can benefit from working with our excellent counsellor, Kim Evans. The service is available to all of our children with the permission of their parents/carers. If you would like to know more about the service, please contact Mr Saunders.

For parents/carers of children in Year 3 and new arrivals in other years, a permission slip accompanies this newsletter. Please return the completed form to school.

## School Houses

As you are aware, each pupil at the school is a member of Dragon, Gryphon, Phoenix or Unicorn house. The children may wish to buy a wrist band from the school office in their house colour for £1 (50p goes to charity). These are the only wrist bands allowed in school.



## After-School Clubs

We are at present planning our after-school clubs and will be sending home a list of the activities in the near future. If your child wishes to join a club, they will bring home a permission slip for you to sign and return to school.



## Hot Meals

The introduction of hot meals to the school seems to have gone well and the meals taste good! Over 60 children are at present taking meals. If you would like your child to have a hot meal, please contact the school office.

## School Photographs

A professional photographer will be visiting the school on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September to take individual and sibling photographs of the children.

We hope that your child will settle well in their new classes. However, if you have any concerns, please do contact your child's class teacher.

We will be holding parental consultations during the weeks preceding and following the half-term holiday. Further information will follow nearer that time.