

The Staff and Governors welcome everyone back to school! We hope that everyone has had an exciting and restful vacation.

WELCOME

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

We welcome Miss Youngs to Year 3, Mrs Jeffery to Year 4, Mrs Borries to Year 5 and Mr Protherough to Year 6.

This is the first of our newsletters which are usually distributed during the first week of each month – please look out for them. The school's website www.wyke-regis-jun.co.uk is a useful resource for gathering the latest school news and information. You will also receive a half-termly newsletter from your child's year team.



Nut Allergy

We have a number of children attending the school who have an allergy to nuts. In the interest of their welfare, we would ask parents/carers not to include items containing nuts within their child's packed lunches. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



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 immediately when the need arises.



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.

We ask that children and adults do not enter the school premises before 8.30am. The school is not in a position to accept children before this time as there is no supervision available.

If you need to visit the school office the office staff are available between 8.30am and 3.20pm.

School Photographer

The school photographer will be visiting us on Thursday 1st October to take individual and sibling photographs of the children.

School Uniform

The children look very smart in their school uniforms. Many thanks to you all for supporting the school's uniform policy. I would like to remind parents/carers that the school does not encourage the wearing of jewellery in school. Small metal stud earrings are acceptable. We also discourage the wearing of nail varnish and extreme hairstyles. We would welcome your support in this matter.

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

For parents/carers of children in Year 3 and new arrivals in other year groups, a permission slip accompanies this newsletter. Please return the completed form to your child's class teacher.





First Day Absence

We would like to remind parents/carers to contact the school on the first day of their child's absence. This enables us to ensure that all the children who have left home have arrived safely at school. If we are not aware of the reason for your child's absence we will attempt to contact you. As you can imagine, this is very time consuming and I would urge you to contact us before 9.00am on 786041 or email us on :-

absence@wykeregisjun.dors.et.sch.uk

School Houses

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

Class Charters

At the start of each academic year, the children in each class discuss rules that they would like in their class charter. The children and staff consider rights and responsibilities and how they can ensure respect for everyone. The charters are then used to reinforce positive behaviour and attitudes. You will receive a copy of your child's class charter later this month. Please do discuss its content with them.

After-School Clubs and Golden Time

We are at present planning our after-school clubs and will be sending you a list of the activities available 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.

Sometimes a club may be cancelled, please check the weekly lists that are displayed around the school – Year 3 notice board, Year 4 link corridor, sports notice board & Year 6 entrance door.

The school also offers all the children the opportunity to participate in 'Golden Time' every Friday afternoon. The children may choose activities ranging from chess, to sports, art and music and ICT.



Healthy snacks and water

As a school, we encourage children to bring in a mid-morning snack comprising a piece of fruit or snack bar (no nuts please). A bottle of water is also welcome to hydrate the children. Eco bottles are available from the school office priced £2.

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We hope that your child will settle well into their new class. However, if you have any concerns, please do contact your child's class teacher. We will be holding parent/carer consultations around the first half-term vacation.

Secondary School Applications Year 6 Pupils

Apply on-line via dorsetforyou.com/schooladmissions by midnight on 23rd October 2009.

If you require a paper application please telephone 01305 228509.

Further information will follow by Friday 11th September 09.

Open Days / Evenings

**The Wey Valley School & Sports College
Monday 5th October 09**

**Royal Manor Arts College
Monday 5th October 09**

**All Saints School
Tuesday 6th October 09 - 6.30pm
&**

Wednesday 7th October 09 ~ Open Day

**Budmouth Technology College
Wednesday 7th & Thursday 8th October 09 – 6.30pm
(WRJS pupils invited on Thursday 8th Oct)**