

NEWSLETTER

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 Mr Paul Cooper to Year 4 and Mrs Amanda Clark to Year 5.

This is the first of our newsletters which are usually distributed during the first week of each month – please look out for them (As this is a 'short' month, the next newsletter will appear in November).



The school's website www.wykeregisjun.co.uk is a useful resource for gathering the latest school news and information. You will also receive a termly newsletter from your child's year team.

Wyke Regis Primary Federation

This is a particularly exciting time for both of the primary schools in Wyke Regis as we have joined in a federation of schools. Mr Carl Saunders is now the Head of Federation. His time is split equally between the two schools and when he is not on the junior site, Mrs Joanna Dyke, as Head of School, will be the point of contact for parents/carers.

We are looking forward to continuing to provide our children from the age of 3 to 11 with high quality learning and growing experiences. There will be changes in the future and we will keep you informed and ask for your opinions on many issues.



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.



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.dorset.sch.uk

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.



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.

Premises

There have been a number of improvements made to the school during the summer vacation. The school hall now has dance mirrors, electric opening windows and new curtains. New curtains have also been fitted in the studio. New carpets have been laid in Years 4 and 5 who have also received new chairs. Other improvements include a new trolley park and barriers in the car park. Year 5 will have new cloakroom facilities after the half-term break and we will be constructing a new reception area in the near future.

Safety

I would again ask that pedestrians do not walk through the car park but keep to the designated path for their safety. The car park is designated for staff and visitors – please do not use it to drop-off or collect children.

School Council

The children will be electing new class representatives at the end of the month. A boy and a girl will then represent their class at the fortnightly School Council meetings.



Hear 4 U

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 Mrs Dyke.

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.

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.

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.

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

School Photographer

The school photographer will be visiting us on Tuesday 12th October to take individual and sibling photographs of the children.

Parent/Carer Helpers

We always gratefully receive offers of voluntary help in our classrooms. If you would like to offer your time, please do contact your child's class teacher.

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.



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 (fruit or cereal - **no nuts please**). This is especially important as we have made changes to the timetable which means that the children's playtime is later in the morning (at 11.00am).

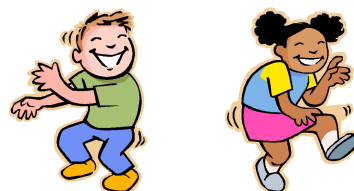
A bottle of water is also welcome to hydrate the children. Eco bottles are available from the school office priced £2.

School Disco's

The Friends Association are holding two discos on Friday 24th September. Tickets costing £2.50 are available from the school office from Monday 20th September.

Yrs 3&4 – 6.00 'til 7.30pm
Yrs 5&6 – 7.45 'til 9.15pm

We would be most grateful for offers of help at these disco's. If you are able to help at either disco, please could you give your name in to the school office. Thank you



We hope that your child has settled well into their new class. However, if you have any concerns, please do contact your child's class teacher.

We will be holding parent/carers consultations during the weeks beginning 18th October and 1st November. Further information will follow closer to the time.