



Wyke Regis Primary Federation Newsletter

November - December 2010



Welcome to the first edition of the half-termly newsletter from the Wyke Regis Primary Federation.

As you will be aware, Wyke Regis Infant School & Nursery and Wyke Regis CE VC Junior School have formed a close Federation under one Head of Federation and one governing body.

The Federation will enable us to provide your child with a first-class education from aged 3 to 11 years ensuring that the transition between infant and junior schools is as smooth as it possibly can be. Governors, staff, parents and the children have already begun to develop ways in which the schools can work together in a closer partnership. However, even though the schools are federated, in many ways they will keep their own individual identity.

We are looking forward to developing our Federation and will be consulting with the families we serve on many aspects of school life. In the near future, we will be asking your opinion on such matters as an all-through school uniform and a Federation logo.

Please do contact us if you have any queries about the Federation.

Federation News Governing Body

The Governing Body of the Federation is now in place and has held the inaugural meeting. Mrs Debbie Morgan has been elected as Chair with Mr Alistair Ballentine being elected as Vice-Chair. A full list of members will soon be forwarded to you.

Harvest

Thank you to everyone who supported the Harvest collection in both schools. The staff at Waves have sent their grateful thanks to the children and their families for the produce they received.



Children in Need

Both schools will be holding a non-uniform day in support of the Children in Need appeal on Friday 19th November. Spotty outfits will be much appreciated. The children will be asked to contribute 50p for the pleasure.



Federation Friends Association

The PTFA's of both schools have now combined into a Federation Friends Association which means that they will be able to 'pool' their resources. Offers of help will be much appreciated. Funds raised will be shared equally between the two schools.

Forthcoming FFA events include:

Junior School Discos this Friday - 12th November

Years 3 and 4:
6.00pm - 7.30pm

Years 5 and 6
7.45pm - 9.15pm

Tickets £2.50 from the Junior School Office.



A Christmas Craft Fair is being held in the Infant School hall on **Sunday 5th December** from 2pm to 4pm. There will be many exciting gifts to buy. We look forward to seeing you there.



Christmas Bingo will be held in the Junior School hall on **Wednesday 8th December** starting at 6.30pm – eyes down at 7.00pm. Tickets will be available from the Junior School office from Monday 29th November.



A Christmas Hamper Raffle is being held at the Infant School. There will be a hamper collection box in your child's classroom and we would be grateful for food donations. Raffle tickets will be on sale at all the Christmas performances and the draw will be held after the afternoon performance on Monday 13th December.



Free School Meals

Please remember that you may be able to claim free school meals for your child if you are in receipt of Income Support, Income Based Job Seeker's Allowance or, in some instances, Child Tax Credit. If you require further information, please see the staff in either school office. *From January, all Reception Year children, whose parents/carers are claiming free school meals will have a hot meal every day. Sample menus are available from the school office.*

Respecting our neighbours

We would ask that when parking cars near to either school that drivers do show consideration to our neighbours. We have received a number of justifiable complaints about driveways and even a road being blocked – please respect our neighbours.



Let's Grow!

Both schools would welcome donations of the Morrisons Let's Grow tokens – there are collection boxes awaiting them!

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Book Fair

From **Monday 15th to Thursday 18th November**, a Book Fair will be held at the school. This is a great opportunity to buy some very good presents and raise funds for the school at the same time. The books will be on display in the main corridor at the start and end of the school day. We look forward to seeing you there.



Nursery Obstacle Course

The Nursery sponsored obstacle course and coffee morning was a very successful event. The children had lots of fun and £400 has been collected so far and £71 was raised from the raffle and refreshments. The money will be used to buy resources for the Nursery.

Thank you for sponsoring the children and helping out on the day. If you have not returned your sponsor money yet, please hand it into the Nursery staff. Thank you.



Hot Meals Taster Session Wednesday 1st December

There will be a Hot Meals Taster Session in school for Reception children and their parents/carers between 11.15am and 11.45am. You are welcome to collect your child from their class and take them to the taster session.



Premises Improvements

Classes 2, 4, 8 and 9 have had new carpeting fitted.



Christmas Events at the Infant School

The following busy programme of events will be happening at the Infant School during December:

Monday 6th December

10.30am Reception Year performance

Tuesday 7th December

10.30am Reception Year performance

1.45pm Nursery performance

Wednesday 8th December

9.30am Year 1 performance

10.45am

Nursery performance

1.45pm Nursery performance

Thursday 9th December

1.30pm Year 1 performance

Friday 10th December

9.30am Year 2 performance

Monday 13th December

1.30pm Year 2 performance

Tuesday 14th December

Christmas parties for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

Wednesday 15th December

Christmas party for Nursery

Thursday 16th December

Between 9.30am and 11.30am Santa's Workshop for Nursery Children



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Family SEAL

We are delighted that so many families have attended the Family SEAL events this term. It has been lovely to meet so many of you and watch you spending time with your child in school. If you would like more information about Family SEAL, please contact Jackie Pointer or Debbie Alley (Family Support Workers) at the school.



Book Fair

From Monday 22nd to Friday 26th November, a Book Fair will be held at the Junior School. This is a great opportunity to buy from an excellent selection of books suited to junior school age children. Books will be on sale at lunchtimes each day in the studio and after school on Tuesday 23rd and Friday 25th November from 3.15 – 4.15. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sporting Successes

During this term, the school's football, netball and tag rugby teams have had great success in inter-school competitions.

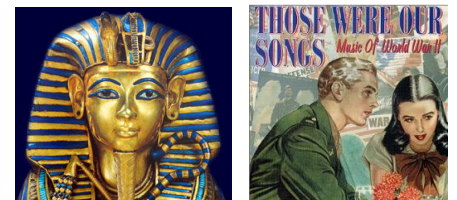
Congratulations to the team members.

Mathletics

The school has recently invested in an online maths teaching aid which will be accessible to pupils at school and at home. A trial run has proved to be successful and the children were very excited about the learning programme. The school will be making provision for those children who do not have computer internet access. More information about Mathletics will follow in the near future.

History Comes Alive!

We hope that all the family members who attended the Year 4 Ancient Egyptians and Year 6 World War 2 performances enjoyed the experiences. They really did bring history alive with their songs and descriptions of life at those times.



Premises Improvements

You may have seen a number of improvements have been made to the school premises in recent times. The latest are the construction of a new cloakroom for Year 5 pupils and a kitchen area in the Forum. The new cloakroom will enable us to convert the old cloakroom into a small classroom.



Family Portraits

Ashley Wood Photographers will be in the school hall on Tuesday 23rd November, 5.30pm – 7.30pm, to take family photographs. A perfect Christmas gift. Do come along and have a family portrait taken.

Christmas Post

The traditional Christmas post box will be set up in the school entrance foyer on Monday 6th December for the staff and children to post their cards to one another. The cards will then be delivered by 'special Christmas folk' on the last day of term. If your child would like to send their cards by the school post please ensure that they label the envelopes with the **full name and class** of the child that they are sending them to.



Christmas Events at the Junior School

Wednesday 8th December

9.15 am
Year 4 Christingle Service

Thursday 9th December

9.15 am
Year 5 Christingle Service

2.30 pm
Year 3 Christingle Service

Friday 10th December

9.15 am
Year 6 Christingle Service

Families are very welcome to attend our Christingle Celebrations

Tuesday 14th December

6.30pm Carol Service at All Saints Church for families and friends

Wednesday 15th December

Years 4, 5 and 6 to All Saints Church for Carol Service (am)

Year 3 to Pantomime at The Pavilion (am)

Year 5 Party (pm)

Thursday 16th December

Year 4 Party (am)
Year 6 Party (pm)

Friday 17th December

Year 3 Party (am)

A Reminder

A reminder that **both schools close one hour early on the last day of term, Friday 17th December.**

Children should be collected at **2.00pm** from the Infant School and **2.05pm** from the Junior School.

The Spring Term starts on Tuesday 4th January.

Christmas Greetings

As this is the last newsletter before the festive season, on behalf of the staff, governors and children of the Federation may I wish you a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Carl Saunders
Head of Federation

