

# Wyke Regis C of E Junior School Newsletter

## January 2011

Happy New Year

We wish everyone a Happy New Year and truly hope that it will be a great year for everyone associated with the schools.

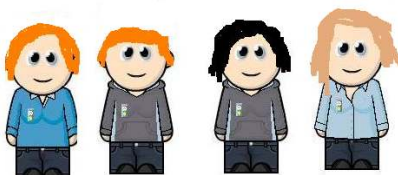
### WYKE REGIS PRIMARY FEDERATION NEWS

#### Federation Uniform

We are at present attempting to choose a colour for the federation sweatshirts we would like to introduce for September. The children in both schools are already giving their opinions from a choice of colours including royal blue, purple, navy blue, maroon and black.

We would like to know what our parents/carers think. Accompanying this newsletter is a voting sheet for you to let us know your preferences. Please return the form to school by **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January** at the latest.

A working party made up of pupils, parents/carers, staff and governors will make the final decision by the end of January.



#### Federation Logo

To go with the new uniform, we are asking the children to enter a competition to design a new federation logo to go on the new uniform. Children from both schools will have the opportunity to enter the competition – apart from having their logo chosen, there will also be a £15 gift voucher for the winner and £10 vouchers for two runners-up (one from each school).

The children will be invited to design a federation logo with entries needing to be at school by **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January**. The working party will also have the task of choosing the winning design.



#### Federation Charter

Next week, children and staff representing both schools will be having a 'brainstorming' session to devise a federation charter – guidelines on expectations of behaviour and respect to one another. The group will also be looking at rewards and sanctions. The new charter will be based upon the new 3 R's – rights, responsibilities and respect.

#### Additional Staff Training Day – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April

An additional staff training day has been allocated to schools during this academic year. It is proposed that both schools will be closed to children on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April following the Easter vacation. With the Royal Wedding taking place on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April (now a Bank Holiday), **the school will be open only on Wednesday and Thursday of that week.**

#### Kenyan Connection

Both schools are part of an exciting project to link up with a primary school in Kenya. During the half-term vacation, Miss Lynch (along with Mrs Meadows from the Infant School) will be travelling to Kenya to visit the Kariokomo Primary School in the Mount Kenya Reserve. The visit is sponsored by the British Council. This will be the beginning of a close and lasting relationship and one which will help the schools develop a clear understanding of life in both Britain and Kenya.



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### Christmas Events

Many thanks to everyone who attended the Christingle and Carol Services. It was amazing to see so many of you there and we hope that the services provided you with the real spirit of Christmas.



### 'Sing Up' Gold Award

The school has been awarded the prestigious national 'Sing Up' Gold Award for the involvement of all members of the school, staff and pupils, in singing. Congratulations to everyone, especially to Mrs Rewse and Mr Payne for their tremendous encouragement.



### Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who purchased books at our recent Book Fair. The school received books to the amount of about £800 as a result of purchases.



### Netball Success

The school's netball team have won the local league title after playing many of the local schools. This is a wonderful achievement and our congratulations go to the team and their coaches, Miss Humphrys and Mrs Mitchell.



### 'Mathletics'

We hope that your child is making the most of the maths online learning tool 'Mathletics' at home. If computer access at home is difficult, we are offering your child the opportunity to attend a 'Mathletics' Club on Thursdays from 3.15pm to 4.00pm – they are welcome to come along to the ICT room by Year 3.



### Healthy Schools Plus

Following a recent survey, we have found that **50% of our children are not eating or drinking anything at break time.** We are actively encouraging our children to drink water and eat fruit or vegetables at break – we would greatly appreciate your support! We will be reviewing the situation at half term and are looking forward to seeing a positive change.



### Year 6 Height and Weight

A reminder that our Year 6 children will be weighed and measured on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January** as part of the NHS National Child Measurement Programme.



### Eco Schools

Due to the amount of energy and heat wasted in our school, the Eco Council have come up with a simple solution – Light Monitors! Light Monitors go round the school closing doors and turning off lights in rooms that are empty, including the Hall, Studio and Computer Suites. This happens during break and at lunch time.

Ethan Shoulders and Lauren Payne  
Eco Councillors

### Eco Bottles

Did you know that we throw away a staggering 9.1 billion plastic bottles a year! To reduce that amount, our school is going to help the environment by continuing to buy Eco-Bottles. The Eco-Bottle is made entirely out of recycled materials. Not only that, it's also dishwasher friendly, has an easy-fill wide neck and is super strong! Buy them today at the school office for only £2 (replaceable caps are 20p).

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## Car Parks

Unfortunately, after many requests, we still have one or two people who use the school car park to drop off and pick up children. Please do not do so as you cause congestion and put children and adults at risk.



## Standardised Attainment Tests (SAT)

Year 6 pupils will be participating in the national SATs during the week **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May**. It is very important that the children attend school during that week and I would ask that holidays are not booked during that week.



## National & International Link

Year 6 are now in their second term of writing to their pen pals at Avondale Park Primary School (London) and Janadhipathi Balika Vidyalaya (Sri Lanka). This writing project is designed to create friendships, help others as they learn English and develop knowledge of the wider world.

## Teachers2Parents

The junior school has now adopted the text message service that the infant school has used for a couple of years. The service will provide you with up-to-date information about the school and your child. Please ensure that we have your current mobile number and that you have your mobile phones available during the school day.



## Wyke Pre-School

We have been requested by staff at Wyke Pre-School to ask parents/carers not to use their grounds as a footpath to and from our school. This is private property and trespassing has caused concerns about safeguarding the children in their care.

## Phone Messages

We are receiving a considerable number of phone calls asking the office staff to give messages to children. We would ask that the office is only contacted to give urgent/important messages.



## School Hot Meals

A reminder for parents/carers buying hot meals for their children - the price is £2.15 per meal and orders must be received at the school office by 10.00am on Monday for meals arriving the following week.



## Class Photographs

The photographer will be coming to school on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February to take photographs of the classes.



## A Reminder

The school closes for the half-term vacation at 3.05pm on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February** and re-opens at 8.45am on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February**.

