

Wyke Regis C of E Junior School Newsletter

March 2011

Wyke Regis Primary Federation News

Federation Uniform

Following consultation with children, parents/carers and staff, the members of the governing body have agreed to introduce a new federation uniform for both schools. The colour chosen for the sweatshirts is deep purple. Examples of the sweatshirts will be displayed at both schools in the near future. An alternative purple cardigan will also be available.

Pupils will also have a choice of wearing purple or white polo shirts under their sweatshirts. All tops will bear the federation's new embroidered logo which was designed by Anna Hopps from Year 5.

The new uniform will be available to purchase from the Dorset Schoolwear shop on Great George Street from the summer half-term vacation (end of May). Both school offices will have a small stock.

It has been agreed to have a uniform 'change-over' period from June 2011 to July 2012 where the present uniforms can still be worn. For junior school

parents/carers, the Dorset Schoolwear shop is selling the present uniform at a 30% discount.

Further details about uniform will follow later in the school year.

Federation Charter

Children and staff representing both schools have taken part in a 'brainstorming' session to devise a federation charter – guidelines on expectations of behaviour and respect to one another. The group will publish their final draft very soon and we will be sending it home for families to give us their thoughts.



'Red Nose Day' Friday 18th March

Both schools will be supporting the Comic Relief 'Red Nose Day' on Friday 18th March. Children and staff are encouraged to dress according to the theme of the red noses – 'Monsters and Pirates!'

We hope that everyone will turn up in monster or pirate fancy dress and pay 50p for the privilege.

Red Noses are on sale at **both** school offices price £1.



Kenyan Connection

As you may remember from the last newsletter, both schools are part of an exciting project to link up with a primary school in Kenya. During the half-term vacation, Mrs Meadows from the Infant School and Miss Lynch from the Junior School travelled to Kenya to visit the Kariokomo Primary School in the Mount Kenya Reserve. The visit was sponsored by the British Council. We are excited to hear about their 'adventures' and look forward to a long-term happy relationship with our new friends in Kenya.

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Football Success

Mr Brittain and Mr Protherough would like to thank the parents who have helped and supported the boys' football teams in all the recent tournaments.

The football teams have won the South Dorset Schools indoor 5-a-side cup, the Nash Cup (6-a-side) and been runners-up in the Dorset County 7-a-side competition. They have also qualified for the South Dorset 7-a-side final being held this week.

This is a wonderful achievement and our congratulations go to the teams and their coaches, Mr Brittain and Mr Protherough.



'Karibu Kenya' Event

This community event is being held at Budmouth Technology College on the evening of Thursday 24th March starting at 6.00pm. The school's choir will be performing and there will be an exhibition of work relating to the recent visit to Kenya by staff from local schools

Attendance

Helping your child do well at school

Good attendance and arrival on time for school sessions makes a difference to how well your children do at school. So what is good attendance?

90% attendance sounds good but it equals half a day missed each week. One school year at 90% attendance means that four whole weeks of lessons are missed.

We know that absence is sometimes unavoidable e.g. due to illness and when families are involved in the tourist trade and cannot avoid holidays in term time. However, we urge you to help your children to do their best at school by doing all you can to minimize their absences from school and to ensure that they arrive on time every day.

To help you, we shall be letting you know when your child's attendance has fallen below 90%. Please let us know if you find this information helpful.



We would remind parents/carers of Year 6 children to try their best to ensure that holidays are not booked for the week beginning Monday 9th May

as the children will be participating in the national KS2 assessments.



Cycling to School

As the weather starts to warm up, we would like to encourage children to ride their bikes to school. Preferably, your child should have attended a cycling proficiency course before cycling to school. Details of these courses will be provided shortly – there is a two week course at the end of this month and a two week course in April. The school provides bike racks which are now sited by the school playing field. Riders must wear a cycle helmet and provide a lock for their bikes.

The school cannot accept responsibility for any loss of or damage to cycles.

'One World Week'

We hope that you received a copy of the recent letter from Mrs Blackwood and Mrs Rewse about the 'One World Week' being planned for June. We would welcome offers from anyone in the local community who would like to run or help run a workshop on a multi-cultural theme. If you are interested, we would love to see you at the meeting being held on Tuesday 15th March at 2.30pm in the school library.

Pelican Crossing Portland Road

We would like to make you aware that work has commenced to upgrade and improve the Pelican Crossing by the Gardens on Portland Road. Whilst this work is taking place over the next four weeks, there will be a temporary crossing available by the Co-op. This crossing will not be so familiar, so you may wish to ensure that your child knows how to use it correctly.



London Visit

Year 6 are looking forward to going to London from Monday 4th to Friday 8th April. 84 children will be visiting the Science and Natural History Museums, the National Gallery, the Tower of London, Madame Tussaud's, London Zoo, Chelsea Football Club, the Britain at War Experience, a London Primary School, the London Eye and watching the Lion King at the Theatre!

A Reminder

The school closes for the Easter vacation at **2.05pm** on **Friday 8th April** and re-opens at 8.45am on **Wednesday 27th April (Tuesday 26th April is a staff training day)**. The school is also closed on Friday 29th April due to the royal wedding celebrations and Monday 2nd May which is May Bank Holiday.

We wish everyone a very Happy Easter!