

# Wyke Regis C of E Junior School Newsletter

## September 2011

### Wyke Regis Primary Federation News

Welcome back to the start of what we hope will be an exciting and successful year for everyone associated with our schools. We hope that everyone has had an enjoyable summer vacation.



### Federation Uniform

Thank you to everyone for their fantastic support of the new uniform. The children look very smart.

We would be very grateful if all items of school uniform are labelled with your child's name and class – this would greatly help in ensuring that 'lost' items get back to their rightful owner.

Please also ensure that your child has PE kit in school as it will be needed during the school week.



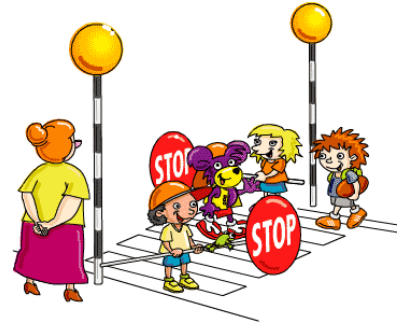
### Attendance

As you may be aware, the federation now operate a policy of only authorising absence from school in exceptional circumstances. This means that absences such as family holidays will not be authorised by the schools.

**However, where you are planning for your child to be absent from school (for example, to participate in a term-time holiday) we do need parents/carers to complete a 'leave of absence' form which are available from the school offices.**

Finally, where a child's attendance falls below a 90% threshold, the schools will be contacting families to discuss the child's absence from school.

Thank you for doing all you can to ensure that your child attends school regularly – this is so important to their success in learning.



### Cars, Bikes and Scooters

We would remind parents/carers who drive children to and from school that, for reasons of safety, they must not drive into the school car parks to 'drop off' or collect their children.



We would politely request adults and children to not ride their bikes or scooters within the federation schools grounds. This is for the safety of riders and pedestrians. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.





### **Rights Respecting Schools Award**

Congratulations to the Infant School & Nursery for achieving the Rights Respecting Schools Level 1 Award in July. Both federation schools now hold this prestigious award and will be working closely together in the coming months in order to move towards Level 2.



### **Calendar of events**

You will shortly receive a calendar of events and activities planned for this academic year including a number of special Olympic based events and activities.

## **Wyke Regis CE Junior School News**

### **Staff Changes**

Rachel Fitzsimons has joined the Year 6 teaching team. Richard Peacock has joined the Year 5 team. Lisa Stanley and Kate Harding have joined the school's teaching assistant team.

### **Clubs and Golden Time**

Staff are busy offering the children the opportunity to participate in lunchtime and after-school clubs. Lists indicating if a club is operating on a particular week are displayed around the school by each of the year group entrances. A list of all the clubs we offer accompanies this newsletter.

All the children participate in 'Golden Time' for 30 minutes on each Friday afternoon. They have the opportunity to experience a range of activities including dance, sports, keyboards, ICT, art and chess.

### **School Gates**

For security, the Victoria Road gates and those attached to the Year 6 block will be locked from 9.15am to 3.00pm.

### **School Office Entrance**

The main entrance on the High Street side of the school is for visitors to the school only. We would request that children are not brought into school through this entrance, but are escorted into the school playground by the path around the Year 6 block. Thank you for your help in this matter.

### **School Photographer**

Ian Newbold will be visiting us on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October to take the children's photographs. From 5.00pm - 7.00pm he will be available to take family group photographs – come along - no appointment necessary.