

# Wyke Regis C of E Junior School Newsletter

## November 2011

### Wyke Regis Primary Federation News

#### Withdrawal of Labour

You may be aware that a number of trade unions and associations are consulting their members on the question of withdrawing their labour on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November. At this present time, I am unable to confirm whether either school will be closed to pupils on that date. However, as soon as I have confirmation I will communicate a decision to all federation families.  
Carl Saunders

#### School Evaluation Partner Visits

Last week, both schools received a visit from their Local Authority appointed School Evaluation Partner (SEP). The visits focused upon the performance of the children in last year's assessments (Reception, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6). The reports produced by the SEP were very positive and accurately reflected the good standards achieved by our children.

#### Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

Thank you to everyone who has already delivered the Christmas Child Shoe Boxes to the schools. The final date for donations is now **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November**. We would greatly welcome more boxes for this very deserving cause.



#### Rights Respecting Schools – Federation Charter

During last year, children and staff from both schools met to design a Federation Charter based upon the UNICEF 'Rights of the Child.' A copy of the charter will be placed on the school websites in the near future – please do take a look.

We hope that all members of our federation community will follow the charter and continue to develop their relationships and attitudes based upon rights, responsibilities and respect.



#### Attendance

May we remind you that we do require Leave of Absence forms to be completed for all occasions when it is planned that a child is not to attend school (e.g. holidays) except where the absence is due to medical/dental appointments.

Forms are available from the school offices.

#### Leave of Absence Request

Name.....  
From.....  
To.....  
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#### Children in Need Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November



Both schools will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November in support of the BBC's Children in Need Appeal. The children are invited to pay **50p** for the 'pleasure' of not wearing school uniform. **The theme for the day is 'spots.'**



#### Parents' Forum

From next term, we would like to establish a Federation Parents' Forum. The forum would meet once a term and provide parents/carers with an informal opportunity to raise and discuss issues related to the schools. If you would like to attend the forum meetings, please read the accompanying document and complete the response slip and return it to either school office by **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November**.



#### Breakfast Club

We are also planning to introduce a federation breakfast club starting in the spring term. The club will be based at the Infant School, but will be available to

children from both schools. Please read the accompanying document which is intended to be a survey of interest. Please complete the response slip and return it to either school office by **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November**.



### Federation Website

We are at the moment looking to create a federation website which will replace the two school websites. We would like to know what you, as parents/carers, would like to have included on the website in order to provide you with up-to-date news and information. You can let us know by using the accompanying response form and returning it to either school by **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November**.



### Friends Logo

The Friends of Wyke Regis Primary Federation are looking for a child to design a logo for the association. The children will be told about the competition during this week and entries will need to be returned to either school office by the morning of **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November**. The successful entry will be used

on the Friends headed note paper and displayed at events. There are prizes for the winner and two runners-up (one from each school).

### Please Don't!

We have had a small number of incidents where parents have approached children and other parents to talk to them about problems that have occurred in school. We would ask parents/carers to always discuss any concerns they have about the behaviour of pupils towards their child/children with a member of staff.

### 'Moshi Monsters'

A parent has brought to our attention her concerns about some abusive messages being placed on the children's 'Moshi Monsters' website. We would advise parents/carers whose children are using this website to regularly monitor their use.



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### Lunchtimes

Some parental concerns have been raised about the amount of time that children are given to eat their lunches. In response, we have made a slight change to the lunchtime arrangements allowing the children to have in the region of 25 minutes to eat. We feel that this is an adequate amount of time.



### Friends' Events

This half-term, the Friends are planning two events at the Junior School.

**Children's discos** have been arranged for the evening of **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November**.

The timing of the discos is as follows:

Years 3 & 4  
6.00pm until 7.30pm

Years 5 & 6  
7.45pm until 9.15pm

**Tickets will be available in the school hall, before and after school ONLY, from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November price £2.50** - this includes admission and refreshments. Children **must** be escorted to and from the discos.



A **Christmas Bingo** session has been arranged for the evening of **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 6.00pm.**

Tickets will be on sale at the school office **from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November.**

B I N G O				
12	18	41	47	61
7	26	39	54	70
4	27	FREE SPACE	49	63
5	23	35	58	73
3	30	32	52	75

### Year 6 World War 2 Event

Year 6 presented a brilliant performance based upon famous World War 2 songs. Thank you to the children and to everyone who helped dress the children in their authentic outfits.



### Eco Quiz

A small group of Year 6 children represented the school at the annual Eco Quiz held at All Saints School. The team came a very close second in the event attended by children from many of our local primary schools. Well done to the team!



### Christmas Carol Service

Christmas is coming fast! Our annual **Carol Service** has been arranged for the evening of **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.** As is customary, the service will be held at All Saints Church starting at 6.30pm.

We will keep you informed of other Christmas events.



### Year Group letters

Letters from the year groups to parents/carers will now be posted on the school website, as well as being sent home with the children. If you have mislaid a letter or not received one, you can check on the website in the appropriate year group section.

### Gates

Just a reminder that the playground gate and the gate by the side of the Year 6 classrooms will be locked at 9.15am. This is for security reasons.

