

Wyke Regis C of E Junior School Newsletter

January 2012

Wyke Regis Primary Federation News

We welcome everyone back to school hoping that they have had a great Christmas time. A Happy New Year to everyone!

Federation Parents' Forum

The first meeting of the new Federation Parents' Forum will be held at the infant school from 1.45pm to 2.45pm on Monday 16th January (we will vary the times of the meetings in order to allow as many parents/carers as possible to attend). **All parents and carers of children in either school are welcome to attend.**

Topics for discussion at the first meeting will include the issue of taking photographs and videos in school, parent consultations and ensuring that the schools are safe and secure. There will be an opportunity for all members of the forum to raise other issues. Refreshments will be available.

Please complete the attached slip if you are planning to come to the meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.



Olympic Events

The federation schools are working together to provide our children with many exciting experiences in preparation for the Olympic Games. As members of the Chesil Education Partnership, we will also be participating in the events which the partnership schools and colleges are organising, including our own local school-to-school torch relay between the Weymouth and Portland schools. Further information about Olympic-based events and activities will follow in the near future.

Friends Association

The members of the Friends Association worked tirelessly over the pre-Christmas period to organise fund-raising events at both schools. Significant funds were raised and a good time was had by all. The Friends will be ensuring that funds are used to purchase equipment and resources at both schools. Many thanks to the members of the Friends for their hard work.

Federation Website

Work will begin this term on the development of a federation website. Many thanks to everyone who responded with their ideas as to what we could include on the site for parents/carers – your ideas will certainly help.

Kenyan Connection

As you may be aware, both schools are part of an exciting project linking them with a primary school in Kenya. During the half-term vacation, Mrs Meadows (Infant School) and Miss Lynch (Junior School) will be returning to Kenya to visit the Kariokomo Primary School in the Mount Kenya Reserve. Their visit is again sponsored by the British Council. We are hoping a member of Karikomo will come to visit us during the summer term. The sale of jewellery in both schools before Christmas raised over £600 for our friends in Kenya. Furthermore, almost £250 was donated at the end of Christmas performances at the Infant School & Nursery, which will be used to support education fees for Kenyan children. Many thanks to everyone for their support and generosity.

Sign2Sing

On the afternoon 8th February, members of both schools will be taking part in the Sign2Sing world record breaking attempt for the most people to sing in sign language, the same song at the same time.



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A Huge Thank You!

Many thanks to everyone who contributed shoeboxes of goodies for the Operation Christmas Child appeal. Over 95 boxes were collected by the organisers and transported to deserving children in Eastern Europe. A great effort!

Children in Need

Donations received at school for the Children in Need appeal raised about £200. Thanks to everyone for their support.

Children's Society

Donations made at the Christingle services and Carol Concert amounted to £235.70 which will be sent to the Children's Society to help disadvantaged children. Many thanks for your generous donations.



Make a Hero Happy!

Auorla Taylor-Phelps from Class 6PR is hoping to send boxes of sweets and chocolate out to Afghanistan to give to the men and women stationed out there. Can you help? She would welcome donations being brought to the school office or Class 6PR (during breaktime / lunchtimes). Please give generously.

Book Fair



The book fair held at the school before Christmas raised £641.96, 60% of which is given to the school. This money will be used to buy books for the school library.

Morris Dancer Costumes

If there is anyone out there who has a pair of pinking shears and a sewing machine, Mrs Blackwood is seeking help in the making of Morris Dancing costumes to be used by the children during the Olympic celebrations. If you or someone you know could help (we promise it's not too challenging) please inform Mrs Blackwood or the school office.

Cycle Racks

The school cycle racks are situated at the top of the car park. We welcome children cycling to school. However, the school cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage to cycles. Please collect a permission form from the office if you would like your child to cycle to school. Helmets must be worn and bicycles locked.

Considerate Parking

A polite request – please do not park outside residents' drives in the mornings or after school. Please also avoid Victoria Road wherever possible as it is extremely narrow and very often residents are unable to get to and from their homes as a result. Please could you also not drive into the school car park, as this can be dangerous for children arriving and leaving school. Your co-operation would be greatly appreciated in these parking matters.

A Reminder

The school closes for the half-term vacation at 3.05pm on **Thursday 9th February** (Friday 10th February is a staff training day) and re-opens at 8.45am on Monday 20th February.