



# Wyke Regis Primary Federation Newsletter ~ September 2014

## MESSAGE FROM MRS BOLTON

Welcome back to the start of another busy school year. It is a pleasure to have joined the Federation and I am enjoying the challenge of trying to learn all the staff names at the moment! It will take a little while yet. The children have had a good start to the term in general, and we are especially pleased with the new reception class pupils who have started their school life with a very independent attitude...so much so that many are leaving mums and dads at the door quite happily and settling straight into their learning. Well done children. All children in Key Stage 2 (Juniors) enjoyed a Roald Dahl day recently and there were some great costumes and characters out on the playground—including the teaching staff! Thank you for your support with fancy dress. Weekly achievement certificates are already being awarded at both school sites and all children can be nominated by their teacher for good learning or attitude or really trying their best at something they find hard. Please see dates for your diary on the back of this letter - I will be attending parents evenings at both sites next month and look forward to meeting more of you there.

## HOT SCHOOL MEALS

Thank you for your ongoing patience with the catering company Chartwells who are supplying the meal service. Please take the time to complete the parent survey on the school website to give them your feedback. It's lovely to see the younger children really tucking into a hot meal and encouraging each other to eat their greens!

## STAFF CHANGES

Welcome back to Miss Humphris, Mrs Ashdown and Mrs Meadows who re-join the EYFS/KS1 (Infants) teaching staff this year and a very warm welcome to Miss Battishill who is teaching in Year 1 and Mrs Joslin who joins the office team. In KS2 (Juniors) Miss Jarman is teaching in the Y4 team and Miss Sear and Mr Allen join the support staff.

**KS2 SNACKS**—A reminder that children in Years 3-6 are allowed to bring healthy snacks for morning break.



**COFFEE MORNINGS** - A new drop in for parents will start on Monday October 13th at 9am.

These will be run by Mrs Pointer at the KS2 site (Juniors) and Mrs Birchenough at the Early Years/KS1 site (Infants). Come along for a cup of tea and a friendly chat—a chance to meet other parents.



## MORNING ROUTINES

**8.43** First bell on KS2 playground. This is a signal for parents to leave so that children can line up at **8.45** on the second bell. Staff are on duty from **8.35** when parents may leave.

**8.50** Doors open for drop off on the Early Years/KS1 site. Doors close at **9.00** prompt.

## CLASS CHARTERS

All classes have signed up to their class charter and all pupils should have brought home a copy to share with you. Please take a little time to read through it with them as these are used a lot at school.

Signing up to the charter means a commitment to good behaviour that is rewarded in all classes.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Thank you for making sure your child is wearing the correct uniform which looks smart. It would be even better if only white, grey or black socks were worn to school please and not bright colours. (Black or grey tights for the winter are also acceptable). Jewellery and nail polish should not be worn to school. Black shoes and NOT boots should be worn please; with plimsolls or trainers provided for PE lessons.



Thank you for your support—its really important that the children feel part of the whole school team and it sends a message out to the whole Weymouth community that we are all proud to represent our school. Staff are also in the process of getting their 'uniform' of federation polo shirts and fleeces and are also looking very smart. If you think you may qualify for assistance with uniform, please speak to the office staff on either site.

## ATTENDANCE

We are off to a good start with attendance this term. Our aim is to at least match the national average for all primary schools which is usually around 95%. However it would be even better if we could beat this target and we will be updating you regularly with attendance news.



Current figures are :

**EYFS/KS1(INFANTS) 97.4%**  
**KS2 (JUNIORS) 97.3%.**

Top year group so far is Year 5 with 98.1%. Well done!

## BREAKFAST CLUB



The new breakfast club is up and running at the Early Years/Key Stage 1 (Infants) site.

The staff are very committed to providing a good start to the day with breakfast, games and a warm welcome. KS2 (Junior) pupils are delivered safely to the playground at 8.40am in good time for the lining up bell at 8.45am. Thank you to the breakfast club staff for working really hard to make a 'home for home' environment for the children.

## GIVE UP CLOTHES FOR GOOD

Cancer Research UK are raising funds to support life saving work into children's cancers. They are asking you to bring your unwanted clothes, accessories and quality houseware to the TK Maxx store in New Bond Street, Weymouth. Bags are available at the KS2 office.

Each bag donated could be worth up to £30. Your contribution, no matter how big or small, would be very much appreciated.

