



Wyke Regis Primary Federation

Developing caring, independent learners for the world community

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Dear Parents of Year 3 and 4 Pupils,

It has come to our attention that there is some concern amongst you about the number of requests that have been made this term for contributions to trips, events and charities. We take these concerns seriously and will look at this issue closely and discuss with staff.

In the meantime, we want to reassure you that as a federation we try really hard to balance the number of events and the money requested across the year for each year group, and work really hard to minimise the cost to you as parents, through school subsidies, special offers and support from our FFA.

All trips and events are planned to enrich the content of the curriculum and/or provide experiences that can't be provided in school. Teachers are passionate about making your child/children's school experience as educational and stimulating as possible, and to involve you where possible through assemblies, museums etc.

We also believe that it is important to teach our pupils about the world in which they live and part of this is effectively addressed through the work that charities do. We support a range of charities across the year – local, national and international and ensure that the children learn exactly how their donations help others. For example, on Monday 11th November pupils from year 6 will be visiting a local nursing home and talking to veterans from WW2 to broaden their understanding. The dates for the national charity appeals – Remembrance, Children in Need and Sport/Comic Relief are, of course, fixed and whilst contributing to any of these charitable causes is voluntary we do understand the peer pressure that can result.

With regard to the year residential trips to Carey Camp and Hooke Court in the summer term we have sent these letters earlier than usual this year in an attempt to provide parents with advance notice and a longer period to pay, and thereby lower instalment rates.

However, we do acknowledge that there have been several additional trips added to the Year 3 and 4 timetable recently. The Michael Rosen event at the Pavilion is such a wonderful opportunity for the children to meet a famous author in person, that we wanted our pupils to participate. Mrs Clarke worked tirelessly to achieve a reduced cost by using a local bus service because coach costs were astronomical. In addition, the Maths Café, which normally takes place in the spring or summer term, has been moved to the autumn term to coincide with the year 6 residential trip to PGL. We appreciate that this has added another event into an already busy term and apologise for this.

Finally, we would like to thank you for all your support for events in the federation and reiterate our commitment to minimising costs and ensuring a more even spread of events throughout the year. There are no further trips planned this term for years 3 and 4. We also plan to improve communication by sending each year group specific dates and information with approximate costs attached as part of termly newsletters, and will trial this in the spring and summer terms. We hope that this will help families plan ahead.

Thank you for raising your concern directly to us so that we are aware and can respond accordingly.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Federation