



# Governor Update



I am immensely grateful to all parents, pupils and of course our staff for their support and co-operation with ensuring the school remains COVID-secure at the current time. I appreciate at times it's really difficult complying with COVID rules. It's difficult for pupils who can't share playtime with all their friends and can't do things like playing instruments and singing. It's difficult for staff who can't do many of the activities they love doing with the children and we know it is difficult for parents when they want to have a chat with several other parents, or they have forgotten to bring and wear a face mask at drop off or pick up time. However I would like to say to every single person that putting up with the COVID rules is short term and it won't be forever. If we can ensure that every single person always wears a mask on school premises when dropping off and picking up, making sure we don't gather in groups to chat and we socially distance at school gates as well as all the other things we need to do it will mean we keep the spread of the virus down, it will be kept under control and we will get back to normal sooner. So, please Socially Distance, Wear your Mask and Wash Your Hands at every opportunity you get. Although it will be different this year I hope that you do manage to experience the joy of Christmas in your home. Festive greetings, Mr Gary Hepburn, Chair of Governing Body,

## FFA Update

Thank you to those who have supported us by signing up to Amazon Smile and Easy Fundraising - details of both can be found on our Facebook page. We will also be launching a Christmas art competition on Friday, which will also run through our Facebook/Instagram page. Our social media pages can be found by searching for The Friends of Wyke Regis Primary Federation. The FFA can also be contacted on [friendsofwykeregis@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofwykeregis@gmail.com) should anyone want to enter our competition without Facebook/Instagram or you can email to find out more about us! Happy Christmas Everyone.

## Forest School

Great, exciting news! I am sure that as many of you have been collecting your children over recent weeks you will have noticed the construction of a long fence at the end of the Infant playground. This is to clearly demarcate our new designated Forest School area that will grow and change over the coming months and years for all year groups to use. Look out for some exciting things including information boards and displays on the fencing.



## School Money

The Infant School has recently rolled out SchoolMoney (Eduspot) —you can now make payment for Breakfast Club or Nursery online or by card. The Junior School is also cashless —you can make payments online via SchoolMoney for After School Hub and trips. If you are unable to make payment online you can call the school office and we can take card payments over the phone.



## Parking

Please be careful when parking around the school, avoiding parking on the zig zag lines.

## Hot School Meals

In the absence of our hot meal service, Weyco continue to offer a range of packed lunches. We are closely monitoring the situation and will advise you when we are able to offer hot meals again. We do not have spare meals in school on a daily basis so please ensure school meal orders are made at least a week in advance—the cut off is Monday 12 midnight a week before the lunch will be served.



# WYKE REGIS PRIMARY FEDERATION

2020—Autumn Term



## Diary Dates

4 Jan 2021	Spring Term starts
15-19 Feb	Half Term Holiday
1 April	Spring Term ends
19 April	Teacher Training Day (school closed to pupils)
20 April	Term Commences

## Our Vision

As you are aware, our vision for the school is 'Inspiring Hearts and Minds'. Over the next few months, we will be looking to collect examples of where this is put into practice both inside and outside of school. During Collective Worship at KS2 on Friday, we collected some lovely examples from the children of where they have been inspired with their learning and their relationships with others. These included being inspired to visit France after learning about the country in French lessons, having new opportunities in PE such as playing rugby, tennis and hockey and being inspired to be a good friend during the work completed in Anti Bullying Week. We will be seeking examples from parents and carers in the next few weeks, so could you please have a think about when and how children's hearts and minds are inspired at home.

## Attendance

**National Expectation - 96%**

**Infants Site— 96.1% Junior Site— 95.7%**

We appreciate the support of the majority of families with our on-going drive to improve attendance and especially in these challenging times—it's a team effort! If you have any concerns about attendance then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we all prepare for the strangest Christmas any of us has ever experienced, I hope you are all able to spend some time with your family within the Christmas bubble period. As in most dark times, hope always appears on the horizon just as things appear to get worse; and the recent news and early introduction of the vaccine is perhaps that hope for everyone that life might return to some sort of normality in the new year ahead.



The children have coped extremely well with the inevitable changes we have had to make at school and we hope they have had an enjoyable and productive term despite the restrictions in place. It has been a pleasure to see them working hard and getting to grips with their learning. I know much fun has been had in the recording of Christmas celebrations recently—with some teachers really enjoying the challenge of film making! I know these recordings do not replace the excitement of the live performances you would have all enjoyed, but we are having to be creative with what we can do on-line. It would be really useful to receive some feedback about the on-line learning we are developing so please do let us know about your experiences at home. (Survey to come in January)

I would like to thank all Federation staff for their hard work, commitment and support this term and on behalf of all of us, I wish you a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Mrs Roberts



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## Nursery



Nursery have had a great time settling in, making friends and having fun. We've been exploring messy play, cooking, retelling stories, construction and enjoying lots of imaginative play...and that's just the tip of the iceberg. We're just starting to get ready for Christmas, ho ho ho!



## Reception

This term in FS2 we have been learning all about celebrations. We have learnt all about Diwali, the festival of light. We made our own diya lamps out of clay and painted them very carefully. They were absolutely beautiful. In America they have a celebration called Thanks Giving. We made a Thanks Giving wreath, writing on it what we are thankful for. We have also been busy learning lots of different letters, the sounds they make, how to write them and how to listen to and make words. The Number Blocks are helping us with maths - we are learning to count and recognise numbers and we are getting really good at subtracting. Our next celebration will be



Christmas and we will be learning all about the very first Christmas!



## Year 1

Year 1 have had a busy half term with their topic: Planes, trains and automobiles. It began with a visit from the Naughty Bus who caused all sorts of trouble in the classroom! The children have been learning the story and having a go at writing it too. All the Year 1 teachers have been so impressed with how amazing the children's writing has been. Keep an eye out for their work appearing on Tapestry soon. In history the children have been learning about Isambard Kingdom Brunel and trying to recreate some famous bridges using lots of different resources. We have also learnt about famous fliers too, including the Wright Brothers and Bessie Coleman, who was famous for her acrobatic flying displays. We have linked this to our value of aspirations and talked about what their jobs would have entailed and considered them as a career for when we are older. We hope you enjoyed the Christmas performance we recently posted on Tapestry.



In Year 2 we've been learning about money. For the past 2 weeks all Dojo points have turned into pennies which the children can spend in our Friday fun shop with added Christmas cheer! Children are rewarded for following our school golden values but can also be fined ( a very small amount ) for things such as dropping litter. With the incentive of spending their loot in the shop it's amazing how quickly they're all learning the value of money! Mr Kirwin is terrible at giving away huge amounts so the children eagerly await his classroom visits.

## Year 2



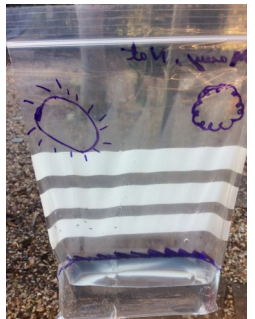
## Year 3

Year 3 have enjoyed their first term in the Juniors. Some of them have tried out Forest Schools - which is a lot of fun! We have also been working hard to learn column addition and subtraction and have enjoyed making fireworks pictures as part of our Dark topic, using oil pastels and items we found in nature.



## Year 4

In Year 4 we have been learning all about the Water Cycle. We made our own mini water cycles and hung them up on the windows in our classroom. We have also been making our own gourmet chocolate buttons, we designed them at school and made them at home as home learning. Look on Google Classroom for a slideshow of all the different buttons we have made.



## Year 5

### An Explosion Out of This World!

As part of our Year 5 science lessons in the, 'Out of this World' topic we were very excited to launch rockets. We learnt more about fair testing and the different states of matter, including the gas produced by the chemical reaction which made the canister rockets blast off. Although we had a few failed launches we were able to observe why and draw conclusions from our results. Well done Year 5!



### Cool Chemists in Year 6

## Year 6

At the start of this half term, science took over the timetable for a week in Year 6. Cool Chemists Week involved the children planning, carrying out and evaluating a series of scientific investigations into the properties of different materials and reversible and irreversible chemical changes. The children explored which materials will dissolve in water and how we can get a solute back after it has dissolved. They planned a fair test investigation with coke and mentos and had great fun collecting the results for this (see photograph). Finally, they got a bit messy experimenting with the best procedure for separating a mixture of sand, gravel and water using sieving and filtration techniques. Lots of practical learning and fun was had by all!



## Christmas Performances

Sadly we were unable to invite you into school to see our Christmas performances this year, however we hope you enjoyed them online. We would like to thank Asda who donated 250 oranges for the Christingles!

