



Governor Update



It was great to be in the federation in the last week and see both schools with all the pupils back in and them all being so happy to be fully back together again. It was also great to see exceptionally high levels of attendance of those returning to school and so thank you to all the youngsters and parents for the very low absence level. As everyone is now back to school things have become more hectic at drop off and pick up times, so we would be very grateful if you could consider the school's neighbours in High Street, Victoria Road and Shrubbery lane - both in terms of parking vehicles safely and without causing obstructions but as we drop off or collect. This is also a high risk time in respect of COVID19 and so we would practically ask everyone to ensure they are wearing masks, adhering to social distancing and making sure that government rules on gathering/mixings are not broken. As well as again considering the school's neighbours (practically those in Victoria Road) as we wait to collect our children. Finally on behalf of the governors I would publically like to thank all staff for the work they have done in so many ways supporting the pupils in so many different ways over the last year and all the work they will have to do to help them catch up on lost time in the months ahead. We can not be sure we have seen the last of COVID but whatever the future holds we hope that any disruption to the working of the school will be minimised and we now have all the tools in place to respond to any changes as necessary. Finally let me wish you and your families a very Happy Easter. Mr Gary Hepburn, Chair of Governing Body. Email: ghepburn@wykeregisfed.dorset.sch.uk

FFA Update

We will shortly be arranging a collection of good condition used school uniform, which will be distributed to families who need it. Information can be found on the FFA Facebook page or by emailing friendsofwykeregis@gmail.com

Term Dates

Wyke Regis Primary Federation
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September 2020 to July 2021

Autumn Term

Training Day: Thursday 3rd September 2020
Training Day: Friday 4th September 2020
Autumn Term commences: Monday 7th September 2020
Half Term Holiday: Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October 2020
Training Day: Monday 2nd November 2020
Autumn Term ends: Friday 18th December 2020 at 2pm / 2.05pm

Spring Term

Spring Term commences: Monday 4th January 2021
Half Term Holiday: Monday 15th to Friday 19th February 2021
Spring Term ends: Thursday 1st April 2021 at 2pm / 2.05pm

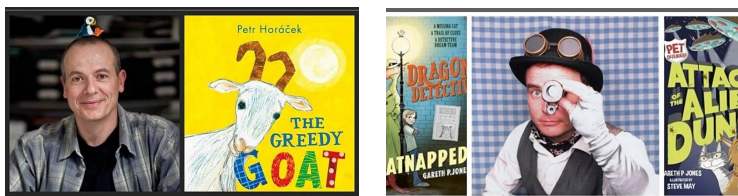
Summer Term

Training Day: Monday 19th April 2021
Summer Term commences: Tuesday 20th April 2021
Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May 2021
Training Day: Friday 28th May 2021
Half Term Holiday: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2021
Summer Term ends: Friday 23rd July 2021 at 2pm / 2.05pm

"Inspiring Hearts and Minds"

Easter Library Fun

Dorset Library Service have 2 exciting virtual author events for the Easter Holidays. Both events are free, only 1 ticket is needed per family, and booking takes place via Eventbrite www.eventbrite.co.uk (just type Weymouth Library Children's Easter event into the search bar). The events would be a positive support for families over the Easter break.



The Hub

After Easter our After School Club "The Hub" will be moving to the Infant School premises and from the 20th April 2021 all children attending The Hub will need to be collected from The Infant School reception. Moving the Hub to the Infant School Hall affords us more space than the children are now enjoying to play safely without constraint. Furthermore we would continue to be able to maintain "bubbles" whilst this requirement continues; something that would be difficult to do in the Forum at the Junior site. With the exception of venue all other arrangements will remain unchanged.



WYKE REGIS PRIMARY FEDERATION

2021—Spring Term



Diary Dates

20th April	Summer Term Commences
11th May	Class Photos
23rd July	Summer Term Ends

Nursery

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Attendance

National Expectation - 96%

Infants Site— 95.3% Junior Site— 94.4%

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,

Happy Easter! It seems to have come round very quickly this year for obvious reasons.

As you can see from the year group news, the children have been busy for the last 3 weeks getting back into routines but also doing some fantastic learning. Our weekly writing focus is also helping to motivate the children to get back on track with this vital skill. Look out for a family writing competition after the break. Please help us with reading over the holidays to keep your child engaged—10 minutes a day if you can!

We have noticed that we do not have as many children signed up for nursery as we usually do so could you help us spread the word about our wonderful nursery to friends and family please?

I hope you all have a lovely break with some opportunities at long last to get out and about a bit more from the 12th April. Please be aware that any positive COVID results in the first few days of the holidays must be reported to us. Please use office emails to inform us as these will be checked up until Thursday 15th April.

Take care and stay safe,
Mrs Roberts



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Nursery

Nursery have been very excited to be back together again. We've loved spending lots of time enjoying stories, painting, and remembering how to share and take turns with our friends! We've had lots to celebrate too, with birthdays, Mother's day and Easter coming up as well...I can feel some Easter craft coming on...it's great to be back!

Reception

It has been a very exciting return to FS2. We are all so happy to be back with our friends again! We have been learning all about growing things. We have planted seeds, made gardens, looked at lots of different vegetables and shared the story of The Enormous Turnip. We listened to the story, mapped the story, learnt the story and shared it with our grown-ups on Tapestry. We even made our own Turnip soup which was delicious! We are busy making an enormous turnip to help us tell the story.



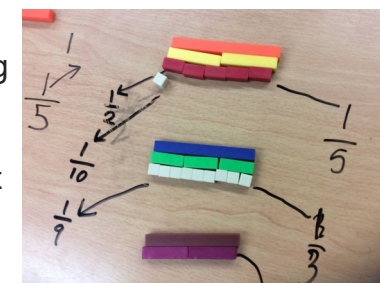
Year 3

We are so impressed with Year 3's attitude to learning. they have shown fantastic resilience in the way they have bounced back into school and are working incredibly hard! We have been looking at the book The Lost Words and looking at ferns - through our writing, art and science. We have been writing persuasively and are beginning to explore fractions in maths. We have also been finding out about volcanoes and we have made the Earth's layers out of playdough. For our sparkly start to the term we made some erupt!



Year 4

Year 4 have been working collaboratively on a number of different projects. We learnt about the graffiti activist Keith Haring and created large scale graffiti panels using his artwork as a starting point. We have also been working in pairs to find as many different equivalent fractions as we could using all sorts of different resources.



Year 5

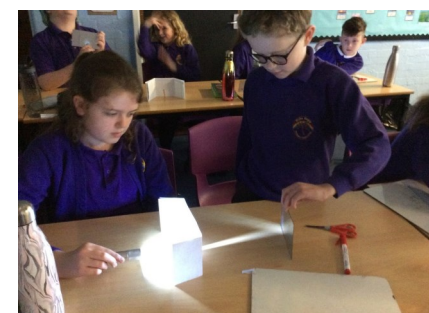
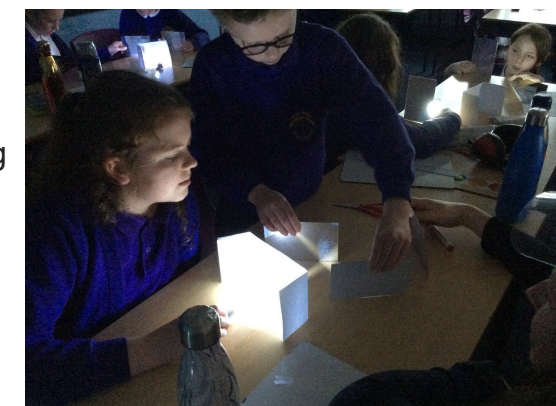
Year 5 are carrying out a range of different science experiments to help us with our designs for making Viking long boats. This particular experiment was to see how to waterproof material for a sail. We tried a range of substances such as cooking oil, shoe polish, PVA glue and washing up liquid to see if any of them could waterproof the material. It was an exciting experiment which got a little bit messy at times. The shoe polish and oil were particularly successful. The children found it fun, interesting and successful.



Year 6



In Year 6, the children have been full of excitement about being back in school and seeing their friends. During the first week, we read lots of picture books to spark our imaginations and get us talking. We have had a very creative half term, which has involved designing and making bridges, creating artwork linked to The Tin Forest and carrying out practical investigations into how light travels. Throughout the half term, we have been reading 'Holes' by Louis Sachar - we have really enjoyed this book and will be sad to say goodbye to Stanley. However, we do have the film to look forward to!



Year 1

NAMASTE from everyone in the Year one team! This term everyone in Year one has been learning about India and have been very busy writing fact files about Indian elephants and other animals as well as creating Mandalas and designing little lamps which would be used in the festival called Diwali. We have even tasted

some Indian foods, like naan bread, samosas and basmati rice. It was very tasty. As you can see from the pictures we really have tucked into our new topic with enthusiasm and there is still so much more to learn... keep an eye out for weekly updates on Tapestry.



Year 2

It has been all about crazy experiments and scientific discoveries since we returned from lockdown. We've been really pushing the experiments to the maximum. Some of our experiments were driven by the need to find out information, such as Mrs Sloss's desire to discover which biscuit is the best for dunking in tea. Others were more about trying out things we've all seen on YouTube such as the mentos and diet coke experiment. An investigation that really captured our interest was using chromatography to discover the actual colours that go into our felt pens. Needless to say we had amazing fun and made some interesting discoveries on the way. We've been uploading photos of our experiments on our Google Classroom—log on to take a look. We have also had some great success with our writing. This has been a real focus for us in Year 2. The children have created some incredible 'Defeat the monster' stories. We will be recording some and putting them on our Google Classroom pages before Easter. We are very proud of how much effort the children have put into improving their writing skills. Congratulations to those who have already won a writing award from Mrs Roberts - Keep trying there's more prizes to be won! Thankyou to all you amazing home lockdown teachers!

