



# Governor Update



As we approach the end of one year and the start of another, I would like on behalf of myself and all the governors to wish you and all those important to you a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and productive New Year. I appreciate that 2021 (like 2020) cannot be considered a normal year and many of the things we have been able to do in and out of school previously are still on hold. As we approach 2022 there remains continued uncertainty with new strains of COVID emerging. Whilst we continue to remain in unsettled times I would like to thank all parents and children for their co-operation and flexibility with ever changing procedures and rules to ensure everyone's safety. I would also like to put on record my thanks to the federation team (Senior Leadership, Teachers, TAs, Lunchtime Supervisors, Administrators & Support Staff, Caretakers & Cleaners) all who have had to constantly change ways of working, and cope with many restrictions whilst keeping the school and the education and support of the children at the heart of all they do, and as near normal as possible. As governors we continue to both support and closely monitor the activities of the school despite COVID. We remain confident as we go into 2022 despite the challenges ahead that the federation team will continue to do all it can to maintain the high standards of education and support that our children deserve. With all Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year, Gary Hepburn, Chair of Governing Body [ghepburn@wykeregisdorset.sch.uk](mailto:ghepburn@wykeregisdorset.sch.uk)



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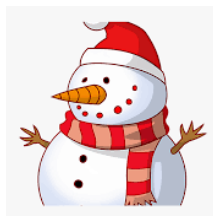
Please can we kindly ask you to listen to any voicemails we leave before calling the school as it saves us having to track down who called and why—thank you. Please remember the cut off for ordering lunches is Monday 12 midnight a week before the lunch will be served.

## FFA Update

The FFA will be holding an AGM in January, so if anyone is interested in joining as a committee member or taking on a position information will be sent out after Christmas. The FFA can also be contacted on [friendsofwykeregis@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofwykeregis@gmail.com)

## After School Club

We are pleased to note that the After School Hub continues to grow in popularity, however this in turn can cause problems when parents wish to book short notice sessions. Please bear in mind that registers are prepared on Friday afternoons, sessions therefore need to be booked by Friday lunchtime of the week before. Whilst we will do all we can to accommodate late bookings we may have to refuse. We can no longer accept on the day bookings and for new registrations require a minimum of 48 hours notice and again will be subject to space being available. A review of the attendance has been carried out and as a result, from January 2022 the second session finish time will be 5.45pm.



# WYKE REGIS PRIMARY FEDERATION

2021—Autumn Term



## Diary Dates

4 Jan 2022	Spring Term starts
18 Feb	Teacher Training Day
21-25Feb	Half Term Holiday
5 April	Class Photos
8 April	Spring Term ends
25 April	Term Commences

Dear Parents and Carers,

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

It hardly seems possible that we are almost at the end of term and Christmas is here once again. We know it's not been ideal with parents being unable to share activities with the children in school at all this term—we can only hope for better days ahead next year.



The staff have been working hard as ever with the children across the federation, to make sure they enjoy and progress well with their learning. Whilst it is clear there are general gaps in knowledge due to missed school terms for all children, we are trying hard to make sure they fill those gaps. Writing is a big focus across all the year groups, so any chance you have at home for a writing job, please support us. I am thinking shopping lists, thank you letters for presents or anything that requires a pencil in hand! Our youngest learners are leading the way in foundation classrooms with drawing club.

Mrs Clarke from the school offices will be leaving at the end of the week to start a new job in January—we wish her all the best in her new adventures. She is replaced by Miss Marsh who joins in January and will work across both school offices. Mrs. Garwell our lead MSA at the infants also leaves this week.

Our thoughts go out to all of you and your families and we hope you have the chance to enjoy a peaceful and joyful time together.

Mrs Roberts



## Wyke Regis Primary Federation Term Dates

September 2021 to July 2022

### Autumn Term



Training Day: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021  
Training Day: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021  
Autumn Term commences: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021  
Half Term Holiday: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021  
Autumn Term ends: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 2pm / 2.05pm

### Spring Term



Bank Holiday: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2022  
Spring Term commences: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
Training Day: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022  
Half Term Holiday: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022  
Spring Term ends: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 2pm / 2.05pm

### Summer Term



Summer Term commences: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
Bank Holiday: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022  
Half Term Holiday: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022  
Jubilee Bank Holiday: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022  
Summer Term ends: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 2pm / 2.05pm  
Training Day: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022  
Training Day: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

"Inspiring Hearts and Minds"

## Attendance

Current National Average— 90.7%

Infants Site— 92.6% Junior Site— 93.4%

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.



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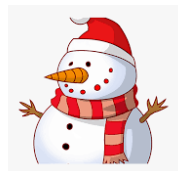
## Nursery

Nursery have been learning how to take sensible risks and have safe adventures this term. We've been to the big playground on the ENORMOUS climbing equipment, we've been using knives safely to chop fruit, and one of our most exciting adventures was going on a stick hunt. We collected sticks in the big school playground, carried them safely away from faces, then came back to nursery to make a campfire to cook hot chocolate to drink, yum! Now the excitement is rising as we prepare for Christmas, ho, ho, ho!



## Reception

This half term in FS2 we have been sharing lots of terrific tales. We have built houses for the Three Pigs and traps to catch the Big Bad Wolf. The old lady who made the gingerbread man tried making something different, The Stinky Cheeseman. The children loved making and eating their own stinky cheesemen! We have been learning and using lots of adventurous words to bamboozle our grown ups with! We are learning some extra special words for Christmas.



## Year 1

This half term in year 1, we have been learning about Rosa Parks. The children really enjoyed this topic and learned how the laws have changed over time to ensure everyone is treated fairly and equally. The children have learnt about diversity and have enjoyed celebrating differences. The children love that we are all unique and special! Our next topic this term has been 'Planes, trains and automobiles' where we had a visit from the Naughty bus! He was very naughty and trashed all the classrooms. The children were shocked and worked together to solve the mystery of who did it! During this topic we have learned the story of the Naughty Bus and have written it too. We have also enjoyed completing various transport activities including DT fruit and vegetables cars, building bridges with construction, creating and designing transport, creating road maps and much more.



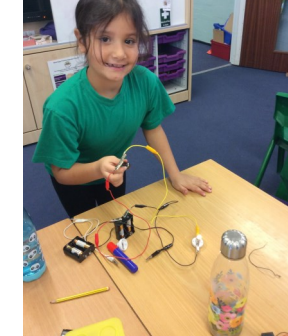
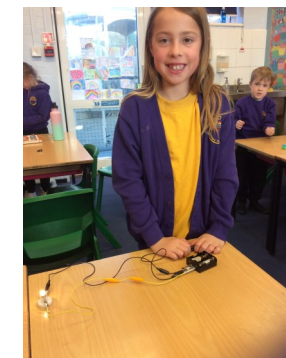
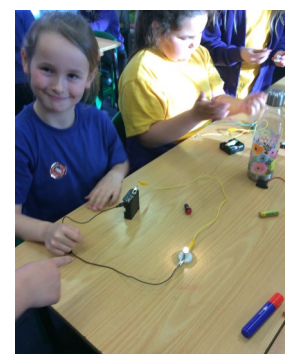
## Year 2

This term in Year 2 we've been learning about Japan. The topic started off with an amazing Japan day where we learnt about Japanese customs, how to paint in a Japanese style and a fantastic food tasting session. It was all going great until the steamed seaweed came out—that really does have a unique taste, one which most of us were not so keen on. We linked our English writing and Japanese knowledge together to create some incredible Japanese non-chronological reports. The children have been fascinated to learn about the bullet train, Mt Fuji and earthquakes. It really lit their desire to learn more about the world we live in. In fact, I wouldn't be surprised to find out that your child has been asking to go on Google Earth at home as they love it in school. In maths we've been learning about money. Surprisingly in this post covid world of contactless payments the children did really well. Thank goodness the tooth fairy still works in hard cash as the children were all keen to count out how much their teeth were potentially worth. Finally we managed to find a day when the children could re-enact the Great Fire of London by burning their houses. Videos of the great burn are on the Year 2 Google Classrooms spaces. We hope you all have a super Christmas break.



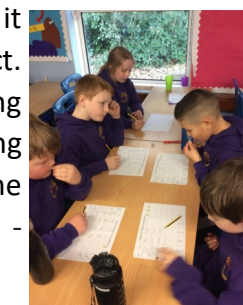
## Year 3

We have been learning about circuits - We have been looking at electricity safety, what makes an effective circuit and insulators and conductors.



## Year 4

It's been a tough job, but someone has to do it! We had to test a selection of chocolate and possible extra fillings we could have with it ready to become Master Chocolatiers and create our own product. We are surveying the parents to find to what they like, analysing the data, deciding the product, designing the packaging, making the chocolate bar and marketing it to Cadburys! here are some pictures of us trying the different combinations we could have - like we said - tough job!



## Year 5

Year 5 had a fabulous day of experiments with making rockets as part of their space project 'Out of this World'. They used a range of science investigations skills to plan, create and evaluate the science behind what makes rockets. The experts at loading their rockets really did make us all jump with their loud bangs. It was a hilarious and fun morning.



### Cool Chemists in 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. 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!



## Year 6

## Christmas Performances

Sadly we were unable to invite you to school to see Christmas performances this year, we hope you enjoyed them online.