

Wyke Regis Primary Federation

NEWSLETTER



12th September 2022

Inspiring hearts and minds

WELCOME FROM MRS ROBERTS

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new school year. We have been delighted with how well all the children have come back - full of energy and ready to learn! We are especially proud of year three children who have made the journey across to the junior site so well.

Thank you to parents for supporting us with our new school timings - gates open at 8.30 for all year groups and close at just after 8.40 when school starts. Our new starters in FS2 can also start coming in this week at this time - the new morning group.

Our staff are raring to go with the all the new learning and are spending the first couple of weeks getting to know your child. Parent consultations at the end of the month will give you the chance to talk to the teachers and find out how they have settled in and how you can help them at school. If you have any queries or concerns, please can you call or email the school offices at each site, rather than emailing your child's teacher directly.

The leadership team is also here to support you and your children with any concerns and our mission this year is to increase our opportunities to involve you in school life. Mrs Anders, Mrs Rogers and I work across both sites and we are very ably assisted by Mr Kirwin and Mrs Ellis at each school too.

Look out for these monthly newsletters with updates, information and learning spotlights.



KEY DATES

Monday 12 th September	6C Weymouth Walk
Tuesday 13 th September	6CP Weymouth Walk
Friday 16 th September	6D Weymouth Walk
Thursday 22 nd September	PGL Information Evening – Y6
Friday 23 rd September	KS2 Photographer (Juniors)
Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st October	Y6 PGL trip
Wednesday 19 th October	KS1 Photographer (Infants)

STRONG START SEPTEMBER

How is your child's attendance?

Following three school years where Covid has impacted school attendance, it is really important that we focus on working together to improve attendance this year.

Of course, we understand that your child may fall ill from time to time, but we also need to ensure that children are attending school regularly so that they have the best possible chance to be successful.

This means not booking holidays in term time, showing good punctuality and informing the school office in a timely manner if your child is absent.

We will be sending our Attendance Statement out shortly which explains in detail how we monitor attendance in school and what you can expect should your child's attendance fall below expectation.

Let's aim for a strong start this September.

CURRENT ATTENDANCE

JUNIOR SITE – 97.41%

INFANT SITE – 97%

Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?

0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT

This year, we would like to improve the way we work with parents to support you and your child in the best way we can.

We are going to be sending out monthly newsletters, sharing learning and information via Facebook and Twitter as well as making sure you have opportunities to speak to your child's teacher on a regular basis.

This week, we will be sending out a Google Form which sets out our Parent Code for you to read and sign.

We would also like to set up a Parent Forum, ideally with a group of parents from every year group who are prepared to meet half termly to discuss ways in which the school and parents can work in partnership to best support our children. If you are interested, please send an email to Mrs Ellis (Assistant Headteacher at the Junior School)

saraellis@wykeregisfed.dorset.sch.uk

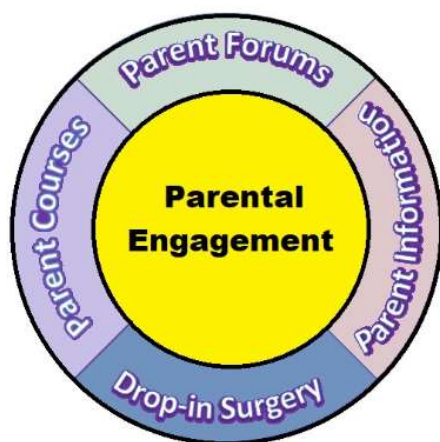


SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

Keeping children safe online continues to be a key priority. Often, issues that start online through gaming or messaging apps find their way into school and impact on children's learning and well-being. Please can we ask for your support in checking your child's online activity on a regular basis to ensure they are conducting themselves in a safe and appropriate manner.

Mobile phones are not permitted in school except under exceptional circumstances for Year 6 children only and when permission has been granted.

Each week, we will be uploading a parent guide produced by National Online Safety to Facebook which gives hints and tips about how to keep your child safe when using specific apps and games. Please take the time to read them and discuss with your child so that they understand how to keep themselves online too.



MESSAGE FROM MR HEPBURN – CHAIR OF GOVERNORS



At the start of a new school year as Chair of the Governing Body, I would like to introduce myself and welcome all new young people and their parents and carers to the Wyke Regis Federation. The governing body exists to set policy, provide strategic direction, to ensure effective governance and, where necessary, hold the school leadership to account. We are very pleased that OFSTED has rated our schools good and specifically said we have high standards of safeguarding and that we run a school in which our pupils feel safe. We do have some challenges as a federation and one particular concern of the governing body is attendance levels. This is an area the Department of Education wants us and the school to focus on. As we see COVID19 hopefully becoming less of an issue, I would like to encourage parents and pupils alike to work with the school and governors to do all they can to keep the young people in school unless they are unwell so our attendance levels improve.

As Chair of Governors I am always contactable if needed, but I do ask if you have any issues or concerns please do discuss these with the class teacher first and as soon as possible, then the school leadership team before raising them with governors. Gary Hepburn, Chair of Governing Body ghepburn@wykeregisfed.dorset.sch.uk