# Wyke Regis Primary Federation NEWSLETTER

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30<sup>th</sup> March 2023

# **Inspiring hearts and minds**

### **Message from Mrs Roberts**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As another busy term draws to a close, we hope that the summer term brings a little more light and sunshine to our days!

As ever, the children have been working hard in their learning this term and it is a privilege to witness them being ambassadors for our school. We recently had a Diocese visitor to the Junior site who met with some of our children and tested out our values by asking them some searching questions! Needless to say, they were a credit to us – in fact several visitors to both schools lately have commented on how well the children engage and listen, being interested in their learning opportunities.

As household budgets squeeze and tighten for you, so too do school budgets. We will still be attempting to subsidise as many trips and visits as we can by as much as we can afford and I know many of you appreciate this. Our Friends committee will also be involved in working with us to part fund resources or experiences we want all the children to take part in and I appreciate your support of those fundraising efforts too.

On behalf of the staff I wish you all a very happy Easter and we will see you back on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

## **Key dates**

Friday 31st March	School closes KS1 2.00 KS2 2.10
Summer term	
Monday 17th April	Training day
Tuesday 18th April	Y2 dress up day
	Y3 Greek day
Thursday 20th April	Class photos
Monday 1st May	Bank holiday
Monday 8th May	Bank holiday
Tuesday 9th May	Y6 SATs
Monday 29th	Half term week
Monday 5th June	School re-opens
Thursday 20th July	Last day of term

#### **Attendance**

Infant site – 92.8% Junior site – 92.6%

Infant winners – Year 2 with 92.8% attendance.
Junior winners – Year 3 with 93% attendance.
National average – 93.9%



# **Staffing News**

We say a fond farewell to 3 members of staff this week. Mrs McKay is retiring from the junior site after many years of service at the school. Mrs Jones is moving on to another school after Easter and Mrs Holmes has covered a maternity leave in FMH. We welcome back Mrs. Monaghan after Easter who is looking forward to getting back into school. Mrs Lindsay will be back at the end of the summer term – Mrs Roebuck is doing a great job covering.

We are currently advertising for a lunchtime lead MSA – we are always looking for relief staff to cover absence so if this is something you could help the school with, please contact either school office. We will also be advertising for an additional cleaner after Easter – again if this is something you are interested in, please contact the junior office and ask for Mrs Rose.

#### Friends News – Parents Association

The school disco made a popular return in February and it was great to see the children enjoying themselves. I'm not sure if Mr Cooper (aka DJ KOOPS) enjoyed it more though! Thank you for supporting the friends with the book sale and the non-uniform chocolate day last week. I know the team are getting ready for the BINGO events on Thursday and not to be outdone, Mr Davidson is gearing up for calling duties! All money raised at these events will be used in classrooms and for the children – THANK YOU.

If you are interested in this parent group to plan and help with children's events, please contact either school office or check out the friends Facebook page.

#### **Curriculum News**

Many children across the Federation have been working hard to develop their skills as historians and geographers this term. The senior leadership team have visited every classroom and seen some lovely learning....

In our nursery, the children were learning about India through a story, Burri and the Marrow. The children were keen to try new foods and cook in the mud kitchen! In FS2, there was a farming focus following their work on the Enormous Turnip.

Year 1 have also been exploring India and deciding whether they would like to go there. Year 2 have made the most of our local Castles by visiting Sandsfoot and Lulworth, and should be able to tell you about why Castles were built.

Ask the children in Year 3 about why Earthquakes happen and what affects the size and devastation. In Year 4, the children have been geographers, learning about Megacities and our historians in Year 5 know lots about the pit of doom which is closer to you than you think! And in Year 6, children have been using data to compare climates.

At the moment, the teachers are working on how we can ensure the children remember more over time – you can help us with this by asking them about what they have learnt.

## 11 FOR 11

Coming soon...

The '11 for 11 Project' is a set of 11 promises made by the school that become something every child at Wyke Regis Primary Federation is entitled to. They are a set of opportunities for our pupils that they may not ordinarily experience.

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So far, we have asked the school staff and a cross-section of our children to build a list of experiences we could offer, and our ideas include a farm visit, trip to the theatre, a hike, joining the library and trying new sports.

We would welcome ideas from our parents to add to the list so please get in touch via the school office for the attention of Mrs Anders. Thank you!

#### **Good News Corner!**

- Well done to the Year 5 Play leaders who are supporting the infant children at lunchtimes brilliantly. Thank you Mrs Woodruff.
- Thank you to the Give a Book charity for providing makeovers to the Year 2 book corners as well as author visits and free books!
- Well done to KS2 musicians who put on a wonderful show for their parents you demonstrated your creativity with great resilience. Thank you, Mrs Jessop, for organising this.

