

Wyke Regis Primary Federation NEWSLETTER



20/07/2023

Inspiring hearts and minds

Message from Mrs Roberts

Dear Parents and Carers,

It hardly seems possible that we are at the end of the school year already! It's been a busy year as ever with unforeseen events during the months – not least of which was strike action by teachers. Again, I would like to express my thanks for your support on those days, which caused disruption I know; but I hope that the recent government offer to the teaching profession means an end to the proposed industrial action by all teaching unions in the autumn term.

We say a fond farewell to staff moving on from both sites – Mrs Newman, Miss Charlesworth, Miss Dobbs, Miss Blackburn, Mrs Roebuck, Mrs Banner, Mrs Woodruff, Mr Kelly and Mrs Jessop. Thank you and good luck on your next adventures of retirement, travelling and in other schools.

Thank you for supporting our school uniform policy – many of the children are still looking as immaculate as they did last September! A reminder that PE kit days will be advised by the year teams in the first week back and that our PE uniform is black shorts or bottoms only. Black leggings are not to be worn on school uniform days please.

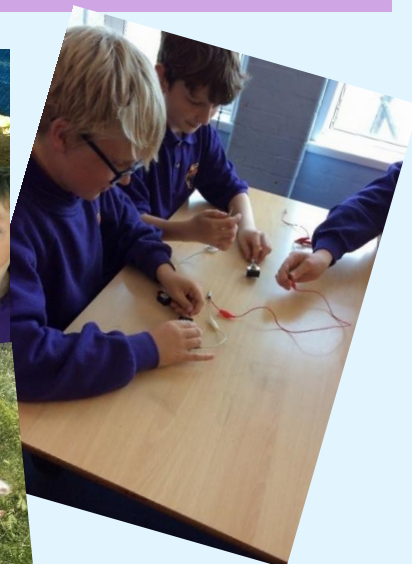
It has been lovely to be back to a more 'normal' year with trips, clubs, residentials, summer fayres, bingo and discos to name but a few. We will continue to subsidise as many activities as we can next year. We know the children get a lot out of these enrichment opportunities and I am grateful to the staff as ever for their energy and time to make these things happen – without TAs volunteering, residentials and trips would not happen and clubs are done entirely in teacher's own time. Thank you Team Wyke!

Finally, well done to all of your children who have persevered in many ways with their learning and really flourished where you have helped us on that journey. As we say goodbye to year 6 today, and we also thank their parents for the shared partnership over the last 7-8 years...all those phonics cards, reading books, spellings, times tables and topic research – as well as the SATs books – have really paid off. Thank you for all of your time invested in your child's education, which we really appreciate and can build on in school. A well-earned rest from the school routine awaits!

On behalf of the whole Federation staff team at both sites, I wish you a lovely (sunny?!) summer and we look forward to welcoming you and your children back on September 4th re-energised and ready to go again. Happy holidays!

KEY DATES – more to follow in September

Thursday July 20 th	School closes for summer 2.00 & 2.10
Autumn Term	
Friday September 1 st	Teacher training day
Monday September 4 th	Term starts – gates open 8.30 – 8.40
Y6 PGL residential	October 9 th – 13 th
School photos – all year groups	October 18 th
Infants Flu nasal immunisation	November 1 st
Juniors Flu nasal immunisation	November 3 rd
Half term week	October 23 rd – 27 th



Friends News – Parents Association

The new Friends group are thrilled with the turnout at the re-introduced events this year. Thank you for supporting them with discos, raffles, dress down days, ice lollies and the summer fayre which was amazing. Amounts raised will be confirmed in their own newsletter but the Fayre alone made around £5,500 which is amazing and a definite record. The money will all be spent on the children across the federation – more news on that in September when the teacher wish-lists have been considered. Come and join this group next year!

Curriculum News

This year we have been working hard on developing our 'Wyke Way' curriculum and making sure our golden threads of learning in each subject carry through from Early Years up to Year 6. There are lots of pictures throughout the newsletter which show curriculum in action – obviously this is a very small sample of what we do in a whole year! Next year we want to increase the sharing we do with you, so that you know what is being covered in school.

We really appreciate your input in helping us to work on those key skills which are so important as the children progress through the Federation – reading, spelling and times tables – and we will work with you to make home learning as practical and achievable as possible. We have responded to parent feedback on reading records for example, and from September will be returning to real record books rather than on-line. We will be issuing a new home learning policy so that you can see the expectation in each year group too.

In September we will launch an exciting new set of 'promises' for every year group that will build to form a learning passport. Look out for the launch of this in September. Something we hope will engage and enthuse the children more in our wider curriculum offer.



Parent Board

Governors – our governing board are looking for two or three additional members following the 'moving on' of three current governors. This is a different but rewarding role and if anyone is interested, please contact either the school office or the chair, Mr Gary Hepburn for more information. We would love to welcome some new faces.

Parent Hub – we have plans for a new Hub for parents which can act as a drop-in as well as a place for support or help or workshops. This will be on the infant site but open to all Federation parents – more to come in September and your ideas are most welcome.

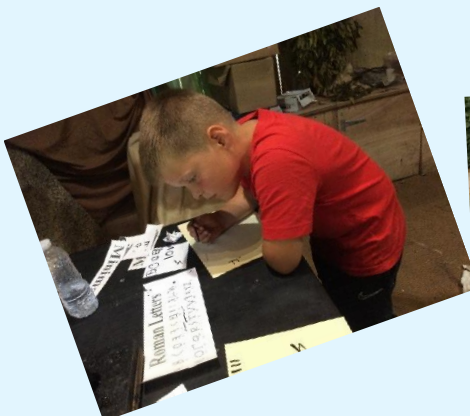
Uniform vouchers – governors have made the decision to maintain the £50 uniform voucher for September but not the £20 in spring following feedback from parents and the uniform providers. Please speak to the office at any time if you have concerns about uniform.



- **New for September** – a walking bus to encourage children to be in school on time and support families to do this – more to follow in September.
- Our working partnership with other local schools will continue with more links across the other Weymouth schools in the area next year – there are 6 others that are maintained by Dorset County as we are. We will be sharing procedures and policies where we can help each other and you may notice all of the 7 individual school logos on some letters coming home where this is the case.
- **Y6 children** worked really hard on SATs and achieved some great results overall in reading, writing and maths. Considering there was much to make up for in lost learning in two lockdowns in Y3 and Y4, we are pleased and proud of them. Resilience and determination were shown in bucket loads.
- **Good luck to our super Y6** who start their new secondary schools in September – be confident, be proud and show them how you can shine. ‘You’ve got the power in you!’
- Y5 all completed a swimming programme with some also taking the opportunity to take part in a summer holiday opportunity. Well done Y5.
- We were thrilled to have such a great turnout at new Y3 parents meeting last week. Thank you Y2.

CIVIC AWARD

Some of our Y6 children challenged themselves to undertake the Civic Award this year which is a pre-cursor to the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme. They worked hard during the year to start new hobbies and focus on community service. This culminated in an overnight camp which they planned and an award ceremony attended by the Mayor who handed them their certificates. Well done children and thank you Mrs Woodruff and Mrs Fitzsimons.



And finally, a fond farewell to year 6 who have been a **FABULOUS** year group. We wish you every success in your new schools.

