

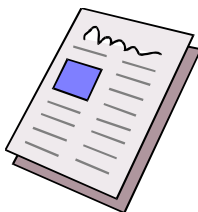
The Staff and Governors welcome everyone back to school. A special welcome to those who have joined us for the first time. We hope that you had an enjoyable summer vacation.

We welcome Miss Lynch to our Year 5 teaching team.

There is another busy year ahead which we hope will be happy and successful for your child. However, if you have any concerns, please do contact your child's class teacher.

This is the first of this year's newsletters. You should normally receive a copy during the first week of each month – please do check your child's bag and nag them if you don't receive a copy! Copies are also available from the school office or on the school website – www.wykeregisjun.co.uk

The website also has up-to-date news and reports and a variety of other useful items.



Weymouth Carnival Success

The school now possesses two very fine trophies awarded to the school's carnival float. Mr Maslin, Mrs Blackwood and other staff and pupils constructed a Weymouth-Sri Lankan schools scene on the back of a truck kindly provided by Park Scaffolding. The float not only won the trophy for the best 'youth' entry, but also the trophy for the best 'charity' entry. A fantastic effort and result! Congratulations to everyone involved.

The best 'charity' entry also came with a cheque for £600, which will be used to fund further improvements at our link schools in Sri Lanka.

School Uniform

We would like to thank parents/carers for their tremendous support of the school uniform. The children look very smart – a credit to the school and their families. The school is trying to ensure good quality uniform at a reasonable price and we will continue to try to provide the best value for money.

Breakfast Club

The school has started a breakfast club for our children from 8.00am to 8.45am each morning. Children are welcome to attend daily or on an ad-hoc basis. The cost is £2 per day, with a breakfast of cereals, toast and juice provided. Please do come along and join us.

Nut Allergy

We have a number of children attending the school who have nut allergies. In the interest of their welfare, I would ask parents/carers not to include items containing nuts in their child's packed lunch. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



Morning Bell

A bell is rung at 8.43am as a signal for the children to start lining up. We politely request that all parent/carers leave the playground at that time in order to relieve congestion.

First Day Absence

We would like to remind parents/carers to contact the school on the first day of their child's absence. This enables us to ensure that all the children who have left home have arrived at school safely. If we are not aware of the reason for your child's absence we will contact you. However, this is very time consuming and I would urge you to contact us before 9.15am on 786041 or email us at absence@wykeregisjun.dorset.sch.uk



Family Learning

Dorset Adult Education Service are offering a free course to parents/carers who would like to improve their literacy and numeracy skills. The course will take place on Thursday mornings at Weymouth Adult Education Centre from 20th September to 29th November (excluding half-term). If you are interested you can contact Diane Crumbleholme or Mary Appleton on 01305 830663.

Hear 4 U

Since 2003, the school has provided a child counselling service in partnership with Relate Dorset. Children facing many problems or worrying times can benefit from working with our counsellor, Kim Evans. The service is available to all of our children with the permission of parents /carers.

If you would to know more about the service, please contact Mr Saunders. For parents /carers of children in Year 3, a permission form accompanies this newsletter. Please return completed forms as soon as possible.

'Successful Learning'

The school is embarking upon a project to help our children to identify strategies on how to be a successful learner. We intend this to have a positive impact upon not only the children's progress, but also in developing their enjoyment in being a learner. We will be offering parent/carers the opportunity to view some of the project outcomes later in the year.

'Rights Respecting School'

During this academic year, the school will be focusing upon the UNICEF 'Rights of the Child' which is intended to help the children to identify their rights but also their responsibilities both at school and the wider world. You will soon receive a copy of your child's Class Charter which will outline their rights and responsibilities within the classroom.

Healthy Snacks and Water

As a 'Healthy School', we encourage children to bring fruit, vegetables or a cereal bar to eat as a snack at morning playtimes. Many children do this. Please do encourage your child to bring in these snacks. However, sweets and chocolate bars are not welcome in school. Crisps may form part of a balanced pack lunch. The children are encouraged to bring a plastic bottle of water to school as this helps prevent dehydration.

Thank you for your support in this matter.



Parent/Carer Consultations

This term parent/carers consultations have been arranged for the following evenings:

**Monday 15th October
5.00 – 7.00**

**Wednesday 17th October
3.15 – 5.15**

**Tuesday 30th October
5.00 – 7.00**

**Thursday 1st November
3.15 – 5.15**

The consultations provide an opportunity for you and your child to meet with their class teacher to discuss his/her progress. Further information will be available nearer the time.

After-School Clubs and 'Golden Time'

We are at present planning our after-school clubs and will be sending home a list of the activities for parents/carers in the near future. If your child wishes to join a club they will bring home a permission slip for you to sign and return to school.

In October, we will be offering all our children the opportunity to participate in a variety of 'Golden Time' activities on each Friday afternoon from 2.15pm. If you have a skill or talent that you feel that you would like to share with a group of children and are available on Friday afternoons, please do let Mr Saunders know.

School Houses

As you may be aware, each pupil at the school is a member of Dragon, Gryphon, Phoenix or Unicorn House. The children may wish to buy a wrist band in their house colour for £1 (50p of which goes to charity). These are the only wrist bands allowed in school.

Discos

The first disco will be held on Friday 5th October. Tickets cost £2 (including refreshments) and are available from the school office from Mon 1st October.

Yrs 3&4 – 6.00 to 7.30pm
Yrs 5&6 – 7.45 to 9.15pm

School Photographer

Individual photographs will be taken during the morning on Tuesday 2nd October.

Secondary School Applications Year 6 Pupils

Application forms must be returned to us by Friday 19th October 2007 at the latest, although you may find it useful to return forms on Thursday 18th October, as Friday 19th is a staff training day.

Open Days / Evenings

**The Wey Valley School & Sports College
Monday 8th October – 6pm to 8.30pm**

**All Saints School
Tuesday 9th October 6.30pm
&
Wednesday 10th October
9am to 12.15pm & 1.15pm to 3.00pm**

**Royal Manor Arts College
Wednesday 10th October – 6.15pm**

**Budmouth Technology College
Thursday 11th October – 6.30pm**

