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Value of the Month for September is Responsibility!

Dates for your diary:

*changed from previous date

11th Sept	Skip2BFit Workshops
12th Sept	Meet the Teacher 3.15pm
17th Sept	Clubs Start
17th Sept	KS2 Author Visit, 3.15pm Book signing (all welcome)
2nd Oct	Paul Nicholson (Gillingham Head) Y6 Parents Meeting 9am
3rd Oct	No Pens Wednesday
19th Oct	Harvest Festival Assembly



We are looking forward to seeing you at our Meet the Teacher event. It will take place in classrooms on **Wednesday 12th Sept at 3.15pm**

WELCOME BACK

It is lovely to see all the children again this term. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new families to Wyke. We are very much looking forward to this academic year and hope you are too!

I don't know about you, but the summer holiday seemed to fly by in our house—I really can't believe it is September again already. I do hope you all had a good summer holiday and that the children are feeling relaxed and refreshed and ready for the year ahead!



Staffing

There have been some staffing changes over the summer holidays that I need to update you on. Mrs Jo Pollard is now our Early Years TA and is no longer a lunchtime supervisor or cleaner. Mrs Danni Jones has been recruited to work in Early Years alongside the rest of the EYFS team. We have also recruited a new cleaner, Mrs Jill Haines as well as a new Lunchtime Leader, Mrs Lisa Wilkinson. We also welcome Miss Zollo, a student who will be working in Owl Class on Thursdays and Fridays. I know you will join me in welcoming all our new staff to the Wyke team. Mr Moldram remains on long term sickness absence.

Uniform

The children all look very smart in their new school uniform. There is a list on our website which details what they need to be wearing and bringing in for PE lessons should you need a reminder.

Uniform is available from our normal supplier (Kitz UK) in Sherborne but also from F+F (Tesco) online. Further details can be obtained from the school office and the website if you need them.

Please remember that accessories are not part of our uniform and that hair ties need to be sensible and appropriate. No jewellery please!

Please make sure everything your child brings to school has their name on it!



Lunchtime Changes

At the end of last term we consulted with you, the School Council, staff and governors regarding changing our lunchtime slightly. I am pleased to say that this change was welcomed by all those involved in the consultation and has successfully been in place this week already! Foundation Stage and Key Stage One children now have lunch from 12.00-1.00, with a short break mid afternoon, and Key Stage Two have their lunch from 12.15-1.15.

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Thank
you!

I would personally, and on behalf of the school, like to say a really big thank you to Alison Willcox, grandma to Rory (Y4) and Mya (Y2) who walked over 40km to raise money for children with SEND at Wyke. Alison was joined by another grandparent for the last 9km of her walk but apart from that she completed the whole thing singlehandedly. It was a glorious afternoon in Portland when we met her at the finish line.

Alison will be in the playground after school next Wednesday wearing her specially designed t-shirt to celebrate her fantastic effort with you all! Thank you again Alison—we are very grateful to you for your support! Thank you as well to those of you who have supported her fundraising efforts.



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You should have already received, or will soon receive a list of key dates for this academic year. We want to give you as much notice as possible with regard to upcoming events. However, please bear with us as some dates can change due to circumstances often beyond our control. In these situations we will of course give you as much notice as possible. Other dates may be added to the list over the course of the year. There will still be a dates section in each newsletter for dates in the very near future to act as a reminder.

Our Friends Association are having their first meeting of the year on Tuesday 11th September at 2.30pm. If you would like to find out a bit more about the Friends of Wyke then come along. There's no commitment to become a committee member, you can just come along to find out what it's all about.



We are excited to tell you that our website is nearly ready ... We are just waiting for our website developers to put the last few finishing touches on it! Once it has gone live we will let you all know!



Attendance Monitoring—we will continue to monitor both individual and class attendance figures. During the last week of the summer term I'm amazed to tell you we had one class with 100% attendance—well done to our 'old' Robin Class—Keep up the good work now you are in Owl Class! Our current Heron Class came a close 2nd with 99.29% , with our current Woodpeckers a very close 3rd with 99.26%! Fantastic attendance for the last full week of a school year!

New School Year Reminders

- Snacks for playtime should be healthy—fruit, vegetables, cheese. Cereal bars and crisps are not suitable.
- The gates will be opened at 8.40am and closed at 9am. The whistle will be blown at 8.50am. Registration closes at 9am. Please come via the school office if you are running late so your child/ren can still be registered.
- Thank you for not using the staff car park and for parking considerately in side roads at the start and end of the school day.
- The cost of school lunches has increased this year to £2.20.
- Flute, Clarinet and Drum lessons will start Thursday 27th September and Brass lessons on Monday 24th September so could pupils please remember to bring their instruments to school.

WOW! What a long newsletter this week to start the term! Apologies but there is so much information to pass on already. The children have all settled into school really well this week, including our new Wren Class who are tired but doing brilliantly! Have a lovely weekend, see you all on Monday.

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