

WYCHWOOD C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Well, here we are at the beginning of another school year. Last year's year 6 children have all moved on to Burford and I hope they have settled in well and are becoming familiar with their new school environment and enjoying and / or more than coping with the demands of a new school year.

At Wychwood school we have started the year with 176 children with a few new families having moved into the area during the summer break. There have been no major works during the summer apart from a completely new boiler room having been fitted out. It should be more efficient both in terms of heating and expense. Mrs. Mold has rejoined us and is looking forward (with some trepidation as a new mum) to the term — it's good to have her back looking so fit and well. The rest of the team is the same — all of us feeling refreshed after a good break and hoping that the "Dearing Report", which is looking into the National Curriculum and Assessment issues in schools, will follow up its Interim Report with similar messages about simplifying some very complicated procedures and easing the pace of change. This would be welcome news indeed.

The children have returned looking (in the main) ready for a new year. They will be involved in a number of topics during the term, the main ones being:-

WATER / SEASONS, Mrs. Mold & Mrs. Hesselbo, 5 & 6 year olds.
MATERIALS (Scientific investigation), Mrs. Saxby & Mrs. Hall, 7 & 8 year olds.

VICTORIANS, Mrs. Staniforth, 9 year olds.

VICTORIANS and

ELECTRICITY and MAGNETISM, Mrs Toone & Mrs. Bysouth, 10 & 11 year olds.



If you know of something that would enhance the children's study, or of somebody, (perhaps yourself) who may be able to help, then we would be very pleased to hear from you.

Teachers here would be willing to talk with anyone who may be able to develop the children's learning. It is sometimes difficult to know what resources and talents lie in the community, so please let us know!

Many thanks.

Geoff Padmore.