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### November 2019 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have all had an enjoyable half term and returned to school refreshed and ready for the exciting events over the next few weeks.

Please do call in for any of the events happening or just pop in! It is your school and you are very welcome anytime.

Thank you to everyone who has or will be bringing in a shoebox for the Rotary collection. I am sure the children who receive them at Christmas will appreciate them enormously.

As the seasonal weather can be wet and windy, with some very unpredictable weather please make sure your child has a coat every day, even if it seems sunny in the morning. As a reminder please name all items of clothing – it is then very easy to return a lost item of clothing to a child. Also, children do need a pair of sensible school shoes which are waterproof, as well as PE plimsolls and trainers. Our site means that every class has to move around outside between classes and the hall, and it is important for children to have the right kit at the right time.

If the school needs to close we will inform you by text. Do also listen to local radio for any updates.

#### Remembrance

If you would like to join the Remembrance service at the war memorial in the Recreation ground on Monday 11th November at 10.55 a.m. to observe the minute's silence you are very welcome. There will be a child from William Barnes to lay the wreath. Poppies are being sold every morning and every afternoon by Year 6 in the playground or the school hall if it is raining.

#### School Admissions

Dorset are running the annual consultation on the School Admission Arrangements for 2021/2022 with effect from **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019** to **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019**. Details of the consultation will be available to view at <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/your-council/consultations/find-a-consultation.aspx>.

Responses must be submitted either in writing to School Admissions Team, Dorset Council, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ or by email to [schoolorganisation@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:schoolorganisation@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk) by **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019**. Upon the conclusion of the consultation period all responses will be considered carefully and a report will be presented to The People Scrutiny Committee prior to the determination deadline on **28<sup>th</sup> February 2020**.

New Reception parents for September 2020 were able to attend our open evening and/or day on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019 but if you were unable to visit and you would like to be shown around, please contact the school office and we will be able to arrange a visit. We will be running our Rising Fives after spring half term but we will be unable to email prospective parents due to GDPR (general data) regulations. We will therefore put up posters to advertise the afternoon.

### Dates for your diary

#### Tues 12th Nov

Odd sock day

#### Weds 11th Nov

Remembrance service at 10.55am in the Recreation Ground.

#### Fri 15th Nov

Non school uniform day in aid of Children in Need.

#### Mon 18th & Tues 19th Nov

Life Education Van  
Parent session 2.45pm on 18th Nov

#### Weds 27th Nov

Family Partnership zone  
Drop in



### Pupil Premium

The government is giving money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called a 'Pupil Premium'. For every child registered, William Barnes Primary School gets £1320 per year and with this money we could help target pupils' specific needs and support them better in their learning. If you are registered for Free School Meals you will also qualify for a free school jumper in KS1 and KS2 and may be able to access help with costs of residential visits. Please speak to the office staff if you think you may be able to apply. The process takes a very short time and will be treated with the utmost confidentiality.

### Dates and Events

Over the next few weeks we have a number of events planned, some of them leading up to Christmas, so please do come and join us and help your child take part.

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November**—Sturminster Newton Library will be hosting a code club on the first Friday of every month beginning on .

The club will run between 15.45pm and 16.45 pm. It is free but booking is essential as demand is expected to be high.

If you would like more information about code club and what it involves, please see the website at <https://codeclub.org/en/>  
For ages 7 and upwards.

**Friday 15th November**—Children in Need - We will be holding a non-school uniform day. Can children please bring in a contribution. Some children from year 5 will also be selling some novelty items and cakes and so please bring in some extra money if you would like to buy these.

**Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th November**—The Life Education van will be in school. There will be a session for parents on 18th—2.45—3.15 p.m. We do have to ask for a contribution to this wonderful resource and a letter will be with you soon.

**Fri 29th November** - PTFA Pyjama Night

The Sturminster Newton Orchestra will be performing on **7<sup>th</sup> December** at 11.00am at the Exchange. They have very kindly said that they will donate any contributions to our school for music resources and so if you can go along to support them I'm sure you will have a very enjoyable time. At Easter they would like to put on a concert and ask pupils from our school who play instruments to join them. We will give you more details nearer the time.

**Thursday 12th December**—Whole school Pantomime Trip

**Friday 13th December**—PTFA Christmas Market

**Tuesday 17th December**—Nativity Service at St Marys—2pm All Welcome

The Christmas Pyramid Concert will be **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** in the evening for the school choir. Details to follow nearer the time.

The whole school Christmas lunch is on **Wednesday 18th December**. We will have a member of staff available to take orders and money in the mornings week commencing 25th November. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will still have their meals free but we still require you to let us know whether they will have meat or vegetarian option.

**Thursday 19th December**—KS1 Christmas Production—9.30am

Our amazing eco council are working so hard with Mrs Newell to keep reminding us to recycle as much as we can. Please see the attached letter for all the items that can be brought to our recycling station at school. If you need a hard copy

please ask at the school office.

It is particularly important that children are fully up-to-date with all their jabs before they start school for the first time, which is when they come into contact with more potential sources of infection. The vast majority of parents do ensure their child has been fully protected, but there are many children who are missing doses and are therefore at risk. More information is available on the NHS Choices website, and if in any doubt that your child is missing important vaccinations you should speak to your GP.

With best wishes for a very happy and busy half term!

Karen Wrixon

Headteacher