

William Barnes



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## April 2022 Newsletter

The spring term is now nearly finished and we will be entering the final term of 2021/22, another year that has presented many challenges! Once again this past year throughout all the hardship and worry we believe that our community; the staff, the children, the Governors, the parents have never been stronger.

We need to continue to remain vigilant with covid to ensure we can keep our children and staff safely in school. We will provide an update on the new guidance next week when we have received confirmation.

Please can I remind you not that children should not run around in the playground in the mornings. It's always very busy and lots of smaller children are around. We have had young children knocked over, we do not want any one hurt.

On wet and cold days please can those coming to school on their own not arrive too early. We have decided to continue letting the children come into class after the gates open on very wet days. Please also ensure children have coats on these days.

I hope you all have a lovely Easter holiday. The weather is turning warmer and spring is truly here.



### Ukraine Donations

Humanity face more challenges with the invasion of Ukraine and by that coming together we can be here for everyone. A big thank you for all the donations for Ukraine, the van came and collected an incredible amount of items and a cash amount of £160.15 has been donated via the DEC Ukraine Schools Appeal.



### Red Nose Day

We raised £121.25 from red nose day. Thank you for your caring and compassion in these financially tough times.

### Transition Days

We are hoping that our transition days will go ahead as before this year for Year 4, Year 5 and 6, Year 6. Please see the dates sheet for this information.

Transition day will be on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July. Year 6 will go to the High School for the day. They will need to get there themselves in the morning and then will be brought back to school in the afternoon. Our new Reception children will join us in the morning and the other classes will visit their new teachers. Mrs Lewis and Mrs Dyke will be visiting Stepping Stones and our new children who are not from Stepping Stones when we have the confirmed list of who will be joining us. We will inform the new parents when visits by Rising 5s to the Reception class will start.

### Staff News

We are sad to say goodbye Mrs Haselgrove and wish her well. We welcome Mrs Susan Scott, who has been working on a Thursday and Friday in Year 1, as the fulltime Year 1 teacher for the summer term.

Mrs Selby has now gone on to Maternity Leave. Mrs Johns and Mrs Palmer are now running our afterschool club as well as breakfast club.

## Relationships and Sex Education

Every summer term I hold a parent's meeting on our Relationships and Sex Education curriculum. As you will be aware the Government made Relationships education statutory from September 2020. I will be holding our annual meeting on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 2.00pm. As ever we will text to let you know when the lessons- usually 2- on sex education are in the summer so that you can have a chat to your child about any questions they may have. The sex education aspect is non-statutory in Primary schools but we feel it is a vital aspect of a child's development. In today's world it is better for young people to be educated in order to keep themselves safe. Please do come and talk to us if you have any questions.

The whole staff in school have received training on Dorset STEPs. Our Positive Behaviour Policy to reflect that understanding our emotions is a key aspect of understanding and managing behaviour. William Barnes Primary School treats all children with unconditional respect and has high expectations for both adults' and children's learning and social behaviours. When it is possible I will be sharing our policy with you for your input.

As we hopefully return to normality attendance is so important to keep up to date with all the learning possible. We will be holding a termly raffle for a family day out again. Each week your child has 100% attendance their name will go into the raffle so that the more weeks they are here the greater the chance of a prize! Prizes will be from a choice of activities such as family cinema tickets, bowling for the whole family, Monkey World, Tank Museum, Abbotsbury Gardens/Swannery and Farmer Palmers.

We have had some warm weather but I would like to remind you all that your child does need to bring a coat as weather conditions can still be changeable. Thank you for putting names in your children's clothing, it has helped us to return items straight away.



## Uniform Reminder

We have made sure that our uniform is affordable and in line with government policy.

A reminder of our uniform policy; Plain white shirt, Plain dark green sweatshirt or cardigan. Plain grey/ black skirt, pinafore dress, trousers or shorts Summer dress optional - white and green check print Plain grey, black, white or dark green socks or tights Please also remember that the policy is for black, sensible shoes so that children can walk and run around safely, we are seeing more children with boots and shoes which are not suitable for school. In Key Stage 2 we have a daily mile run twice a week and so it is important that children have shoes they can run in—trainers can be worn for this and then a change back to school shoes. PE Kit -No jewellery. long hair is to be tied back. All kit should be named and kept in a drawstring bag. Inside - plain white T-shirt or polo shirt, navy or black shorts, black or white plimsolls, extra socks. Outside - tracksuit trousers and plain jumper or sweatshirt over recommended PE kit. Trainers are required for outdoor games in winter. Children who play football at after school clubs or for the school teams must provide their own football boots and shin pads.



## Headlice

Tying long hair back will help stop head lice spreading. They are notoriously hard to get rid of as I well know! We would advise parents to put conditioner on hair and comb through with a nit comb after washing. If you have concerns, please ask for the number of our school nurse.

## Swimming Pool

On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May we are holding our Reach, Rescue and Resuscitation courses. Please let Mr Newman know if you would like to attend these courses.

## Extended School

Our wonderful Breakfast and After School Clubs go from strength to strength. Thank you to Mrs Palmer and

Mrs Johns for their hard work. If anyone has any games they would like to donate they would be most welcome. We are particularly looking for packs of Uno cards if anyone has them. We are now able to accept payments via the governments tax free childcare scheme for these clubs. Please see <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare> for further information

### **Trips**

We appreciate that times are difficult for families and try to keep costs of trips down as much as possible. We are lucky that Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are being given a free trip to watch the BSO orchestra perform on Tuesday 17th May.

### **Residentials**

The next PGL payment is due by April 29th. Carey Camps 1<sup>st</sup> instalment is due on 1<sup>st</sup> April followed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment on 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Please keep to the payment dates where possible Thank you.

### **Allergies**

I would also like to remind parents that we have children in school with allergies to nuts and kiwi fruit. Please can you make sure that no food is sent into school containing nuts and kiwi fruit, including in lunch boxes.



Once again I cannot thank you enough for all your wonderful support. It truly takes a village to raise a child and we are all in that village for all our children. Have a wonderful Easter and enjoy time safely with your family.

### **Dates For Your Diary**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April - Non School Uniform - Easter Hampers

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April - School finishes for Easter Holidays

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April - School Begins

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April - School Photos