

William Barnes



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## MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER

I hope you all had a lovely Easter and Bank Holiday. The weather is still so changeable so please can children remember to bring in a coat. Can they also be prepared with a sunhat, sun cream and bottle of water- in case the hot weather returns!

Please can I remind you that school starts at 8.45 am. Please can you ensure that your child is at school by this time.

Please could we remind you not to pull in and drop children off at the end of the driveway in the mornings, there has been concerns reported to our community police officer who has come to monitor.

We have welcomed our first Ukrainian family and hope to have more families joining our school.

### Headlice



This Friday, next Monday and Thursday we will once again be sending out headlice buster texts. PLEASE check all your children's hair on these days so we can try to rid the school of headlice.

### Keep Safe

We do not endorse the riding of scooters to school due to the concern with the narrow pavements, if you allow your child to ride their scooter to school please remind them to be very careful. For any child walking or scooting on their own we would ask you to remind them to take care when crossing the roads.

Please could we ask that parents do not congregate at the entrances to the school and smoke as this can be very difficult for parents and children who suffer with respiratory illnesses.

Teachers will start our RSE lessons after half term for two or three lessons only. We will text you when these are happening. Your child may wish to discuss what they have learnt with you.

We do send on all relevant information to the High School when Year 6 leave or when a child moves to another school. Please do come and see me if you would like to discuss this.

Delivered in Hot School Meals cost £2.40 per day and meals can be ordered by parents online, which is the easiest option. However, if you have any problems, we can do this from the school office. Orders need to be placed, either on line or in the school office at least a week before the meal is required. We will be having an All Eat Together day on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May where a hot meal will be available for all children in Key Stage 1.

## Residential and Trips

Year 4 will be attending Carey Camp Outdoor Educational Centre on May the weather looks good at the moment—I am sure they will have a good time whatever!



Also, Year 5 will be attending PGL at Osmington Mills in September when they are in Year 6. The next payment is due on 27<sup>th</sup> May and with the final balance due in June. We have set these dates to make it easier for parents to manage the costings and to help the office by them not having to chase parents for money.

## Sports Day

Key stage 1 sports day will be in the morning of Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June and Key stage 2 in the afternoon. Parents may either join their children or give written permission to the office for them to go with another family to the field for a picnic.



## Year 6 Production

The Year 6 production will consist of an afternoon and evening performance on 14<sup>th</sup> July and an evening performance on the 15<sup>th</sup> July. A letter regarding tickets will be sent out nearer the time.

## PTFA News

Thank you to all who bought raffle tickets for the Easter Hampers.

We are planning to hold a Jubilee celebration for the children on 25<sup>th</sup> May. Each class will decide on the format and we will inform you if parents and carers will be able to join us.

Family night is on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July, it would be lovely to see as many parents as possible there.

## Attendance

Please remember that the government is keen to improve pupils' attendance at school and that we may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. We also issue notices for fines to the LA for holidays of 10 sessions or over in a rolling six month period. One session is equal to a morning or an afternoon session, therefore a whole day would be 2 sessions of absence. This is in line with SNHS, our primary pyramid schools and LA policy. I know we all want the very best education for our children and good attendance is paramount in that.

## Swimming



You will soon be receiving a letter about swimming starting. If possible, please can you sign up for the swimming training so that you can help at the sessions. We are hoping to open the swimming pool after school too.

We finish for half term on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 3.15 p.m. and return on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June. The dates for next year are attached.



### **Lost Property**

We have a vast amount of lost property after every year. Please could you name your children's clothes and items they bring in. Going forward this term we will be putting items in the clothes bank at the end of each week. From September we are considering removing the lost property cupboard. Any items found which are named can be returned to the children straight away. You can use permanent marker and even a biro to write your child's name on the labels. It is also possible to purchase tabs that can be stuck or sewn inside clothes. Thank you for your help with this.

Thank you for all your ongoing support which ensures William Barnes continues to grow from strength to strength, as ever, if you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

### **Dates For Your Diary**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May - Year 4 Carey Camp

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May - Year 6 SATs

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May - Year 5 Ancient Technology

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May - KS2 Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra - Back About 4pm