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I hope you all had a lovely half term. It has been wonderful to see the sun and for the children to enjoy playing on the grass before half term. Hopefully we will have some more sunny days this half term. Please can I remind you to apply sun cream to children before school and to send them with a sunhat and water bottle and a raincoat just in case!

SATs

Our Year sixes have made us all proud with how they approached their SATs. A big thank you to our parents who helped with the SATs breakfast and for the PTFA for supplying the food. All our children have as always made us very proud of them with their positive and enthusiastic approach to learning.

Well done to our Year 2s who all worked incredibly hard at their tests too.

Vale Pantry

As the cost of living continues to rise we would like to reassure you that we are always here to help. If you need to access the Vale Pantry please apply online at www.valepantry.co.uk/membership or pop in. They also offer an advice service. The Citizens Advice bureau is at the Doctor's surgery every Monday Please call the surgery if you would like to make an appointment on 01258 474500.

If you would like to talk to a Family Worker please let me know and I can arrange a meeting. On our website there are the numbers of the Early Help hub and advice lines. There will be some tough times ahead but by working together as a community I know we can help each other through. Please see the link to pupil premium on our website or pop into the office to see if you are eligible. If you are in receipt of pupil premium you will receive a code to access free activities in the school holiday.

If your child is out of school on a visit, please remember they will need to take their own packed lunch unless it has been arranged differently with the school office and try to remember not to order a hot school meal for that day giving at least a week's notice.

Swimming



The pool is hopefully going to open after school next week on a Tuesday and a Wednesday £1.50 per session per child. A big thank you to the volunteers that will enable this to happen. Swimming has started for every class and a timetable and rules about the use of the swimming pool were sent out before half term. Please make sure your child has their named swimming kit on the right day. If you can help supervise the children during their swimming lessons, or are willing to go into the pool with weaker swimmers, please talk to your child's teacher and offer your help – it will be appreciated. DBS checks will need to be undertaken if this has not already happened.

May I also remind those who have still to pay that we are asking for £15.00 per family towards the upkeep of the swimming pool. Without the donations from parents we may not be able to keep the pool open.

On Wednesday 6th July we are hosting the Pyramid Aquathlon after school starting at 4 pm. Pupils from years 5 and 6

will be invited to take part in this challenging but fun event.

Upcoming Events



Sports Day

Sports day will be on 29th June. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be at 9.15am and Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be at 1.15pm. We would like to invite parents to meet their child outside their class to take them for a picnic on the green at 12pm. If you are taking another person's child the parent will need to have given written permission.

Sporting Challenge Day

Year 4 on Monday 4th July will be going to the High School for step up day and children in years 5 and 6 will also be going to the High School for the Sporting Challenge day on Tuesday 5th July.

Our sports day and the awarding of the House cup will be held on Wednesday 29th June. Key Stage 1 will start at 9.15 and Key Stage 2 at 1.15 followed by a picnic.

Run Around Rounders

Friday 17th June we are hosting Years 1 and 2 Run around Rounders tournament for all the local primary schools on the recreation ground from 9.30 – 12 noon. Children in these year groups will all take part and will need their PE kits and extra drink and sun hat. Due to other schools in attendance, unfortunately we do not invite parents to watch.

Transition Day

Transition day will be on Thursday 7th July, Year 6 will go straight to the High School and be brought back at the end of the day. Our new Reception children will join us at 9.00am. Parents are welcome to join Mrs Wrixon for a cup of tea and a chat at 9.15 in the hall.

Family Learning Week

Family learning week is the week of Monday 13th June through to Friday 17th June, the theme is World of Work.



London

Also, on Friday 10th June, Year 6 will be visiting London for the day. It will no doubt be very tiring but so exciting for them all. We follow Local Authority guidance but if you have any concerns please call in to see Mr Field or myself

In the next newsletter I will confirm the Class Teachers and Teaching Assistants who will be with the classes.

PGL



Final PGL balance is due on 15th June from year 5 pupils who are going on this residential trip in September. Some parents/carers still owe the interim payment for June and we will be in touch to chase these up. Unfortunately, we have no leeway for this date and if you have a problem with final money for this date please speak to the office staff.

Sturminster Library

Sturminster Library are organising the summer Reading challenge entitled **Gadgeteers**. The promotion will run from Saturday until Saturday in the library. Please see attachment for more information.

Northover Energy Competition

Every single entry was AMAZING for every child that has submitted an entry to the competition their family will

receive £5 off their next oil order through Northover Energy over the telephone. All they need to do is quote the child's name and which school they are competing from.

So, the winner of our local school's community giveaway is..... Lewis from Hazelbury Bryan School.

Absences

If your child is ill with sickness and/or diarrhoea, and it is due to an allergy, something they have eaten or heatstroke, then children can attend school after 24 hours. If you feel that the child has had a bug i.e. norovirus, then please keep your child off for 48 hours.

As our weather can vary so much during the summer can I please remind parents that children need a sunhat to protect their heads and also they need a coat just in case it rains. Also try to encourage the children to bring a bottle of water to drink to keep them hydrated – it is a good habit to get into.



Year 6 Production and Family Night

It is wonderful to be able to start holding events again. We look forward to our Year 6 production and the William Barnes Fest.

I wish you all a lovely half term where we can once again enjoy our usual end of term activities in the run up to the summer holidays. I am really looking forward to seeing the Year 6 production in person this year!

Best Wishes

Karen Wixon
Headteacher

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 6 th June- all week	Year 1 - Phonic screening and some Year 2s
Friday 10 th June	Year 6 - London Trip
Wednesday 29 th June	Sports Day - R, 1 and 2 9.15am, 3,4,5 and 6 1.15 pm, Picnic on the field 12pm
Monday 4 th July	Year 4 - Step Up Day – Sturminster Newton High School
Tuesday 5 th July	Years 5 and 6 - Sporting Challenge Day – Sturminster Newton High School
Wednesday 6 th July	Year 5 – Art Day – Sturminster Newton High School
Wednesday 6 th July	Escapeline meeting for parents 6.00pm
Wednesday 6 th July	Aquathon
Thursday 7 th July	Transition Day
Monday 11 th July	Year 6 - Escapeline Workshop
Thursday 14 th July	Year 6 show pm and evening
Friday 15 th July	Year 6 show evening and the William Barnes Fest
Tuesday 19 th July	Born Free Day
Thursday 21 st July	School ends at 3.15 for the summer

Autumn Term 2022

Monday 5 th September	All children return to school
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