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JULY 2023 NEWSLETTER

As ever, I am so proud of our school and all we have achieved together, as always thank you for all your support. Working together was really evident during our Ofsted inspection and I couldn't be prouder of our children, staff, parents and governors and all our community. As I have said previously you are the children's primary educator and why we so value our partnership. I wish you all a wonderful and hopefully sunny summer holiday and look forward to greeting you all on our return on 5th September ready for another wonderful year. We wish Year 6 all the very best on their transition to high school.

It has been very hot lately and so thank you for sending the children in with hats, suncream and water. We are very lucky to have the shade from the trees. On very hot days, children will need to stay in the shade unless they have sunhats.

Sturminster Newton Library

Friends of Sturminster Library will be helping Sturminster Newton Library get the Summer Reading Challenge off to a good start again this year. More information will be sent out soon.

Sports



The school's fantastic sporting year continued with athletics. A school team consisting of children from Years 3 to 6 competed in various track and field events. First place in any particular event scored 3 points, second 1 point. Final scores can be found displayed on the PE notice board in the hall. Mr Newman would like to thank all the teachers who helped and the parents for cheering the children on.

Swimming Galas – The dates and times of the class swimming galas are as follows:

Y1	Monday, 10 th July	2pm to 3pm
Y2	Thursday, 13 th July	2pm to 3pm
Y3	Wednesday, 12 th July	10.50am to 12pm
Y4	Monday, 10 th July	10.50am to 12pm
Y5	<i>To be confirmed</i>	
Y6	Friday, 7 th July	9am to 10am

Parents are welcome to watch and cheer!

Transition Day

Our transition day is on Thursday 6th July. The Year 6 children will be attending the High School for the day and all of our other year groups will be moving to their new class for the morning. The new Reception children will also be joining us for the morning. The Year 6 children will go direct to Sturminster Newton High School in the morning and will leave from the High School. All Year 6 children will have had details about this from the High School. On our transition day, all new Reception parents are invited to a coffee morning in the school hall from 9.00am. At 9.15am, I will be meeting the new parents of the Reception children to give final details about starting school in September.

Escapeline for Parents

Please can I remind you that Escapeline are running a workshop for parents on Wednesday 5th July at 6.10pm. Please do come along to hear about how we can all help the community tackle County Lines. Year 6 will have a workshop from Escapeline on Monday 16th July.

Uniform



If you buy any new uniform over the summer holiday can I remind you of our school uniform policy; black school shoes, white/black/green socks/tights, black/grey trousers, white polo shirt/shirt and school jumper. It is really important that children arrive dressed for a day of learning. School uniform can be bought online at www.myclothing.com. We will be sending you our updated uniform policy.



Staff

The class arrangements for September 2023 are as follows:

- Reception: Mrs Naomi Lewis and Mrs Hannah Dyke will job share the class, both teaching 2.5 days per week, supported by Mrs Emma Roake and Mrs Baker
- Year 1 will be taught by Mr Joshua Newman with Mrs Hannah Bealing, Mrs Baker and Ms Wicks
- Year 2 will be taught by Mrs Rachael Gale with Ms Toni Miller
- Year 3 will be taught by Mrs Lisa Blackburn (Ms Cox will be married in the summer) with Mrs Henley
- Year 4 will be taught by Ms Rosina Gilbert with Mrs Warwick-Price and Mrs Johns.
- Year 5 will be taught by Mr Richard Hull with Ms Paphapan Bates– Mrs Sally Toone will support 5 and 6
- Year 6 will be taught by Mr Russell Field with Mrs Dawn Chant.

Mrs Lisa Townsend and Mrs Dawn Chant also provide our ELSA - Emotional Literacy Support Assistant - work. Mr Hull will step down from the Deputy Head role in September and will remain as class teacher. Mr Field will be the senior teacher and will lead the school when Mrs Wrixon is absent. We thank Mr Hull for all his hard work as Deputy Head.

We are sad to say goodbye to Mrs Howarth as she sets off for new adventures. We thank Mr Pyrke and Mrs Quinn for all their work teaching Year 3 this year and wish them all the best in the future.

Mrs Wrixon will provide PPA cover in Years 5 and 6. Mrs Danielle Maynard will be SENDCo with Mrs Wrixon supporting. Mrs Danielle Maynard will provide PPA cover in Years 1, 2, 3 and 4.

We will also be sad to say goodbye to Miss Tabor from Forest School as she leaves for new adventures. We welcome Mr Burbridge as our Forest School lead next year.

Upcoming Events

- Monday 3rd July – Year 4 will be going to SNHS for a Step Up Day
- Tuesday 4th July – Years 5 and 6 will go to SNHS for their Sporting Challenge Day

Year 6 Performance



Thursday 13th July 2.00pm. and 6.00pm are the first performances of “Let Loose”– lead parts taken by our Year 6 children with the rest of Key Stage 2 providing the choir. On Friday, the performance is at 6.00pm.

ALL Key Stage 2 children need to be here for all the performances and the choir need to wear school uniform. The children need to be here by 5.45pm with Year 6 children in class with Mr Field between 5.00pm and 5.30pm so they can get their make-up and costumes on. A letter went out to all families about tickets for the performance. It is free (with donations at the end) and all parents are welcome to any of the three performances - it is lovely to see the effort that our Year 6 children and staff have put into the performance. We are always very proud of them. No young children (preschool or babies) can come to any evening performances as it is important to give the Year 6 children the best chance to perform well, but they may come to the afternoon performance. The performance on Friday 14th July 2023 at 6.00pm will be followed by our Family Fest, which is open to all William Barnes families, so please come and join us from 7.00pm for an evening of fun, food and games.

School Reports

School reports will also be sent out on 14th July. You are welcome to make an appointment to discuss your child's report on 17th July between 3.30pm and 5.30pm. Our report format will look the same as last year. Foundation subjects will have an attainment and effort grade only and then a specific comment if appropriate in the curriculum comment box. There will be a guide on the report. We hopefully will give you a very clear picture of how well your child is doing.

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

The Year 6 Leavers' Assembly is at 9.15am in the school hall on Thursday 20th July. Year 6 parents and carers are invited to come and join us to celebrate all they have achieved in their primary school and to wish them every success in the future.

Hot School Meals



Please remember to book your hot school meals for September at least two weeks before start date from Local Food Links. You may also wish to send in a packed lunch for them as an option. A reminder that we are a nut and kiwi free school as we have children with allergies. Please pop in to chat to the office staff about hot school meals.

Holiday Activities

We have attached some leaflets about local holiday activities and here is the link to the Dorset HAF Programme:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/haf-programme>

Please remember if your child is entitled to Pupil Premium, you can access these activities for free. We have also attached information about some interesting activities at the Mill. Please see the library for information about activities at the library when they come out.

Once again I would like to say a big thank you to everyone for all your support this year. I am eagerly looking forward to welcoming everyone back in September. My best wishes go to Year 6 as they move on to the High School; they are a credit to our school and I know they will have a very successful time at High School and in their later lives.



Warmest Wishes

Karen Wrixon

Head Teacher

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 3 rd July	Year 4 - Step Up Day – Sturminster Newton High School
Tuesday 4 th July	Years 5 and 6 - Sporting Challenge Day – Sturminster Newton High School
Tuesday 4 th July	Years 5 and 6 Aquathlon
Wednesday 5 th July	Longleat Trip KS1
Wednesday 5 th July	Escapeline meeting for parents
Thursday 6 th July at 6.00pm	Transition Day for SNHS
Monday 10 th July	Y6 Escapeline Workshop
Tuesday 11 th July	Transition Day for all other County Schools
Wednesday 12 th July	Year 5 and 6 Rounders – Child Okeford
Thursday 13 th July	Y6 Show (am and pm)
Friday 14 th July	Show and Family Night
Tuesday 18 th July	Born Free
Thursday 20 th July	Leavers Assembly
Thursday 20th July	Term Ends
Friday 21st July	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 5th September	All children return to school