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## MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER

April has flown by and we are now going into spring. Hopefully, we will have some lovely spring weather.

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!

### **Mrs Locke**

We are delighted that Mrs Locke will be visiting our school on 7<sup>th</sup> June, and 11<sup>th</sup> July on Transition Day to meet new parents for September 2024. I will be in the playground with Mrs Locke in the morning, so please do come and say hello.

### **Clubs**

We are sorry to those who did not receive the email re: clubs. We are trying to go paper free but obviously this did not work for some of you. We will go back to paper versions in September.

### **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.

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 online 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 16<sup>th</sup> May where a hot meal will be available for all children in Key Stage 1.

### **Mytime**

You will have received the letter from Mytime following our assembly. If you feel your child would benefit from this, please follow the link in the letter. If you would like support for your child in school, then please come in to see me. Mrs Chant is our Mytime Champion and she will be setting up activities in school.

### **Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra Concert**

KS2 (Ys 3, 4, 5 and 6) are looking forward to their trip to the BSO on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May. We need to leave promptly at 8.45am so please can your children arrive at 8.30 and go straight to class. They will all need a packed lunch.

### **Residential and Trips**

Year 4 will be attending Carey Camp Outdoor Educational Centre on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> May and with the final balance due by 28<sup>th</sup> 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. 140 days to go!

### **Sports Day**

Key Stage 1 Sports Day will be in the morning of Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June and Key Stage 2 in the afternoon. Depending on the weather, the children can picnic on the field with their families. 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. The PTFA will be selling refreshments.



### **Year 6 Production**

The Year 6 production will consist of an afternoon and evening performance on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July and an evening performance on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July. A letter regarding tickets will be sent out nearer the time.

### **PTFA News**

A big thank you to all who came to the PTFA meeting. We are now up and running again and we welcome Phil Robins as Chair, Lindzey Bealing as Vice-Chair, Lisa Townsend as Secretary and Karen Hudson as Treasurer. A big thank you for stepping forward. We will be selling ice pops after school and refreshments at Sports Day and Family Night.

The next PTFA meeting is on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 3.30pm in the Rainforest Room. Please do come along if you are able to help at Family Night. We are also holding a non-uniform day for PTFA funds on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. We recommend a donation of £1.

### **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 may 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 two 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. The government are issuing updated national guidelines for attendance in September.

### **Governors**

We currently have a vacancy for one parent governor and one co-opted governor. Please email the clerk at [c.dunkleyjones@williambarnes.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:c.dunkleyjones@williambarnes.dorset.sch.uk) if you would like to apply for either of these roles.

### **Swimming**

You have received 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 finish for half term on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 3.15pm and return on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. The dates for next year are attached.



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.

With warmest wishes

Karen Wrixon  
Headteacher

**May Dates for Your Diary**

Thursday 2nd - Friday 3rd May	Year 4 residential visit to Carey Camp
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday - school closed
w/c Tuesday 7th May	Year 2 Tasks
w/c Monday 13th May	Year 6 SATS
Thursday 16th May	All Eat Together Day
Monday 20th May	Reach and Rescue Training for Swimming Pool 3.30-5.30pm Y5 trip to the Ancient Technology Centre
Tuesday 21st May	Trip to Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) Year 2 visit to Moors Valley Country Park PTFA meeting - 3.30pm in the Rainforest Room
Wednesday 22nd May	Reach and Rescue Training for Swimming Pool 1.15-3.15pm
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Thursday 23rd May	PTFA non-uniform day
<b>Friday 24th May</b>	<b>Staff Inset Day - school closed</b>
Monday 27th - Friday 31st May	Half term