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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, water bottle and a raincoat just in case!

SATs

Our Year 6s have made us all very 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.

RSHE

Thank you to the parents who came in to listen to the RSHE presentation. As you may be aware the government have issued new guidance so please be aware that we follow the Jigsaw PSHE programme which is compliant with Government policies. If you would like to come in to discuss with your class teacher or see the materials, please do arrange a meeting.

We will text you in advance of our RSHE lessons so that you know to chat to your children about any questions they may have.

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 has an outpost at Sturminster which is open once a week on Monday mornings at the surgery for appointments and the first Friday morning of every month at the SturQuest office for drop-ins or appointments. Ring 03442451291 for telephone advice or to make an appointment or visit www.citizensadvice.org.uk for online advice.

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. These are still tough times 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.

Governors

We welcome Mr Peter Hallam and Cllr Carole Jones as co-opted governors. We still have vacancies for a parent governor and a co-opted governor so if you would like to contribute to the strategic direction of the school, please email Mrs Dunkley-Jones, the clerk to the governors for more information via c.dunkleyjones@williambarnes.dorset.sch.uk.

Cross Country

Congratulations to all those who took part in the Pyramid cross country event on 15th May at Shillingstone Primary School. Children from William Barnes, Child Okeford, Hazelbury Bryan and Shillingstone enthusiastically competed in year group relays.

Swimming

Unfortunately, we will not be able to open the pool after school as we do not have enough volunteers.

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 and no earrings please.



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, references requested and a meeting with Mrs Wrixon 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 Tuesday 4th July, we are hosting the Pyramid Aquathlon after school starting at 4pm. Pupils from Years 5 and 6 will be invited to take part in this challenging but fun event.

Athlete Event

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Sponsored event. The school has received a voucher for **£1159.50** to spend on Sports related equipment. Well Done!

Upcoming Events



Sports Day

Sports Day will be on Monday 24th 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 rec at 12pm. If you are taking another person's child the parent will need to have given written permission. The PTFA will be selling refreshments at lunch.

Run Around Rounders

On Friday 28th 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 11th July, Year 6 will go straight to the High School. 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 9.15am in the hall.

Family Learning Week

As we are having so many events with parents this term, we will not hold a specific Family Learning Week this term.



London

Also, on Thursday 27th 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 next year.

PGL



Final PGL balance is due on 28th 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. More information will follow shortly. Please see the attachment for more information.

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 they also 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.

If your child does not have a sunhat on hot days, they will need to stay in the shade.



Year 6 Production and Family Night

We look forward to our Year 6 production on **Tuesday 9th July**, and **Friday 12th July** and the William Barnes Family Night which is on 12th July. Please note the change of date to Tuesday as Year 5 now have a Step Up Day visit to SNHS on Wednesday 10th July.

Year 5 will all need a packed lunch that day. Please order a school packed lunch if needed. They will need to wear their PE kit.

Finally, we have a presentation by the Escapeline charity for all parents on Monday 8th July at 3.30pm – children can attend the afterschool club for free if required.

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.

Warmest Wishes

Karen Wrixon
Headteacher

Wednesday 5th June
w/c Monday 10th June
Monday 24th June

Thursday 27th June
Friday 28th June

Class Photographs
Year 1 Phonic screening (some Year 2s)
Sports Day – Year R, 1 and 2 in the morning and Year 3, 4, 5 and 6
in the afternoon
Y6 trip to London
Run Around Rounders for Y1 and Y2 (9.30am to 12 noon)