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JULY 2024 NEWSLETTER

I cannot believe that this is my last newsletter.

I have loved my time at William Barnes and feel privileged to have worked with such fantastic pupils, parents, staff and Governors. I would like to thank all the parents, governors and the community for their unwavering support for the school over the years, particularly during the covid years. This is a very special community of people and I know the school will continue to go from strength to strength under Ms Fiona Locke.

We are also very sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Warwick-Price who has been at William Barnes for 13 years. She has touched so many children's lives and been such a valuable member of staff, we will miss her.

It has been very hot lately and so thank you for sending the children in with hats, sun cream, 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.

Summer Holiday Activities at William Barnes

We are delighted that the Vale Pantry will be able to offer summer holiday activities and lunches in the assembly hall. Please look out for the holiday code. We should be getting letters to send out too.

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. Please see the attached posters for more information.

Sports



The school's fantastic sporting year continued with athletics. We are sorry that the first athletics event had to be cancelled, but last week, 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 teachers will let you know when your classes swimming gala will be but they will be held the week beginning the 8th July.

On **Tuesday 2nd 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.

We are glad that the swimming pool is up and running again following the recent breakdown. If you have not yet made a contribution for the swimming there is still time, via ParentPay please.

Transition Day

Our transition day is on Thursday 11th 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.

Uniform



As 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. You will have received our uniform policy to collate all information in one place.

Please can children wear the correct PE kit, green, white or plain shirt and black shorts and a plain tracksuit when cold. This can be easily bought at a supermarket. It is not suitable for children to wear their own clothes for PE and games. Please see the uniform policy attached.

Staff



The class arrangements for September 2024 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 Alison Baker
- Year 1 will be taught by Mr Joshua Newman with Mrs Hannah Bealing and Mrs Alison Baker
- Year 2 will be taught by Miss Rachael Gale with Mrs Phyllis Johns, Miss Daniella Wicks and Mrs Janet Bradley
- Year 3 will be taught by Mrs Lisa Blackburn with Mrs Henley
- Year 4 will be taught by Miss Rosina Gilbert with Ms Helen Perry and Mrs Johns.
- Year 5 will be taught by Mr Hull and Mrs Joyce with Miss Paphapan Bates and Miss Keira Hargrave
- Year 6 will be taught by Mr Field with Mrs Dawn Chant and Mrs Sally Toone and Ms Helen Perry

Mrs Lisa Townsend and Mrs Dawn Chant also provide our ELSA - Emotional Literacy Support Assistant work.

Ms Fiona Locke will provide PPA cover in Years 5 and 6. Mrs Danielle Maynard is SENDCo and will also provide PPA cover in Years 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Fire/lockdown

If the fire bell is ringing (one continuous bell) or the lockdown bell (ten short bells) please could children wait with parents outside the gate if it is breakfast club. For afterschool club pickup, please could the parent wait at the gate until the all clear has been given.

Upcoming Events

Year 6 Performance



On Tuesday 9th July at 2.00pm and 6.00pm are the first performances of “Let Loose” – lead parts are taken by our Year 6 children with the rest of Key Stage 2 providing the choir. On Friday 12th the performance is at 6.00pm. **ALL** Key Stage 2 children need to be here for all the performances - in school uniform for the choir. The children need to be here by 5.45pm with Year 6 children here between 5.15pm 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 3 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 performance 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 12th July 6.00pm will be followed by our Family Night, 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.

PTFA

The new PTFA committee have been working really hard to ensure a great family night. More volunteers are needed to help on the night so please sign up on the sheet outside the office. Raffle tickets will be on sale from 1st July in the morning and after school. We have lots of great prizes as we have been so lucky to receive donations from many people and businesses.

School Reports

School reports will also be sent out on Friday 12th July. You are welcome to make an appointment to discuss your child’s report on Monday 15th 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.

Summer Reading Challenge

Just to let you know that Dorset Libraries are promoting a launch event for the Summer Reading Challenge. There will be an online schools launch event on Wed 3 July 9.15 – 10 am with award winning author John Dougherty. The event will be fun, interactive, and suitable for all primary aged children.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/schools-online-author-event-with-john-dougherty-tickets-918737307017?aff=oddtcreator>

Booking essential via Eventbrite.

Please see the flyers sent out with this newsletter for more details about the Summer Reading Challenge.

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

The Year 6 leavers’ assembly is at 9.15am in the school hall on Friday 19th 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



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Please remember to book your hot school meals for September at least two weeks before the start of term from Local Food Links. If your child doesn’t want a hot meal you can 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

Ear piercings and hair dye

Please could we ask that if children are going to have their ears pierced this is done at the beginning of the school holiday so that they can be removed for games in September. Also that any hair dye used in the holidays is washed out for school as our uniform policy states that hair dye is not part of our uniform. Many thanks.

Once again I would like to say a big thank you to everyone for all your support over my time at William Barnes. 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. My best wishes go to all our children as they move on in their learning journey



Warmest Wishes
Karen Wrixon
Head Teacher

Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 2nd July	Pyramid Aquathlon
Monday 8th July	Year 6 Escapeline workshop
Monday 8th July	Escapeline meeting for parents 3.30pm –children can go to afterschool club for free
Tuesday 9th July	Year 6 show (afternoon and evening)
Wednesday 3rd July	Launch event for the Summer Reading Challenge
Wednesday 10th July	Year 5 Step Up Day
Thursday 11th July	Transition Day
Friday 12th July	Year 6 show (evening) and Family night
Tuesday 16th July	Born Free Day
Friday 19th July	Last day of term – Finish at 3.15pm
Monday 22nd July	Staff Inset Day – school closed
Tuesday 23rd July	Staff Inset Day – school closed
<u>Thursday 5th September</u>	New term starts