



# William Barnes Primary School

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## Head teacher Update

Just over a year ago, I wrote my first Newsletter for William Barnes. Since then, I have had the privilege of getting to know you and your children, as well as our incredible staff team. As always, we are so proud of how well our new friends have settled in - many routines are already embedded and the pupils are learning new skills that they are proud to share. As well as our Reception class, we have had a lot of new pupils joining us over the last month; it is always a pleasure to see how warmly they are welcomed and how quickly they become part of the William Barnes team.

## Parent & Carer events

Our school open evening for families hoping to join us next year will take place on Wednesday 8th October with tours at 1:15 and 2pm as well as a brief talk then time to meet the Reception staff in the classroom at 6pm. This will be a fantastic opportunity for any prospective families to tour the school and find out more about the subjects they will be taught. We welcome all future pupils to come along and learn more about the William Barnes community.

On 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October, we will have our parent/carers consultation evenings. To make booking easier to access, we are moving bookings to Arbor so please do make sure that you are logged on to the system.

 **Don't forget to enable 'in-app notifications'** so that you don't miss any messages! More about booking parent/carers evenings will follow very soon.

## Parents, Teachers & Friends Association

The PTFA is a small, dedicated group of people who are already beginning to plan events for this academic year in the hope of bringing our community together and raising funds for our pupils. William Barnes PTFA is always looking for new members so whether you can offer a little time or a lot, please do get in touch!

Асоциацията на родителите, учителите и приятелите е малка, всеотдайна група от хора, които вече започват да планират събития за тази учебна година с надеждата да обединят нашата общност и да наберат средства за нашите ученици. Асоциацията на родителите, учителите и приятелите на Уилям Барнс винаги търси нови членове, така че независимо дали можете да предложите малко време или много, моля, свържете се с нас!

## Governors

If you would like the opportunity to be involved in school governance, please contact the Clerk to the Governors, Ms Catherine Dunkley-Jones on [c.dunkley-jones@williambarnes.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:c.dunkley-jones@williambarnes.dorset.sch.uk) for more information and an informal conversation about the role. It is a great way to become involved and learn a little more about how schools are run.

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Ако желаете възможността да участвате в училищното управление, моля, свържете се със секретаря на училищния съвет, г-жа Катрин Дънкли-Джоунс, на c.dunkley-jones@williambarnes.dorset.sch.uk за повече информация и неофициален разговор за ролята. Това е чудесен начин да се включите и да научите малко повече за това как се управляват училищата.

## Parking



I think this issue must be the one about which I receive the most regular feedback! We have a very small car park that needs to be available for both school and nursery staff, as well as the many professionals who visit during the day. On occasion, staff members have been blocked in by inconsiderate drivers and thus prevented from collecting their own children on time. If you have not been issued with a permit, please do not park in our car park unless you are collecting a sick child. I have also had a request from a member of the public that families don't park in the layby opposite the school due to the safety aspect of children getting in/out of cars so close to a busy road. Thank you for your consideration of our whole community.

## Is your child a Young Carer?

If your child has a parent/carer or sibling who has a disability, difficulty or difference that affects their lives in some way, they may well be considered a Young Carer, even if they're not actively carrying out caring 'duties'. To learn more and to register your child, please contact MyTime on 01202 710701 or at enquiries@mytimeyoungcarers.org We have a very welcoming Young Carers group monitored by Ms Chant who get together for termly activities.



## #WB Proud

I think by now everyone knows how proud we are of our school community. We use our Instagram and Facebook pages to celebrate the positive things we do so if your child has achieved something out of school that you would like to share with us all, please email the office with a photo and brief description; we will regularly share these across our social media accounts and in Friday's Celebration Assemblies. Equally, if one of our William Barnes grown-ups has achieved something amazing, we'd like to share that too!



## Bulgarian-English translators

DALS is a service that translates for the NHS, among other organisations. They do not have any Bulgarian translators in the area so our Mental Health in Schools Team have suggested that we have parents/carers who may wish to sign up! To register as a paid translator, [please visit their site here](#).

Best wishes

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