

William Barnes Primary School

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Dates for Your Diary

10th November – Odd Socks Day

w/c 10th November – Family Learning Week

11th November – Remembrance Day, wreath ceremony (Sturminster rec.)

11th & 12th November – Life Education Centre sessions

14th November – Children in Need, pyjama day

25th November – NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe sessions

28th November – non-uniform day (PTFA donations for Christmas Market)

5th December – Christmas Market 2:45-4pm

10th December – Reception Christmas performance, 9:30am

10th December – KS1 Christmas performance, 2pm

16th December – Pyramid Concert (to be confirmed)

17th December – Christmas Lunch

17th December – Church Service, 2pm

18th December – Last day of term (finish, 3:15pm)

For the safety of our school community, we will be regularly closing the gate to our car park from next week, both at the beginning and end of the school day.

Head teacher Update

Now that we are in November, the cold and rain will be soon be with us. Please ensure that your child has a coat and jumper in school every day (and please ensure everything is named!). If you walk to school, you may also wish to consider children wearing boots to school so that they arrive with dry socks – don't forget to bring a dry pair of school shoes to change in to.

At William Barnes we take great pride in our school, and that includes our learning, kindness, uniform and good manners. We have recently spent some assembly time focusing on how using our manners makes ourselves and other people feel good, so please do praise children at home when they say 'please', 'thank you' and 'pardon?'. Good manners are about being considerate and respectful towards everyone.

Attendance

Around the beginning and end of school holidays, we tend to get a lot of absence for family holidays. While I understand that this can be the only way to afford a getaway, as a school we are not able to authorise these except in truly exceptional circumstances. Under the national rules, all school authorities are required to consider a fine when a child has missed 10 or more sessions (5+ days) for unauthorised reasons.

Is your child entitled to the Pupil Premium?

Many of our children are eligible for the Pupil Premium but do not receive it. You can apply for free school meals by visiting <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/free-school-meals> and if successful, this will lead to additional funding for the school. This allows us to subsidise school trips, as well as to purchase a school jumper or PE top and support other interventions in school. Even if your child is in Key Stage One, you can still apply for the Pupil Premium. If you'd like more information, pop into the school office.

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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 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.

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.

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Sports @William Barnes

We've had some real successes recently, coming second in rugby, going through to the next round in football and taking part in all kinds of local events. Well done to our players for always being respectful and resilient! We also very grateful to the teachers and families who give up their time to make these events possible. Great work, everyone!

Best wishes

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