

Southill Primary

Headteacher's NEWS



Friday 10th
May
2024

Parent Champion

Since the beginning of the year, we have been fortunate to access funding allowing us to employ Tracey Hodder as our 'Parent Champion'. She has been working directly with families to help with attendance and other issues and we've been really pleased with this extra level of support we've been able to offer. We are applying for a continuation of this funding and so Tracey has approached some of you for help with a feedback form. Please do complete this if asked - it will make a very positive difference to our chances of keeping hold of Tracey for a while longer.

If you believe you or your family could benefit from her support, please get in touch on t.hodder@southill.primary.sch.uk or just drop-in to the Mulberry Centre on the 21st May.

Year 5 Oracy Performance and Year 4 London trip

It seems a while ago now but I wanted to congratulate Year 5 publicly for their contribution to the Chesil Literacy Project oracy performance at the Pavilion. Their chosen poem was 'Jabberwocky' by Lewis Carrol and they performed it brilliantly, with verve and panache, to the massed parental audience. They were ace! Well done Year 5.

While I am congratulating our fabulous children, please let me tell you how fantastic Year 4 were in London last week. The children threw themselves into everything and were a pleasure to be with. After visits to see 'Wicked', to the Globe and the Tower of London, the trip culminated with a climb up to the top of the dome of St Paul's Cathedral! A never-to-be-forgotten experience for all concerned. Year 4 were awesome - and my thanks to Mrs Wood, Mr Prior and Mr Bell for so willingly giving up their own time to take the children away.

Parking problems outside school

As I regularly request, please can parents be very careful when parking outside school at the end of the day, and also be respectful to the properties, driveways and verges of our neighbours. This week, we have received reports of two problems:

1. a parent unloading a small child into the road in front of an oncoming car. So please unload children onto the grass turning circle or the pavement
2. parking across drop kerbs - these are intended as safe crossing points for pedestrians, so please do not obstruct these.

I know it's not a popular choice, but I like to remind parents at times like these of our active travel plan - in other words, why not park at the shops and walk up the hill to avoid the congestion? It's healthier for you, too!

New Deputy Headteacher

After a round of interviews and talking with staff and children yesterday, Mr Matthew Ryan was appointed as our new deputy Headteacher, starting in September. Mr Ryan will be coming to us from Holy Trinity Primary in Weymouth, where he is currently an Assistant Headteacher. I am sure that Mrs Wood and Mr Ryan will make a fabulous leadership team to take the school forward. Exciting times ahead!

You're a smart cookie!

Always a milestone in life of a Year 6 pupil, next week is SATs week! They have worked hard in the build-up and have been well-prepared by Miss Savage and Mr Bell. The children have all gone home today with an encouraging cookie and have been told to have a fun and restful weekend! We wish them luck in their tests and know they'll do well.

That's all from me this time. Have a great weekend.

Paul Mason

Parent Champion
Parent/Carer Drop In

At The Mulberry Children's Centre, 2 Newstead Road,
Weymouth, DT4 8JE

With
Tracey Hodder, your school's 'Parent Champion'

On
Tuesday 21st May, 12.30 – 2.30pm

Also joining me will be volunteers from Dorset Parent Carer Council who's aim is to make sure the services in our area meet the needs of disabled, including SEN, children and their families. More information explaining their service can be found at: <https://www.dorsetparentcarercouncil.co.uk/about-us>

A safe place to chat, share ideas and experiences, or just listen over a slice of cake and a drink.

These small groups are designed for you to receive friendly advice and support from your school's Parent Champion and other key services. This could include behaviour support, attendance, housing, finance, relationship, emotional health or anything else you'd like to chat about!

If you would like to join us, or would like more information, please email me: t.hodder@southill.dorset.sch.uk

I am looking forward to seeing you there.

Tracey
Parent Champion
Creating connection

Other messages for our parents and carers




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WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND ADVENTURE

May Half Term Kids Club

£27.50 PER SESSION **27th-29th & 31st May** **SESSION TIMES**
 10% discount for 3+ bookings **Based at the Sailing Centre on Portland** AM 09:30-12:00 & PM 13:00-15:30

	MON	TUES	WEDS	FRI
AM	Sailing	Climbing	Paddle Boarding	Kayaking
	Kayaking	Mega SUP	Sailing	Raft Challenge
LUNCH (SUPERVISION AVAILABLE FOR £5/CHILD/DAY)				
PM	Sailing	Climbing	Paddle Boarding	Kayaking
	Kayaking	Mega SUP	Sailing	Raft Challenge

Please Book using the online Booking Link found on our Website, Social Media Pages or via this QR code

✉ wpa@weymouth.ac.uk

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Hello
I'm Ian the chairman of Wessex Football Club in Weymouth.


We are currently running FA Wildcats football training sessions for girls aged 5-11 at a cost of only £3 per session.

The training is fun based and delivered by our FA qualified coaches and open to players of all abilities.

I've attached a link which gives further information and ability to book on to the chosen sessions.
<https://faevents.thefa.com/Book?SessionID=373014>

Kind regards

Ian Ritchie
Wessex FC Chairman



SPACE FAMILY DAY

We'd love you to join us for our next Space Family Day on Saturday the 25th of May.

Ferndown
Educational Wellbeing and the Responsibility of Educational Services

- For Dorset's young people (including those questioning or gender non-conforming) and their families: parents/carers, siblings, & any other significant relatives.
- The theme of this Space Family Day will be the Education system and its duties and effects on Trans+ people, we will be looking at the theme throughout the day with activities and informative discussions.
- Free food and drink is provided for the day!
- Arrive: 10:15am welcome for 10:30 start
 10:30am - 12pm activities
 12pm - 1pm lunch (provided)
 1pm - 2:30pm feedback session

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL!
 Please book by **MONDAY MAY 20th** to ensure your place by contacting us!
 01202 205279
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WEYMOUTH HOLIDAY CLUB

MAY HALF TERM 2024

TUESDAY 28TH MAY
 WEDNESDAY 29TH MAY
 THURSDAY 30TH MAY

RADIPOLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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