

# Friday 10th May 2024



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 <a href="mailto:t.hodder@southill.primary.sch.uk">t.hodder@southill.primary.sch.uk</a> 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 no 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**

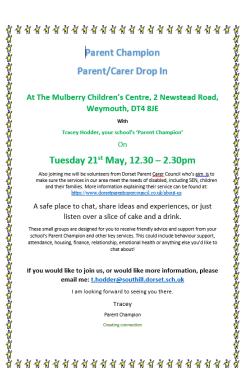
After a round of interviews and talking with staff and children yesterday, Mr Matthew Ryan was appointed as our new deputy Headteacher, starting in September. Mr Ryan will be coming to us from Holy Trinity Primary in Weymouth, where he is currently an Assistant Headteacher. I am sure that Mrs Wood and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



## Other messages for our parents and carers





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

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