



Southill Primary

Headteacher's

NEWS



Friday
28th June
2024

Departing staff

There's been a fair few staffing changes this term, so I thought a handy summary might help us all keep track of staff changes:

Laura Hill - our Year 5 teacher has decided it's time for a change and is joining the staff of Radipole Primary as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant

Tess Butler - our Year 5 and Forest School supremo is leaving us to join an independent specialist school for children with social, emotional and mental health needs.

Bethan Hutton is leaving Year 3 (and the world of education!) to start an exciting period in her life travelling and running a business

Emily Rashleigh - our teaching assistant in Reception class is leaving to join a local nursery

Sadie Symonds is our media assistant who will be finishing with us at the end of term

Diane Sheppard is one of our cleaners. She starts a new job in another school in a couple of weeks.

All these staff have made a brilliant contribution to the school and will be very sorely missed. A special mention for Laura Hill who leaves after 21 years of dedicated service to Southill. The school just won't be the same without her! And me, of course. I'm leaving too. I am asked a lot whether I am counting down till the end of term. The answer is always yes! As of today, I have 15 days to go...

Y6 in Cornwall

At Southill, we are rightly proud of our programme of trips through the year, and especially our residential. Having just returned from a fabulous week away with Year 6 in St Ives (please see the blogs on the website), I wanted to confirm what an amazing time they had and to share my sense of privilege seeing how they have learnt to manage themselves, their time and their activities away from home. They coped with every challenge so well, it was a pleasure to see and a testament to the support they have received from home and school. Our programme of residential starts with Leeson House in Y3, to London in Y4 and the Wye Valley in Y5. They are a key part of our children's personal development. Thank you all for your support with this vital element of our curriculum.

Sports Afternoons

It was, once again, a pleasure for me to be involved in all three sports afternoons this week. The levels of excitement and sporting effort were great to see and the children's performances in all their different events were of a high standard throughout. Great work everyone!

A special thank you to everyone who came along to watch. The events would fall very flat without you there and your support for the children on all three days was excellent. Thank you all very much!

Tom Prior has carefully crafted a brilliant video of the afternoons and attached this to his report of all three days. Please find it here: <https://www.southill.dorset.sch.uk/news/sports-week-2024-2/>

Education Conference

The Headteachers and education leaders of Dorset gathered together on Thursday at Weymouth College for their annual conference. Kicking off proceedings was our very own Popstars! school choir who performed a song encouraging and celebrating diversity for the conference theme of 'One of a Kind'. The group looked smart and sang beautifully - starting the conference in great style. Well done everyone!

Transition Day: moving on up

Next Tuesday our Year 6 pupils visit their new secondary schools for the day. This creates a bit of space in school and we will be taking the opportunity to have our own transition afternoon. With the exception of Reception class (whose transition time will happen at a later date), children in all our classes will register with their usual teacher at 1pm then swap around for the afternoon - being taught in their new classroom by their new teacher (or their current teacher, in some cases). The afternoon is designed as a relaxed and fun session to bolster children's confidence with starting in a new class and/or in a new year group. We will post reports and photos of their time together on the class blogs after school - so please look out for those. Should be an interesting and enjoyable afternoon for all!

Chesil Primary Pride

Caroline is a leading organiser of tomorrow's Chesil Youth Pride and the first ever Primary Pride. We would love to see some of the Southill Community there - so please come along if you can (please see the flyer on next page).

Family First Newsletter!

I am pleased to attach a link to the this newsletter! Family First tell us they proudly support the Department of Health and Social Care as well as the NHS in improving the physical and mental wellbeing of families living in England.

Here you go: <https://familyfirst.co.uk/issue3-24>

Have a great weekend everyone.

Paul Mason

Other messages for our parents and carers



Stagecoach Weymouth

Summer Workshop 2024

A week of performing arts training and then put on a show!
05 Aug 2024

Age: 4 - 18
Time: Mon - Fri 10:00 - 16:00 Performance: Fri 18:00
Cost: £145 (Sibling £110)
Venue: Weymouth College, DT4 7LQ

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Parent Champion
Parent/Carer Drop In

At Bincombe Valley Children's Centre, Louviers Road,
Weymouth, DT3 6AY (Top Club)

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

On
Wednesday 17th July, 12.30 – 2.30pm

Also joining me will be Tamsin Pike from the Dorset Parent Carer Council. Tamsin is the groups Autism in Schools Facilitator. For more information explaining their service see: <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 such as mental health and Early Help teams.

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



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Starting on 29th July over 4 weeks
Monday – Thursday
10am – 2pm

Multi-sports activities
Football, cricket, rounders, dodgeball, dance, games,
arts and crafts and much more.

We will have new experience sessions that will be
different each week. From animal sensory, circus skills,
visits from the RNLI, visits from the dog's trust and
emergency services.

Nutritional education activities.
Hot healthy meals. Snack and drinks provided
throughout the day.

BOOK NOW!

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#ChesilYouthPride

Saturday 29 June 2024

**Chesil • Youth
Pride •**

Join us to celebrate
Chesil Youth Pride - See Me!

Meeting at Weymouth College at **12pm**,
followed by a group parade at **4.30pm** along
the Esplanade finishing at **6pm**.
Everyone welcome to attend.

Join us for live music, creative Pride-based
activities, a fun photo booth, key speaker and
stalls. Our team will be on-hand on the day to
offer support, advice and to signpost you to
available services.

For more information contact
chesilyouthpride@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

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SCAN ME TO BOOK



SEASON 24/25

Weymouth & Portland RFC
Celebrating 150 Years

RFU Accredited Club

WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND RFC

Mini & Youth RUGBY

NEW SEASON STARTS
SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER '24

RUGBY FOR THE UNDER 6'S – UNDER 16'S

For more details on training days please contact us on the below e-mail

CONTACT Will on willeckersley@hotmail.co.uk

Wey Valley Sports Summer Camp

We are pleased to announce that we are going to be running some Summer holiday sports camps. A perfect opportunity for your child to participate in a range of sports and multi skills. The camp will run at The Wey Valley Tennis Centre at Wey Valley School and involve a mix of tennis, multi skills and some other sports, including football, cricket, table tennis and more. There will be coaching, individual and team skills and lots of games!

Dates: July - Wednesday 24th and 31st August - Wednesday 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th The camp will run from 9-12pm Cost - £15 The camp is aimed for children from aged 4 up to 14.

We will have a snack break about half way through and there is a possibility we may go outside for a part of the session if the weather is good.

If you would like to book your son or daughter in, please email me or send me a text which includes: Child's name Age Contact number Any medical conditions we need to be aware of Payments can be made via BACS or cash.

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