

# Southill Primary Headteacher's NEWS



Thursday 9th February 2023



## Miss Curtis

I am delighted to tell you all that Miss Curtis, currently away from her Year 1 class on maternity leave, gave birth to a bouncing baby boy last week. Mother and son are now back home and are both doing well.



## Southill Yarn Bomb

As part of celebrations for our 50th anniversary this year, we are pleased to welcome Southill Yarn Bomb – a people powered, community driven event that will take place over May half term where you'll hopefully spot lots of colourful knit/crochet creations around the area. There are lots of ways to get involved, including opportunities to learn a new skill too! Take a look: [Southill Yarn Bomb - Southill Primary School](#)

The governors are planning to hold after-school yarn bomb clubs with pupils and parents to help make some simple yarn butterflies. These will be on Thursdays from 7-9pm at school, starting on 23rd February.



## Internet Safety Day

This year's Safer Internet Day is taking place around the theme of 'Want to Talk About it? Making space for conversations about life online'. This awareness day has been ongoing since 2004 and each year the project aims to raise awareness of the digital environment, and to urge action on making it a better environment for young people. The day is currently celebrated in 200 countries and unites millions of users throughout the world. As well as celebrating some of the fantastic things the internet does for us, it's important that children know what to do if they see something they are uncomfortable with or don't like. In all cases, we recommend to children that they talk to a trusted adult about their worries. This has been the theme of my assembly this week and so, if you are able to follow this up at home, I am sure the children will find a discussion helpful. Resources to help keep children safe on the internet can be found on the Safer Internet Day website:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>



## Walk to School: Thursday 23rd February

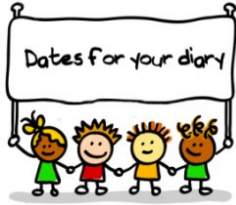
As part of our Fitness Thursday programme, we thought we'd branch out from school for a new event - walk to school! The plan is to meet at the shops at 8.30, then walk the children up the hill to school. By doing this, we hope to promote our active travel plan (park at the shops, walk up the hill) as well as

encouraging healthy exercise and reducing pollution and congestion around school. We hope as many children as possible will be able to join in - parents are welcome to walk with us too, of course.



### **Inset Day and Half Term**

School is closed tomorrow, Friday 10th February, as it is a designated staff training day. I hope you all have a very enjoyable week and we look forward to seeing all the children back at school on Monday 20th February at 8.45am.



### **Important dates**

10.02.23	Inset Day - School closed
13.02.23 - 17.02.23	Half Term
24.02.23	FOSS toy and book sale 3.15pm
28.03.23 - 30.03.23	Parents Evenings 3.30 - 5.30pm
03.04.23 - 14.04.23	Easter Holiday
17.04.23	Summer Term begins 8.45am

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## Other news and information for parents and carers

### Message from Ryan Bissett, tennis coach

Myself and Matt Eaton (both LTA Accredited Tennis Coaches) are running a Half Term Sports Camp. This will be a perfect opportunity for your child to participate in a range of sport and multiskills. The camps will involve a mix of tennis, multi skills and other sports such as cricket, table tennis and football. There will be coaching, individual and team skills and lots of games!

Date - Wednesday 15th February.

Indoors at the Wey Valley Tennis Centre at Wey Valley School.

The camp will run from 9-12pm and the cost is £15 for the session.

The camp is aimed for children from aged 4 (reception school year) up to 14.

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

and any medical conditions we need to be aware of.

We will have a break during the session, so please can children bring drinks and snacks. Payments can be made via BACS or cash.

Matt - metennis@outlook.com

07540625887

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Ryan - rbtennis94@gmail.com

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# CALLING ALL GIRLS

**ALL STARS** cricket

**DYNAMOS** CRICKET

#WE GOT GAME.

**DORSET** CRICKET BOARD

**Come join us for a free fun introduction to cricket this February half-term. Hosted by Dorset Cricket Board**

**10:00 - 12:00 15 February 2023 @ Redlands Leisure Centre, Weymouth.**

West Dorset Girls Cricket Session - Redlands Leisure Centre 15/02/2023

Register Here

# Information for parents and carers (continued)

## Swanage Fairy Festival

Swanage Fairy Festival will be making a huge splash again this year in the stunning seaside town of Swanage in Dorset. You will be mesmerized with the spectacular live mermaid show, spellbound by the enchanting fairies, pillaging pirates and super strong super heroes that will come to life over three magical days in June half term 2023!!!!

For the incredible price of only £7 a head you can dance until your wings fall off with our incredible line up: Swimming mermaids, Bubble fairies, Magic shows, Balloonists, Bubble disco, Superhero game show. Circus skills, Story telling, Wand making, Workshops. Walkabouts, Singing mermaids, live music and so much more... Prizes, bubbles and glitter. What more could you wish for!!!

There will be lots from face-painting to a tattoo and glitter bar plus wonderful stalls selling beautiful magical gifts in our marquee!! Carefully selected local food stalls, Fresh Pineapple pina-colada's and a bar selling local beers and gin..

Tickets on sale from 1st February at £7 a head (under 3's free)

This lovely magical community event was set up by 2 local single mums who were fed up with paying a fortune every time we took our kids out anywhere exciting with only fairground entertainment on offer!! This event experience is a magical wonderland with no hidden extra costs.. We figured the best way is to buy your tickets in advance at a low cost of ONLY £7 a head.. which gets you entry to the venue and all the magical live shows and experiences.. Then it's your choice if you want to spend money with the traders available!! The festival has a safe relaxing vibe overlooking the beautiful beach. Please look at our website at pictures from last year's event.. 20% of our profits will go to the Swanage schools to help with well being and funding.. all the rest goes into paying for the event itself.

Please head to our website for tickets [www.swanagefairyfestival.com](http://www.swanagefairyfestival.com)