

Southill Primary

Headteacher's NEWS



Friday 26th May 2023



"We are such things as dreams are made on."

This week, the children of the school and parents of the cast enjoyed the Year 3 and 4 performance of *The Tempest*. The show was bold, dramatic and beautifully performed by both classes, making it a performance that will live long in the memory.

Year 4 have recently returned from London (see below) where they took part in a workshop at the Globe Theatre, led by a real-life Shakespearean actor. She showed the children how to deliver lines, express emotion and command the stage - and that's exactly what they did this week.

Year 3 also told us how the show had been put together from their writing in class. The children really have proved that Shakespeare is a master storyteller and that, with some expert teaching, even our younger children can be inspired by his plays. The Southill writing curriculum is fun, challenging and inspiring - and the children have certainly proved that with their performances. Great stuff!



Year 4 residential trip

A quick word about the Year 4 residential trip to London - it was brilliant! The children spent three days in the capital where they saw some wonderful sights and enjoyed some fabulous experiences. The class threw themselves into everything with enthusiasm and great energy, whilst behaving safely and sensibly in some very busy areas of London. Seeing how the children enjoyed the trip and blossomed as young people was a real pleasure and a testament to the value of our residential trip programme in KS2. Well done, Year 4!

<https://www.southill.dorset.sch.uk/year-groups/year-4/>



Attendance

In my previous newsletter I wrote about my unhappiness with the increasing prevalence of term-time holiday requests. My concern is that parents feel some absence is ok, especially if savings on holidays prices can be made by travelling during school terms.

Absence through illness is unavoidable, of course, but parents should otherwise aim to get their children to school every day.

The Department for Education tell us that:

"Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. Evidence shows that the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE and A Level results.

Our research found that pupils who performed better both at the end of primary and secondary school missed fewer days than those who didn't perform as well."

We have seven weeks of school remaining this year. It would be great if no holiday requests were made for this period, so that children are in school as often as possible. Good attendance is important.



Bike Bus

We have already had a good response to the Ping about a proposed Friday Bike Bus, so are keen to get it started. The next step is to organise a route with some timings and then advertise this to you all. So, watch this space. Southill's own Bike Bus - how exciting!

Have a great half term everyone. Don't forget school is closed on Monday 5th June - so **back to school at 8.45am on Tuesday 6th June**

Southill Primary: dates for the summer term 2023 (and beyond)

Half Term	Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June
Inset Day School closed	Monday 5 th June
First Day of Summer Term 2	Tuesday 6 th June
Year 1 Trip to Monkey World	Wednesday 7 th June
Reception New Parents Evening	Wednesday 7 June 6.00pm
FOSS Bingo	TBC - Friday 9 th June 7-10pm
Reception Booknic	Wednesday 14 th June 2.00pm
Y6 residential	Monday 19 June - Friday 23 June
Rec, Y1 & Y2 Sports afternoon	Tuesday 27 June 1-3 pm
Y3 & Y4 Sports Afternoon	Wednesday 28 June 1-3 pm
New Reception Visits (1)	Wednesday 28 June 1.30-2.45pm
Y5 & 6 Sports afternoon	Thursday 29 June 1-3 pm
Transition afternoon	Tuesday 4 th July (meet the new teacher)
New Reception Visits (2)	Wednesday 5 July 1.30-2.45pm
Summer Fayre	Friday 7 July
Rock Band Performance	Tuesday 11 th July 4.30pm
Y5 residential	Wednesday 12 July - Friday 14 July
Y6 Primary College	Wednesday 12 July - Friday 14 July
Y6 Leavers service	Tuesday 18 July 2– 3pm
Last Day of Term	Friday 21 st July - Non-uniform
Inset Day School closed	Friday 1 st September
First day of Autumn Term	Monday 4 th September
Inset Days 2024	9 th February 2024 3 rd June 2024 22 nd and 23 rd July 2024

Other news and information for parents and carers

SUMMER TERM Whitehead & Ross
Education & Coaching

ADULT FUNDED COURSES

WEYMOUTH - START JUNE 2023

- Tourism, Hospitality & Aviation - Level 2
8 weeks, 1 day per week
- Employability Skills/ Confidence Building
4 weeks, 1 day per week
- Cooking & Food Preparation - Level 1
5 weeks, 1 day per week
- Introduction to Hair & Beauty - Level 1
7 weeks, 1 day per week
- Support Work in Schools - Level 2
Online, Flexible Learning
- Door Supervisor/ Security - Level 2
5 day course
- Business Start Up - Level 2
6 weeks, 1 day per week

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SKILLS & LEARNING Adult Community Education  

Turtlebacks May Half Term swim school!!!



Get your child swim confident this half term, perfect structured sessions to encourage swim confidence and swim safety for summer 2023!!!!!!

Tuesday 30th May
Wednesday 31st May & Friday 2nd June 2023

Times: 9.30 10.00am and 10.30 am
Advanced Early Booking essential

Venue: Weyern Hydrotherapy Pool, Dorchester Rd Weymouth

Price: £25 per child per week

Contact: SARAH HEWITT
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From Weymouth Library

On May 27th we have our Elmer Day event, from 11-10am. You can find out more and book a place through Eventbrite: Elmer Day Story & Craft at Weymouth Library Tickets, Sat 27 May 2023 at 11:00 | [Eventbrite](#)

During May half-term, from Tuesday 30th May to Saturday 3rd June, we have several drop-in activities for families to enjoy (no booking required!)

- Board games all day!
- A daily Lego Challenge in the afternoons from 12pm until library closing time.
- Colouring and paper crafts will be available in the children's library.



RELAX KIDS IN THE WOODS HALF TERM

Relax Kids in the Woods offers a way to feel part of a community outside, whilst learning techniques that can help to support children's mental health, such as breathwork, grounding and yoga. The sessions will focus on beautiful mindful experiences in nature which help to calm the children, support mental health and promote relaxation and sense of calm.

WEDNESDAY 31ST MAY

Thorncombe Woods, Dorchester

The Hangout Climbing

I'm writing to share with you an exciting opportunity for young people who are interested in trying something new and challenging - climbing! Climbing is a fantastic way to build strength, agility, and problem-solving skills, as well as to develop self-confidence and resilience.

With that in mind, I wanted to let you know about our kids' clubs, which is open to all young people ages 5-15yrs. This program is designed to teach the basics of climbing, from proper technique to safety practices, as well as to provide opportunities for young climbers to try out different routes and challenges.

Our sessions are designed to be inclusive and fun, with an emphasis on supporting each other and pushing personal limits. We provide all necessary equipment and instruction, and our experienced climbing instructors are dedicated to making sure that every young climber feels supported and confident.

We believe that climbing can offer young people numerous benefits, both physical and mental. It's a great way to stay active and healthy, to build self-esteem and self-awareness, and to learn to work well with others.

Our sessions start at just £3.50 per climber, or if you would like more of a private booking, we offer the whole facility for £80per hour for up to 20 climbers!

So, if you have a young person in your life who is interested in trying out climbing, we encourage you to sign them up for our program today! If you have any questions or would like more information, feel free to contact us.

Thank you for your consideration, and we hope to see you and your young climbers on the wall soon!

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