

Southill Primary

Headteacher's NEWS

Friday 21st July 2023



End of the school year

As another school year draws to a close, it's a good time to reflect on the successes and achievements of the year gone by. There being far too many to list here, Mrs Wood and I have penned an end of year school report which is being sent to you along with this newsletter. I hope you can find a minute to read it and to share our pleasure in the school and its pupils. Everything we have written confirms that Southill Primary is a thriving, lively and fun place to learn. Our children are doing well and we are proud of them all.

Attached: 2023 End of Year Report



PE Day: come to school in PE kit

From September, we would like to trial a new system where children will be asked to come to school in their PE kit one day a week. Instead of each child having their own kit in a bag on their peg, we would like children to come to school in their PE kit on their designated PE day. We believe it will be easier for parents, pupils and staff and will make things better for many reasons:

- Gaining teaching time that is lost when children get changed (which is a significant amount for very young children)
- Doing away with the anxiety many face over public changing
- Doing away with the need for separate changing areas for our older children
- Helping pupils with additional needs
- Reducing battles over forgotten kit
- Reducing lost property.

Your children will be asked to keep PE kit at home. They can wear uniform for four days, and PE kit for one. We will confirm the day of your class PE at the start of next term but are letting you know now as it may affect your plans for buying new uniform over the summer.

A reminder of our PE kit requirements:

- Pegasus/Dragon/Griffin/Phoenix coloured T-shirt
- Black or blue shorts
- Plimsolls/trainers
- In cold weather, children should wear their school jumper and you can add tracksuit trousers.



And finally...

It's been a brilliant year. Thank you everyone for your support for your children and for the school. I hope you all have a fabulous summer holiday with your children. Best wishes to our Year 6 who start their new schools in September - we look forward to seeing everyone else back at school on Monday 4th September at 8.45.

Paul Mason

Other news and information for parents and carers

Raring2go magazine

Our Summer magazine is out now and is available for your families. It's got lots of ideas for the Summer holidays. Please would you share this with them?

[Click here to view the magazine and share](#)

It covers events and activities throughout July and August. I massively appreciate the support of our lovely local schools and the feedback I receive from parents is that they really appreciate it too. THANK-YOU for all your help!

I hope you all have a wonderful Summer holiday and sincerely thank you for supporting the magazine by sharing it with your families.

From the Dorset Wildlife Trust

Each summer we usually send information to local schools about our nature and wildlife inspired events taking place at the Fine Foundation Wild Chesil Centre and Lorton Meadows nature reserve over the holidays. In the past we have sent printed leaflets to put into book bags however we felt it was better to do it via email to save paper, reduce our carbon footprint and reduce waste.

We've got lots of great family activities happening at both sites which will help them to discover and engage with nature on their doorstep from pond dipping and minibeast hunts at Lorton Meadows to low tide seashore walks and strandline activities at Chesil. For more information about all of these and others, please visit www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/events

FREE Summer 2023 Events at Weymouth Library and Learning Centre

Rhyme Time in Radipole Park Gardens
Tuesday 4th July 10:00am - 10:30am
"Come along and join in the fun with rhymes and stories in Radipole Park Gardens in Weymouth, hosted by Weymouth Library & Learning Centre." Ages: 0-4 years
[Bookable on Eventbrite](#)



Sea Safety with the RNLI & Mermaid Princess Storytime
Thursday 27 July 10.30am-12.00pm
"Learn about sea safety with the Royal National Lifeboat Institution and meet a Mermaid Princess for stories and games." Ages: 0-11 years [Bookable on Eventbrite](#)



Pokémon Party
Saturday 19th August 1:30pm - 3:30pm
"Join us for Pokémon crafts, scavenger hunts, PokéBingo, and party games!" Ages: Pokémon fans aged 6+
[Bookable on Eventbrite](#)



Super Solver Lego Heroes
Tuesdays 4:00pm-5:00pm & Saturdays 2:30pm-3:30pm during August. "Help Naveen and Sophia from the Summer Reading Challenge 2023 build amazing problem-solving inventions." Ages: 5-11 years [Bookable on Eventbrite](#)



Play-Day Wednesdays
Every Wednesday in August 10:00am - 12:00pm
"Join Alesha and Naomi from the Summer Reading Challenge 2023 for a morning playing with toys, board games, and sports games." Ages: 0-11 years No booking required.



Afternoon of Adventure Fantasy Games
Monday 14th August & Monday 21st August 3:00pm - 4:00pm
"Join Sophia and Noah from the Summer Reading Challenge 2023 in creating your own fantasy adventure dice game!" Ages: 7-11 years [Bookable on Eventbrite](#)

Library Gets EXTRA Lively
Saturdays in August 11:30 - 12:00
"Join Noah and Ollie from the Summer Reading Challenge 2023 for interactive stories and hands-on crafts!" Ages: 3-11 years [Bookable on Eventbrite](#)





CHILDREN'S SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB



MULTI-SPORTS SESSIONS

- DANCE SESSIONS
- CIRCUS SKILLS WORKSHOPS
- ANIMAL SENSORY EXPERIENCES
- VISITS FROM THE FIRE SERVICE
- SUMMER THEMED ARTS & CRAFTS
- NUTRITIONAL EDUCATION WORKSHOPS
- HOT HEALTHY MEALS DAILY
- SNACKS & DRINKS PROVIDED.

Weymouth College Campus, Cranford Ave, Weymouth DT4 7LQ

starting on 24th July Over 4 weeks 10 - 2pm Monday - Thursday

FREE TO CHILDREN RECEIVING BENEFIT RELATED FSM (Free school meals). Funded through Dorset Council by the department of education

BOOK NOW!

Funded Spaces MUST have HAF code for booking to be accepted.

www.happyhealthykidz.co.uk





SUMMER CAMP 2023





OUR SUMMER CAMP 2023 PROMISES YOU A FANTASTIC DAY OF SPORTS AND GAMES, RACES AND ACTIVITIES!

YEAR 1 - YEAR 8

PLEASE CONTACT US IF YOU'RE OLDER AND WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE FUN!

RUNNING @ THE PRINCE OF WALES FIRST SCHOOL TUESDAY 22ND, THURSDAY 24TH, WEDNESDAY 30TH & THURSDAY 31ST AUGUST

FULL DAY £22

HALF DAY £11

SIBLING DISCOUNT 10%



BOOK NOW

www.stevetrebleschoolsports.co.uk

Summer of Adventure from the BBC Bitesize Parents' Toolkit

As the summer holidays start, the [Parents' Toolkit on BBC Bitesize](#) has the perfect tonic for parents/carers of primary children who are looking for activities to occupy their kids

See why we're launching our [Summer of Adventure](#) – it's all about getting children outdoors and engaging with nature, whether watching wildlife, growing plants, or exploring the beach.

Other news and information for parents and carers

From Dorset and Wilts Fire Service

Reception and Key Stage 1

Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service would like to wish you and your children a fun, enjoyable and safe summer. Please remember to only use disposable BBQs in a safe location, and be aware of any High Fire Risk warnings which will increase the risk of using these, why not Bring a Picnic Instead.

If your child is staying away from home, make sure they know what to do if the smoke alarm sounds, especially at night.

If you are going to go near or in the water, make sure they understand how to stay safe, teach them how to “float to live”

Your child may enjoy watching these short videos from the firefighters:

[\(23\) Summer Safety Foundation and year 1 - YouTube](#)

[\(23\) Summer Safety Year 2 and 3 - YouTube](#)

We have lots of fun activities on our website [Dorset & Wiltshire Fire Service | Education \(dwfire.org.uk\)](http://Dorset & Wiltshire Fire Service | Education (dwfire.org.uk)) and stories and activities on our YouTube Channel [\(23\) DWFireRescue - YouTube](#) (look for the different playlists with “children” in the title.

Be Aware -Take Care Water Safety Quiz – for parents and carers to enter with younger children aged up to 7 years (or as appropriate depending on the needs of your child)

To help your child learn to be aware and take care whilst enjoying being in or near water follow this link to enter the quiz and prize draw <https://forms.office.com/e/PCVnGHGjw>

Being near or playing in the water is something many of us enjoy, especially children. It is important that we all know how to enjoy being in or near the water safely.

If you care for any young children, take a few moments to take part in this water safety quiz with the children to help everyone learn how to stay safe.

Do they know how to “Float to live” if they find themselves in difficulty in the water?

Do you know what to do if someone is in difficulty in the water (Tell them to Float, Throw them something to hold on to and Call 999)

Every entry will receive a “Be Aware- Take Care”-Water Safety Certificate and one lucky prize draw winner will win:

- A VIP trip to a DWFRS fire station
- A RNLI World Drowning Prevention Day pin badge
- A Playmobil fireboat - to act out your own water rescues!

Key Stage 2

Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service would like to wish you and your children a fun, enjoyable and safe summer. Please remember to only use disposable BBQs in a safe location, and be aware of any High Fire Risk warnings which will increase the risk of using these, why not Bring a Picnic Instead.

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As your child may be more independent this summer, being out with friends maybe without adult supervision remind them about road safety, not playing with matches or lighters and how to stay safe near water.

Your child may enjoy these short videos from Firefighter Daphne

[\(23\) Summer Safety Year 2 and 3 - YouTube](#)

[\(23\) Summer Safety Years 4 5 and 6 - YouTube](#)

Think Firefighter -Water Safety Training – designed for children aged 8 -12 years (or as appropriate depending on the needs of your child)

Follow this link to enter <https://forms.office.com/e/7r6XZbKJb7>

Do you know how to Think -Act – Stay Safe like a firefighter?

Are you ready to take part in our Think Firefighter – Water Safety Training?

This summer enjoy the water safely.

Do you know the water safety code?

- Stop and Think
- Stay together
- Float to Live
- Call 999 in an emergency

Every entry will receive a Think Firefighter-Water Safety Certificate and one lucky prize draw winner will win:

- A VIP trip to a DWFRS fire station
- A RNLI World Drowning Prevention Day pin badge
- A Lego City Beach Lifeguard Station and
- A Lego City Fire Rescue Boat – to act out your own water rescues!



Art Day at Tumbledown

Thursday 27th July
10am - 1pm

Radipole Lane,
Weymouth, DT4 9RU

Free
Activities



Pebble Painting



Create a Butterfly 



Natural Weaving



Fresh
Vegetables
available to
buy

Fabric Square Banner Painting

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cycle as parking
is limited



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