

Southill Primary

Headteacher's

NEWS



Friday
8 March
2024

Book Week

It's been a really brilliant Book Week at Southill, with so many different reading activities and seeing so much enthusiasm for books. There have been too many highlights to single out but I'm sure everyone enjoyed their Big Booky Breakfast this morning. What a treat! Thanks to all our parents for your support and helping to make this week such a success! Please see the website for all our reports.

Big Walk and Wheel

We love taking part in the **Big Walk and Wheel** - it's a real highlight of the year. During the next two weeks, we ask as many children as possible to walk, ride or scoot to school. Each child is counted and our totals appear on the Sustrans website. We also enjoy a bit of local competition with other schools - and usually top the leader boards thanks to your fantastic support. We are hoping for as much participation as possible from all our families, so please take part if you can. Even parking at the shops and walking up the hill to school will count in our journey tally.

The fortnight will include:

- Silver padlock prizes
- Bike Squad
- Scoot and Toot, and even
- Bike Bus surgery for all those children wanting to join in with the Bus but whose bikes aren't yet fully operational. We can help!

It should be great fun. Thanks in advance for your support.

Baby News

I am delighted to bring you two exciting pieces of news!

Mr Prior has announced the birth of his new daughter. Martha Prior was born yesterday and both mother and baby are doing well. Congratulations to the whole family. Splendid news! While Mr Prior is away on his paternity leave, Year 4 will be taught by Miss Curtis and Mrs Hill.

Speaking of Miss Curtis, she has told us that she is expecting a baby later in this school year.

Congratulations! We'll let Year 1 parents know when her maternity leave begins and are pleased to tell you that Miss England is ready to resume her full-time role as Year 1 teacher as soon as she's needed.

Headteacher interviews

After extensive advertising and shortlisting, the interviews for the new Headteacher will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. We will try to keep disruption for pupils to a minimum but inevitably there will be some changes to the school day and routines for staff, classes and pupils.

Office cover will be at a minimum over these two days, and there will be times when the office will have to be closed. We therefore ask for your patience during this time and, if your query is non-urgent, that you wait until normal service is resumed on Thursday. Otherwise, please email the office and we will reply as soon as we can.

The Governors will keep you informed about the outcome of the appointment process.

Thank you for your patience and support.

Parents Evenings

Just a reminder that parents evenings are scheduled for Tuesday 26th March, Wednesday 27th March and Thursday 28th March (which is also the last day of term). Each evening will run from 3.30 to 5.30pm. Mrs Sharpe has already sent out times for you to sign up, so please make sure you do that.

Don't forget too that our mid-year reports will be sent to you the week before the parents' evenings. The timing is carefully worked out so that you have time to read and digest the report before you come in to see the teacher.

That's all the news from me for now. Until next time...

Please join us as we take part in:

Sustrans

Big Walk and Wheel Competition

by walking, wheeling or scooting to school every day between 11th–22nd March

Be active and feel more energised

Help the environment by replacing a car journey

Support our school to win some fantastic prizes!

Also ...

- ➔ **Fitness Thursdays** BIG Walk to School and Scoot and Toot with BREAKFAST
- ➔ **Bike Squad** ride for Year 5 and 6
- ➔ **Bike Bus GP** session for anyone whose bike needs an MOT
- ➔ **Silver padlock PRIZES!** Find a padlock on your bike/scooter to WIN

Sustrans BIG WALK AND WHEEL celebrating 15 years 11-22 March 2024

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Other messages for our parents and carers

PRIMARY FOREST SCHOOL & OUTDOOR EDUCATION
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RADIPOLE PRIMARY SCHOOL
OPEN TO ALL PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN
RECEPTION - YEAR 6

WEYMOUTH HOLIDAY CLUB
TUES 2ND - THURS 4TH APRIL 2024

BUY NOW

MINI ATHLETICS
Easter SUPERSTAR HOLIDAY CAMP
For ages 4-8 Years

APRIL 2nd-4th
Tue, Wed & Thur
9am - 3pm

FREE for children receiving free school meals who also have a HAF Passcode. SEND Support for children with mild to moderate needs.

Early Bird
Book before 8th March
£24 A day
£60 For 3 days
8th of March Onwards
£27 Per day
£70 For 3 days

3 Days of Themed multi-sports activities, Arts & crafts, games
Tue 2nd - Superhero Day
Wed 3rd - Pirate Day
Thu 4th - Mythical Day (Dragons & Unicorns)
Dress up encouraged

St Nicholas & St Laurence Primary School
Weymouth DT3 5DQ

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Dorset Council

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Family Science Day

There is a Family Science Day at Dorset Museum. It's on Sunday 17th March which is aimed at children aged 4+. Sounds like great fun - and completely free!

Please book tickets here: <https://www.dorsetmuseum.org/event/family-science-day/>

RELAX KIDS IN THE WOODS EASTER SESSION

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 session will focus on beautiful mindful experiences in nature which help to calm the children, support mental health and promote relaxation and sense of calm.

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Leeson House Field Studies Centre Dorset Council

Easter Activities at Leeson House

Leeson House Field Studies Centre
Join us for a day of activities at Leeson House, with a cooked lunch included!

Nature Explorers (8-12yrs)
Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th April, 10am - 3:30pm
£20 per child per day or FREE for HAF Passcode holders.
Come and join us for a day in the wild! Catch a newt and other minibeasts in our onsite ponds, practise bushcraft and fire lighting skills and have a try at our Easter egg orienteering challenges.

Hot, home-cooked lunch included!



All sessions will be small, with no more than twelve children per day. The same activities will be repeated daily. All of our staff are trained in first aid and all activities are fully risk assessed. Activities are suitable for children with mild to moderate SEND needs.

Booking
To request a place call 01929 422126 or email leesonhouse@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk
The closing date for bookings is Friday 22nd March. More information can also be found on www.helpandkindness.co.uk

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WALLED GARDEN

Easter Trail Extravaganza

AT THE WALLED GARDENS

£4 PER MAP

Friday 29th March - Sunday 14th April

Complete the trail & quiz to claim your prize
Look out for our animal area & surprise visits from the Easter bunny!



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For more information on our Events, please visit our website & social media



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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
20th Anniversary of Stagecoach Weymouth

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WPA KAYAKING EASTER EGG HUNT

Fri 29th & Sat 30th March

2hr Time Slots:
10am
12 noon
2pm

To Book:
Use this QR code →
Visit our Website, Facebook or Instagram pages for the link



Join us for some Easter Fun on the water there'll be an Easter treat for each participant.

£45/£55 per double or triple kayak

For Ages 6+
One kayak participant must be at least 12.



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