

Dear Parents/Carers,

Retirement of Donna Parsons – As some of you may already be aware, Donna Parsons, who joined Southbrook in January 2000 and has been Deputy Head for 9 years, will be retiring shortly after the Easter break on 30th April 2019. Donna's skills, dedication and warmth will be greatly missed. In a career spanning 31 years, across mainstream and the special school sector, Donna has made a huge contribution to the care and education of numerous children and their families.

I know that many of you as parents and carers will want to pass on your own well wishes and thanks to Donna. On behalf of the Governors and Staff, we would like to thank Donna for the fantastic contribution she has made and wish her happiness and some rest and relaxation in the next exciting chapter. There is life beyond Southbrook!!

The recruitment process for Donna's replacement has already begun, with interviews being held on 27th and 28th March 2019. We shall, of course, keep you informed when the appointment has been made.

NEWS

Superhero Project and World Book Day 2019 – On Monday 4th of March. Together with the Year 10 Expressive Arts group, Super Woman, Batman and Robin and Cat Woman, we discussed the difference between real life and fictional heroes. We decided that we can all be heroes if we live our lives trying to help others and endeavour to make a difference in the world ... we certainly don't need to wear lycra or a cape!

Last Thursday and Friday we welcomed local artist Darrell Wakelam into school and all pupils got involved in a fabulous 3D superhero art project. The final results are outstanding and there will be photos on the website very soon so that you can see for yourselves how hard the pupils worked.

On Monday 11th March, in celebration of World Book Day, many of our pupils and staff dressed up as every book character imaginable and joined in with a wonderful day of record breaking events. To see what everyone was up to, have a look at the website for a full selection of photos. A huge thank you to our artist Darrell and to everyone who dressed up and joined in with all the fun, raising a total of £80.80 in the process for Book Aid International!

FURTHER AHEAD – FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 5th April 2019 – Easter Fayre, 1:45pm – 3pm

PARENT EVENINGS

Monday 13th May 2019, 4pm – 6:30pm – Year 9 & 10

Monday 1st July 2019, 4pm – 6:30pm – Year 7 & 8

TERM DATES

Term ends Friday 5th April 2019

Pupils return back to school on Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Half term Monday 27th May 2019 – Friday 31st May 2019

Pupils return back to school on Monday 3rd June 2019

IMPORTANT MESSAGES

Online Safety – On Friday 1st March every pupil was given a parents' guide to TikTok and Momo to take home and share with parents and carers.

We have built a new page on our website which is live now and has been updated with a wide range of online safety tools and support for parents and carers.

Football – Please discourage your son/daughter from bringing their own football into school. We currently have too many pupils who are bringing in their own footballs from home and this is causing problems on the playground. We have purchased a brand-new set of school footballs to be used at break and lunchtimes so the pupils will always have access to them.

Tutors will be reminding their classes of all the lunchtime clubs which pupils can join. Please talk to your son/daughter about this at home. Maybe they can try something different and out of their comfort zone! Please check the Parent/Carers section of our website for available clubs.

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