

# Hillside News

'Where children are at the heart of everything we do'



**DATES TO  
REMEMBER**



WORLD  
BOOK  
DAY  
7 MARCH 2024

## CELEBRATE WORLD BOOK DAY



**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March  
World Book Day**

Children are invited to  
dress up as their favourite  
book character

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March  
Red Nose Day  
Sponsored Bounce**

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### Headteacher Update 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Can you believe it's already March? Time seems to be flying by!

This week has been another fantastic across the school. In our Monday assembly, we looked into the topic of packaging and its environmental impact, discussing Coca Cola's innovative 'label-less' packaging trial. Additionally, we were thrilled to launch Move in March, and it's great to witness some of you already actively participating.

Yesterday, Anne from Sustrans visited us and led an engaging assembly, introducing The Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel taking place from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> March. This initiative, the UK's largest inter-school walking, wheeling, scooting, and cycling challenge, aims to inspire active journeys to school, contributing to improved air quality in our neighbourhood. Anne also demonstrated the correct way to fit a cycle helmet, and you can watch her informative video here: [How to fit your bike helmet](#)

Thank you for all the creative World Book Day toilet roll character entries received so far! Keep sending them in until the 7<sup>th</sup> March.

Don't miss the opportunity to support our Camping Crew as they move around the school selling their handcrafted Loom bands. The proceeds will be used to acquire den-building resources for children - a testament to their initiative and teamwork.

Well done to Year 1 and 2 for their enriching visit to The Museum of East Dorset as part of their Toys topic. The staff at the museum praised the children for their knowledge and outstanding behaviour.

A big shout-out to our PTA members for organising and running the school disco last Friday - it was very popular! I even picked up a few new dance moves!

Yesterday, we welcomed Liz West, our Trust CEO to Hillside. She was very impressed with the children engagement in their learning, the calm atmosphere around the school, and the superb learning environments created for them.

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend ahead!

Healthy regards,

Mr Graves

### WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Little Owls 1	93%
Little Owls 2	93%
Tawny Owls 1	93%
Tawny Owls 2	96%
Tawny Owls 3	96%
Snowy Owls 1	95%
Snowy Owls 2	95%
Snowy Owls 3	95%

**Whole School 95%**

**Target**



**Gates open at 08:30**

**Gates close at 08:40**

**The school day begins  
at 08:40**

**School finishes at 15:00**

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March

**Phonics and Early  
Reading Workshop** for  
adults and children

15:45 – 16:45 in the  
School Hall

We hope to see you  
there.

**Unlocking**  
Letters & Sounds

**Congratulations** to the following children for being our  
latest **Stars of the Week**:







# Meet our heroes



Bertie conquered his cautious nature recently.



GOOD JOB!

Bertie has learnt how to ride his bike without stabilisers and started ski lessons.



Check out Bertie's video [here](#), having a lesson from the top of the middle run at the ski centre.

Olivia has recently moved up to stage 7 in her swimming lessons. To achieve this, she had to show lots of skills including perform a standing dive and swim in her pyjamas!



Olivia also recently completed a 10km (400 lengths) sponsored swim over 3 months, and raised over £200 for Together for short lives.



together  
for  
short  
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# Spring term



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## January

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
INSET Day

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
National Handwriting Day

**February**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
NSPCC Number Day



**Monday 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Parent Consultations



**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Safer Internet Day

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Parent Consultations

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> - Friday 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Children's Mental Health Week

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - Friday 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Half Term

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup>**  
INSET day

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
PTA Event - School Disco



**Monday 26<sup>th</sup>**  
Tawny Owls 3 School Trip  
(Museum of East Dorset)



**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Tawny Owls 1 School Trip  
(Museum of East Dorset)

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Tawny Owls 2 School Trip  
(Museum of East Dorset)



## March

**Week Commencing Monday 4<sup>th</sup>**  
World Book Day  
week of celebrations

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**World Book Day**  
Dress up as a character  
from one of your favourite books



**WORLD  
BOOK  
DAY**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Comic Relief

**RED  
NOSE  
DAY**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Sponsored Bounce

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
PTA Event - Craft Friday

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Snowy Owls School Trip (Marwell Zoo)



**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Inset Day

## April



**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April**  
Easter  
Holidays

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Children return to school

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup>**  
PTA Event  
break the rules day



**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>**



Class and Year 4  
leavers photographs

# After School Clubs

**Hillside First School are pleased to offer the following clubs:**

## Monday

15:00-16:00 – Computer Explorers (Year 3-4)

15:00-16:00 – Creative Dance (Year R-2)

16:00-17:00 – Creative Dance (Year 3-4)

## Tuesday

08:00-08:30 – Sports & Fitness Breakfast Club

12:00-12:30 – Sports & Fitness Lunch Club

15:00-16:00 – After School Football Club

## Wednesday

15:00 – 16:00 – Creative Club

## Thursday

15:00-16:00 – Forest School (Year R-4).

## Friday

Lessons in school – Rocksteady

15:00-16:00 – Computer Explorers (Year 1-2)



**DORSET CREATIVE DANCE**

HILLSIDE FIRST SCHOOL  
AFTER SCHOOL DANCE CLUB

Fun and creative dance classes for children attending Hillside First School  
Password for booking: Hillside2023!

Booking opening soon through our website!

Monday 3pm - 4pm Reception, Years 1 & 2  
Monday 4pm - 5pm Years 3 & 4

e: [info@dorsetcreativedance.co.uk](mailto:info@dorsetcreativedance.co.uk) t: 07759 949 478  
[www.dorsetcreativedance.co.uk](http://www.dorsetcreativedance.co.uk)

CODING | GAME DESIGN | ANIMATION

**AFTER SCHOOL TECH CLUB**

Computer Explorers

15:00-16:00  
MONDAY Y3-4  
FRIDAY Y1-2

£8 per session  
10% OFF for siblings

**CLICK OR TAP HERE TO BOOK NOW**

HILLSIDE FIRST SCHOOL

Poole Forest School After School Club at Hillside  
Thursday 11th January - Thursday 21st March

Tools, shelter building, bushcraft, natural crafts, campfire cooking and much more. Ofsted registered for ages 5-11. Accept childcare vouchers.

est. 2019

**FOREST SCHOOL POOLE**

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