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Headteacher Update Ist 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 11th to the 22nd 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: <u>How to fit your bike helmet</u>

Thank you for all the creative World Book Day toilet roll character entries received so far! Keep sending them in until the 7th 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 I 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





Thursday 7th March World Book Day

Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character

Friday 15th March Red Nose Day Sponsored Bounce

WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Little Owls I	93%
Little Owls 2	93%
Tawny Owls I	93%
Tawny Owls 2	96%
Tawny Owls 3	96%
Snowy Owls I	95%
Snowy Owls 2	95%
Snowy Owls 3	95 %
Whole School 95%	
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Gates open at 08:30 Gates close at 08:40 The school day begins at 08:40 School finishes at 15:00

Wednesday 6th March

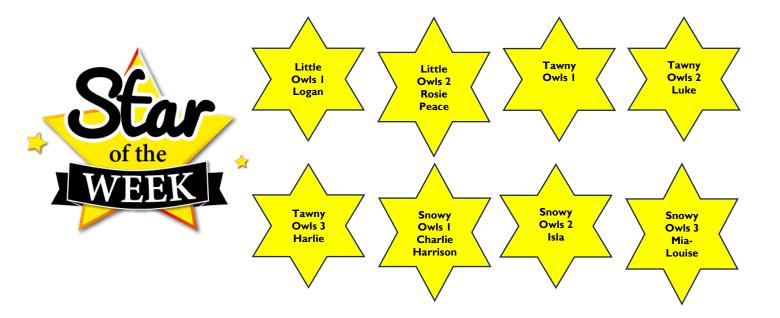
Phonics and Early Reading Workshop for adults and children

> 15:45 – 16:45 in the School Hall

We hope to see you there.



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





Meet our heroes

Bertie conquered his cautious nature recently.

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



Check out Bertie's video <u>here</u>, 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!

> Learn to Swim

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

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Tuesday 2nd **INSET Day**

Tuesday 23rd National Handwriting Day



Friday 2nd **NSPCC Number Day**

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Tuesday 6th Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 7th **Parent Consultations**

Monday 5th - Friday 9th Children's Mental Health Week

Monday 12th - Friday 16th Half Term

> Monday 19th **INSET** day

Friday 23rd PTA Event - School Disco

Monday 26th Tawny Owls 3 School Trip (Museum of East Dorset)

Tuesday 27th Fawny Owls 1 School Trip (Museum of East Dorset)

Wednesday 28th Tawny Owls 2 School Trip (Museum of East Dorset)

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Week Commending Monday 4th World Book Day week of celebrations

Thursday 7th World Book Day Dress up as a character from one of your favourite books

> BOOK DAY

Friday 15th **Comic Relief**



Friday 15th **Sponsored Bounce**

Friday 22nd PTA Event - Craft Friday

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Monday 25th Snowy Owls School Trip (Marwell Zoo)

> Thursday 28th **Inset Day**

Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April Easter Holidays

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Monday 15th Children return to school

> Friday 19th **PTA Event** break the rules day

DON'T BREAK THE RULES

Monday 22nd



Class and Year 4 leavers photographs

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After School

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)



