

Hillside News

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



**DATES TO
REMEMBER**



Thursday 28th March
INSET day – school closed
for children

Monday 15th April
First day back for children
after Easter holidays

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Headteacher Update Friday 22nd March 2024

Another eventful week unfolded at Hillside First School! We started with our Monday assembly focusing on the theme of disappointment. Reflecting on recent news about the Willy Wonka World Experience, where families were let down by misrepresented online promises, we discussed the inevitability of disappointment and the importance of resilience in overcoming it.

Our Move in March initiative has been going strong, with children enthusiastically logging their different modes of travel to school. It has been great to hear about your adventures along with photos! One standout tale this week involved one of our youngest children scooting to school daily, rain or shine, while their supportive Mum ran alongside, their confidence and fitness have increased as a result!

Yesterday, our Year 4 representatives showcased their skills at the Tag Rugby Tournament held at Chapel Gate. Their performance exemplified the school's values, demonstrating impressive footwork and solid defensive strategies. Well done to all involved!

This morning, some of our Year 4 gymnasts participated in a Tumble Competition at Ferndown Leisure Centre, joining other children from local schools for an exciting event.

Midweek saw our Snowy Owls classes dazzle the school with a sensational Samba drumming concert. Their enthusiasm was clear to see as they showcased their talents following their hard work. A huge thanks to the guidance of Pete Whitmarsh from Dorset Music Works.

Yesterday, the children enjoyed an informative visit from four trainee dentists, who provided valuable insights into dental hygiene and care.

As we near the end of term, I extend heartfelt gratitude to our supportive community, our incredible children, and our dedicated staff. Wishing you all a wonderful Easter break when it arrives, and we eagerly anticipate welcoming everyone back on Monday 15th April.

Healthy Regards, Mr Graves

WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Little Owls 1	98%
Little Owls 2	83%
Tawny Owls 1	90%
Tawny Owls 2	89%
Tawny Owls 3	98%
Snowy Owls 1	93%
Snowy Owls 2	92%
Snowy Owls 3	94%

Whole School 92%

Target



Gates open at 08:30
Gates close at 08:40
The school day begins
at 08:40
School finishes at 15:00

**Tuesday 26th
March 2024**



**Celebration on
Achievement
afternoon.**
Straight after school.

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



Our Year 4 Rugby Team!



Hillside Pre-School & Early Learning Group



WE ARE TAKING BOOKINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

Hillside Pre-School is open term time, Monday - Friday and accepts children with both 15 and 30 hour funding. We have a Breakfast Club running from 7:45am, and After School Club running from 3pm, for both Hillside First and Pre-School children.

To book a tour of our wonderful setting, contact Mrs Ford on:

01202 820 679

Email: office@hillsidepreschool.org

or visit: www.hillsidepreschool.org

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We are having an **Easter Egg Hunt** at Treehouse on
Easter Sunday 31st March 2024



This is for 4-11 year olds (school age) at

Verwood Methodist Church

in the hall and garden - 10.45 am - 12.15 pm



If you would like to come please can you e-mail:

Suzannah and Nick 'the Vic' at

treehouse@nickthevic.co.uk by Thursday 28th March 2024

so that we make sure we have plenty of Easter Eggs
for everyone! Thank you.

More info at www.nickthevic.co.uk/treehouse



Dentist Visit



The children enjoyed an informative visit from four trainee dentists,
who provided valuable insights into dental hygiene and care.

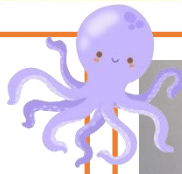




Meet our heroes



Lake is now on level 5, she was really scared of water before she started and now is a little fish!



Freya is now on level 3 and is a little dare devil and will persevere with anything she struggles with.



Well done Lake and Freya! Your parents are super proud of you.

Spring term



UPCOMING EVENTS

January

HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR

Tuesday 2nd

INSET Day

Tuesday 23rd

National Handwriting Day

February

Friday 2nd

NSPCC Number Day

Monday 5th

Parent Consultations

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

Tawny Owls 1 School Trip
(Museum of East Dorset)

Wednesday 28th

Tawny Owls 2 School Trip
(Museum of East Dorset)



March

Week Commencing

Monday 4th

World Book Day
week of celebrations

Thursday 7th

World Book Day

Dress up as a character
from one of your favourite books

WORLD
BOOK
DAY

Friday 15th

Comic Relief

RED
NOSE
DAY

Friday 15th

Sponsored Bounce

Friday 22nd

PTA Event - Craft Friday

Monday 25th

Snowy Owls School Trip (Marwell Zoo)

Thursday 28th

Inset Day



April



Friday 29th March to

Friday 12th April

Easter
Holidays

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



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: Hillside2024!!

Bookings now open through our website!

Mondays 3pm Reception, Years 1 & 2

Mondays 4pm Years 3 & 4

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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.

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FOREST SCHOOL POOLE

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