

#### Headteacher Update Friday 19th April 2024

Welcome back! I hope all our families had a wonderful Easter and everyone is feeling refreshed and recharged for the final term of the academic year. We have got lots to pack in so it should be another exciting one for our children!

A heartfelt thank you for your support during our PTA-organised Sponsored Bounce. Together, we've managed to raise an impressive sum of over  $\pounds 1,200!$  Today's Break the Rules Day was also a resounding success, credit to our PTA for their continued fantastic efforts, and I extend my thanks to all who participated and contributed to this fundraising event.

Please take note of the Summer Term calendar dates below. Our Sports Day Morning, originally scheduled for Wednesday 19th June, will now take place on **Tuesday 2nd July**. My apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. Following the event, we invite families to join us for a picnic on the field for the afternoon. Stay tuned for more details as they become available.

I regret to inform you that Computer Explores and the proposed tennis club will not be proceeding this half term due to insufficient numbers. However, we still have a club line-up including Creative Dance, Forest School, Rippa Rugby (subject to reaching the required numbers), and Tuesday's Sports Clubs. Further details are provided below.

Before we broke up for Easter, we were immensely proud to see one of our Hillside stars featured on the front page of the Bournemouth Echo! A huge congratulations to Lucius for his remarkable journey in golf. Your achievements displayed our core values of Respect, Ambition, and Perseverance, and we are all very proud of him. I hope he enjoyed the recent coverage of The Masters as well. You can read the full report <u>here</u>.

A special mention goes out to Year 3 and 4 for their exemplary behaviour during their educational visit Marwell Zoo. Despite the uncertainties of the weather, which luckily held out, they made the most of their time there and returned with some memorable experiences.

Healthy Regards, Mr Graves

#### WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Little Owls I	<b>98%</b>
Little Owls 2	83%
Tawny Owls I	94%
Tawny Owls 2	<b>99</b> %
Tawny Owls 3	<b>89</b> %
Snowy Owls I	100%
Snowy Owls 2	96%
Snowy Owls 3	<b>98</b> %
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

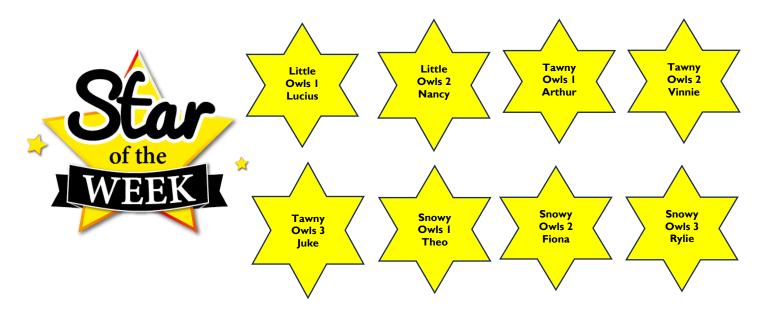
Year 4 Residential to Hooke Court

Wednesday I<sup>st</sup> – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Staff members attending: Mrs Andrew, Mr West, Mrs Corrie, Mrs Jones and Mr Graves



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



#### Hot Chocolate Break the Rules Day Edition:



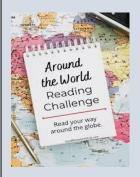
#### **Dorset Waste Services Competition**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Bonster Monster Decorating Caddy Competition! Well done to Vinnie from Snowy Owls 3 for becoming the overall winner across four schools! Vinnie received a well-deserved prize during Monday's assembly and also secured £250 for our school. Additionally, Arabella's (Snowy Owls 3) creation received a special mention, earning her a separate prize. Well done to both Vinnie and Arabella for their fantastic creations!









# Around the World Reading Challenge

We are thrilled to share that ten incredible young readers have successfully completed the Around the World Reading Challenge! That's a remarkable achievement, with each child dedicating themselves to **reading on 180 separate days** throughout this academic year.

But the excitement doesn't end there! There's a whole group of enthusiastic readers hot on their heels, eagerly approaching the finish line of the challenge themselves.

For those who've reached the milestone, a new adventure awaits! They now embark on a mini challenge - **60 days of reading from Pole to Pole**. It's a journey that promises new worlds and adventures. Remember, with each sentence read, you're building resilience, sharpening your mind, and expanding your horizons.

Congratulations to each and every one of them! Their dedication and love for reading are truly commendable. Here's to celebrating their achievements and inspiring others to follow in their footsteps!



From Mrs Pain, Reading Lead

# Meet our heroes

Beth has been playing cricket with the Verwood girls team for just under a year and has been loving it! It's a fab team and Beth has grown in confidence so much over that time. George won man of the match recently playing for his Verwood Town Eagles U7 team.

Beth especially loves bowling and has just been successful in joining County cricket under 11s talent pathway! They played away at Stalbridge on a much larger pitch to what they are used to and 6 aside. Lots of running with rosy cheeks at the end, but they all really enjoyed the game!







# Summer term EVENTS



Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Year 4 Residential Trip to Hooke Court



Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May Day Bank Holiday

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Mufti Day in exchange for tombola donations for our Summer Fayre

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Little Owls School Trip (Blashford Lakes)

> Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 17:00 - 19:30 Summer Fayre

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May Half Term



### June

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> World Environment Day

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> PTA Event - Ice-Cream Sale To be purchased in advance on ParentMail

> Friday 14<sup>th</sup> PTA Event - School Disco

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> PTA Event - Ice-Cream Sale To be purchased in advance on ParentMail

> Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Inset Day

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> PTA Event - Ice-Cream Sale To be purchased in advance on ParentMail



### July

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sports Day



#### Friday 6th

PTA Event - Ice-Cream Sale To be purchased in advance on ParentMail

#### Friday 12<sup>th</sup>

PTA Event - Ice-Cream Sale To be purchased in advance on ParentMail

#### Friday 19<sup>th</sup>

PTA Event - Ice-Cream Sale To be purchased in advance on ParentMail

> Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Last day of term





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

#### Monday

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 (Year 1 and 2) 15:00 – 16:15 – Rippa Rugby (tbc) (Year R – 4)

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

**Friday** Lessons in school – Rocksteady



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TO BOOK YOUR SPACE

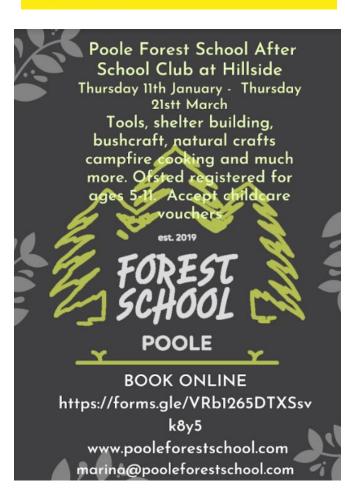


DISCIPLINE AND ENJOYMENT. For children ages 4-13 years old.



#### \*School subsidy may apply.

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### 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: <u>office@hillsidepreschool.org</u> or visit: <u>www.hillsidepreschool.org</u>

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