

Hillside News

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



DATES TO REMEMBER



Our Summer Fayre is taking place today!
Friday 17th May
17:00 – 19:30.
We hope to see you there.



WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Little Owls 1	99%
Little Owls 2	89%
Tawny Owls 1	98%
Tawny Owls 2	94%
Tawny Owls 3	98%
Snowy Owls 1	91%
Snowy Owls 2	95%
Snowy Owls 3	92%

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

Headteacher Update Friday 17th May 2024

It has been another enjoyable and action-packed week here at Hillside First School! We kicked off the week with an assembly featuring Stef Reid MBE, a former Paralympic medallist who challenged Nike on their diversity and inclusion practices. Stef noticed that while Nike featured mannequins with blades, they did not sell single trainers for amputee athletes. This sparked a discussion on how our differences, from our personalities and experiences to our physical traits, make the world a vibrant and wonderful place to live.

Additionally, yesterday we were visited by Individuality Swimming and Fitness, who delivered a crucial Water Safety assembly. Their key messages included being sensible around open water, staying with adults, understanding the beach flag system, and how to raise an alarm in emergencies.

This week also marks World Mental Health Week with the theme 'No Mind Left Behind'. Earlier this year, we recognised Children's Mental Health Week, highlighting the growing awareness and importance of mental health in our community. Reflecting on my own school days, mental health was rarely discussed, but now, seeing friends, family, public figures who have received the right support and improve is truly heartening.

Looking ahead, we would like to invite you to our Celebration of Achievement afternoon straight after school on Tuesday. We hope to see you there!

Our Reception children visited Blashford Lakes this week (further details below). I had the privilege of joining them and was incredibly proud of their behaviour, knowledge, and enthusiasm throughout the trip.

I also watched all the auditions for Hillside's Got Talent this week and was thoroughly impressed by the array of talents across the school. From sporting skills and musical maestros to magic tricks, jokes, singing, and dancing, we have seen it all. The School Parliament has selected one act per class to perform at the final celebration event next week in front of the whole school.

Finally, it's time for our Summer Fayre! Preparations are well underway, and we hope you can join us. A big thank you to our incredible PTA for organising everything and to you for your continued support with fundraising.

Healthy regards, Mr Graves

World Mental Health Week

No mind left behind



Over 2 million people are waiting for support.
No one should have to struggle alone.
Join us in the fight for mental health.

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



Hot Chocolate FriYAY!



Blashford Lakes

We had an amazing time at Blashford Lakes today for our Reception children's first ever educational visit! They had fun hunting for minibeasts, pond dipping for all sorts of creatures and bird watching. The weather was perfect, adding to our wonderful experience. A big thank you to Mrs. Davis for organising the trip, all the staff and helpers, the fantastic Blashford Lake team, and, of course, our awesome children!



THE GREAT VERWOOD GROW OFF

- 3 great competitions to enter!
- Free seeds to get started!
- 3 x £20 Smyths voucher prizes!
- Trophies up for grabs!
- Open for 3 to 15 year olds

GROW THE **TALLEST** SUNFLOWER

GROW THE *Prettiest* CALENDULA

GROW THE **HEAVIEST** PUMPKIN

FREE seeds available to collect from Verwood Library

Winners will be announced at the VDHS Autumn Horticultural Show on Saturday 14 September 2024

Visit www.verwoodhorticulturalsociety.co.uk for more information on how to enter and get FREE seeds!





Meet our heroes



Jack scored 4 goals in his football match for the Verwood Town Cobras and was awarded with player of the week.

Well done Jack!



Peyton had her gymnastic badge assessment and was awarded her number 5 badge!

Amazing, Peyton!



Fundraising



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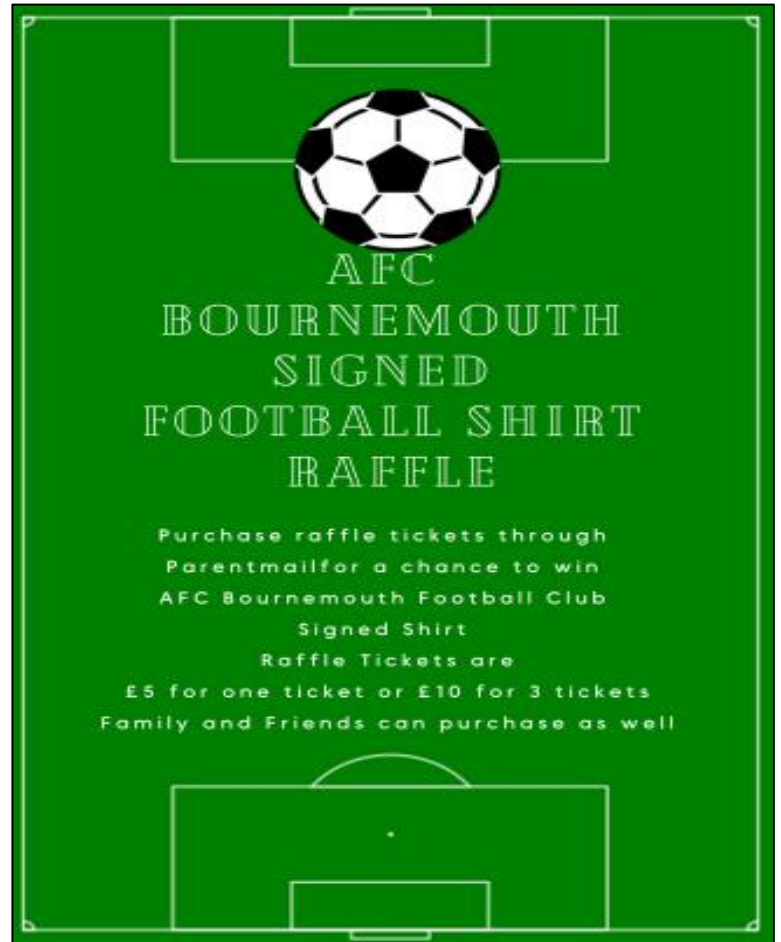
Hillside First School Fayre

17th May 5pm to 7.30pm

£1 entry
Children are free

All Welcome
Bring Friends and Family

LIVE MUSIC
BBQ
Bouncy Castle
Rides
Games
Stalls
Bar
Raffle
and much much more



AFC
BOURNEMOUTH
SIGNED
FOOTBALL SHIRT
RAFFLE

Purchase raffle tickets through Parentmail for a chance to win AFC Bournemouth Football Club Signed Shirt

Raffle Tickets are
£5 for one ticket or £10 for 3 tickets
Family and Friends can purchase as well



Hillside First School
School Raffle
17th May
7.30pm

Tickets are £1 each
and will be drawn
at the Fayre.

They can be purchased
either on Parentmail
or from a Raffle Book
which be going home in
your child's book bag.

Family and Friends
are welcome purchase
as well.

Thank you for your support.

Summer term

UPCOMING EVENTS



May

Wednesday 1st - Friday 3rd
Year 4 Residential Trip
to Hooke Court



Monday 6th

May Day Bank Holiday

Friday 10th

Mufti Day in exchange for tombola
donations for our Summer Fayre

Wednesday 15th

Little Owls School Trip (*Blashford Lakes*)

Friday 17th

17:00 - 19:30
Summer Fayre

Monday 27th to
Friday 31st May

Half Term



June

Wednesday 5th

World Environment Day

Friday 7th

PTA Event - Ice-Cream Sale

To be purchased in advance on ParentMail

Friday 14th

PTA Event - School Disco

Thursday 20th

PTA Event - Ice-Cream Sale

To be purchased in advance on ParentMail

Friday 21st

Inset Day

Friday 28th

PTA Event - Ice-Cream Sale

To be purchased in advance on ParentMail



July

Tuesday 2nd
Sports Day



Friday 6th

PTA Event - Ice-Cream Sale

*To be purchased in advance on
ParentMail*

Friday 12th

PTA Event - Ice-Cream Sale

*To be purchased in advance on
ParentMail*

Friday 19th

PTA Event - Ice-Cream Sale

*To be purchased in advance on
ParentMail*

Tuesday 23rd

Last day of term


SCHOOL'S OUT
FOR SUMMER



After School Clubs

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

Thursday

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

Friday

Lessons in school – Rocksteady



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

e: info@dorsetcreativedance.co.uk t: 07759 949 478
www.dorsetcreativedance.co.uk

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

BOOK ONLINE
<https://forms.gle/VRb1265DTXSsvk8y5>
www.pooleforestschool.com
marina@pooleforestschool.com

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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