

Hillside News

DATES TO
REMEMBER



**Monday 16th
September**

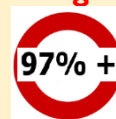
Fraser Portraits will be in school to take individual and sibling photographs

WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Little Owls 1	100%
Little Owls 2	100%
Tawny Owls 1	100%
Tawny Owls 2	98%
Tawny Owls 3	99%
Snowy Owls 1	94%
Snowy Owls 2	94%
Snowy Owls 3	98%

Whole School 98%

Target



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

**Gates open at 08:30
School finishes at 15:00**

Uniform Reminder: Earrings, Bracelets, and Necklaces

The children are looking very smart in their school uniforms as they return to school!

For those with pierced ears, please ensure that only small, discreet stud earrings are worn, avoiding any trendy or fashion-forward styles. For safety reasons, please either cover them up or remove them on P.E. days.

Additionally, I'd like to gently remind everyone that, for safety and security reasons, children should refrain from wearing necklaces or bracelets while at school. This policy also helps prevent the potential loss of valuable items.

Thank you for your support and cooperation in this matter.

Hillside First School

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children
are at
the heart of
everything we do



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Headteacher Update

Welcome back to the start of the new academic year! I can hardly believe that this is my third year as Headteacher of our wonderful school, Hillside. I couldn't be prouder to lead such an amazing community. I hope you had a lovely summer and are as excited as we are about the year ahead. We have lots of exciting things planned!

It has been fantastic to welcome the children back. It always feels strange without them in school during the INSET days at the start of the year. We are now complete with our new children who have started in Reception. It was a special day on Tuesday when they began school for the very first time!

Hopefully, you were able to read my letter that was sent out last week and view the accompanying video. If you missed it, you can find the link here: [Headteacher's Welcome Video](#).

The letter includes details about our successful school year last year and what we will be focusing on this year. Additionally, you should have received my letter about home learning and our approach to reading, which was sent home yesterday.

The children look incredibly smart and are wearing their uniforms with pride. We've had a mix of weather since our return—sunshine one minute and showers the next. Please ensure your child comes to school with a coat (clearly named) and a named drinks bottle.

Our assemblies at the start of this year have focused on our core values of Respect, Ambition, and Perseverance. We've already explored the story "Dream Big" about Michael Jordan (written by his mother), which ties into ambition. Yesterday, I read "Giraffes Can't Dance" (written by Giles Andreae), which highlights perseverance through the story of Gerald the Giraffe. We also reflected on the Summer Olympics and Paralympic Games. There's a great video from the Olympics, linked to our values here: Values Video. Next week, we will have our first Celebration Assembly on Thursday. It's all very exciting!

I'm also thrilled to share a photo of our new mural, which was completed over the summer holidays. It is located between the school entrance and the hall. I'm very pleased with the outcome and want to extend a special thanks to the PTA for covering half of the costs. We have also taken delivery of a couple of sofas that will be placed in that area, providing a comfortable space for the children at certain times.

That's all for this week. Have a great weekend!

Healthy regards,

Mr Graves



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

Starting Thursday 19th September



We Need Your Help!

Would you like to volunteer and help raise money for our school? One of our real strengths is our wonderful PTA, who have worked tirelessly over the years to fundraise for our school and reinvest in the needs of our children.

If you can spare any time—from just 30 minutes as a one-off to a more regular commitment—please join us for our PTA Welcome Meeting at the school on Thursday, 19th September, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM.

Your support would be greatly appreciated!



I thought you might like to see a couple of photos from Mrs and Mr Pursey's special day! Congratulations again to the happy couple:



Some of our Reception children making the most of the trikes and scooters on their second day. Looking super smart and safe!

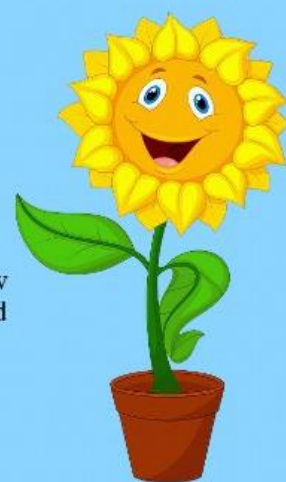


Our new mural, sofas and rug to follow...



Sunflower competition

Last academic year, our reception children had a great time growing flowers. The sunflowers they planted grew impressively tall, and we entered them into the Verwood Horticulture Sunflower Competition.



The tallest sunflower reached an amazing height of 3.05 meters!



Autumn *term*

UPCOMING EVENTS



September

Tuesday 3rd
Inset Day

Wednesday 4th
Inset Day

Monday 16th
Individual & Sibling Photographs

Thursday 19th
PTA AGM - new members welcome
18:00 at Hillside First School



December

Wednesday 4th
Pyjama Themed Movie Night
Year R and 1



Friday 6th
Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 11th
Pyjama Themed Movie Night
Year 2-4

**Thursday 12th &
Friday 13th**
PTA Christmas Shop



Friday 13th
Christmas Performances

Monday 16th
Christmas Performances

Tuesday 17th
Christmas Performances

Wednesday 18th
Christmas Party Day
& Chartwells
Christmas Lunch
FREE Mufti day
Children invited to
wear party clothes

Thursday 19th
Last day
of term



October

Wednesday 2nd
New Parents Open Morning
09:00 - 11:00

Wednesday 2nd
New Parents Open Evening
17:00 - 19:00

Monday 7th
Harvest Assembly

Thursday 10th
World Mental Health Day

Wednesday 16th
New Parents Open Morning
09:00 - 11:00

Monday 21st
Parent Consultations

Wednesday 23rd
Parent Consultations

Monday 28th - Friday 1st November
Half Term



November

Monday 4th
Inset Day

Thursday 7th
Flu Immunisation

Friday 8th
School Disco

Monday 11th
Remembrance Assembly
Anti Bullying (Friendship Week)

Friday 15th
Children in Need

Monday 18th
Dog's Trust Assembly and KS1 Workshops

Tuesday 19th
Dog's Trust KS2 Workshops

Wednesday 20th
New Parents Open Morning
09:00 - 11:00

Wednesday 20th
New Parents Open Morning
09:00 - 11:00

Friday 22nd
Mufti Day for Christmas Tombola

Friday 29th
Christmas Fayre



Reminder about completing the Summer Reading Challenge

We would be very grateful if you could remind children who have not yet completed the Reading Challenge that there is still time for them to do so by popping into their local library to let staff know about the last books they have read.

The Reading Challenge **finishes on Saturday 14th September** and we are keen for as many children as possible to receive their certificate in school this year.

Advance notice

Online primary schools event with children's author Ruth Quayle

**Tuesday 15th
October 9.15 am**



2024 Summer Reading Challenge, Marvellous Makers

Thank you and your staff for supporting Dorset Libraries to deliver "Marvellous Makers!" this year's Summer Reading Challenge to children across Dorset. This year more than 3,900 children have registered to take part in the challenge of reading and talking about six books of their choice.



FREE Online Courses for Parents/Grandparents/Carers

Family Learning bring you these great FREE adult courses to help you support and enable your child's future academic and social success

Course Code	Course Title	Day	Start Time	End Time	Start Date	End Date	Wks
FN1631G	Family Learning: Autism Awareness	Tue	10:00	13:00	10/09/2024	10/09/2024	1
FN1655G	Family Learning: Introduction to Psychology	Mon	18:30	20:30	16/09/2024	21/10/2024	6
FN1633G	Family Learning: Autism Awareness	Tue	18:00	21:00	17/09/2024	17/09/2024	1
FN1679G	Family Learning: Supporting Your Own Mental Wellbeing	Thu	18:00	21:00	19/09/2024	19/09/2024	1
FN1708G	Family Learning: Understanding Your Child's Behaviour	Tue	18:30	20:30	01/10/2024	22/10/2024	4
FN1707G	Family Learning: Understanding Your Child's Behaviour	Tue	10:00	12:30	01/10/2024	22/10/2024	4
FN1704G	Family Learning: Understanding and Supporting your Child's Mental Health	Thu	18:30	20:30	03/10/2024	24/10/2024	4
FN1681G	Family Learning: Supporting Your Own Mental Wellbeing	Tue	18:00	21:00	05/11/2024	05/11/2024	1
FN1637G	Family Learning: Autism Awareness	Tue	10:00	13:00	05/11/2024	05/11/2024	1
FN1639G	Family Learning: Autism Awareness	Thu	18:00	21:00	07/11/2024	07/11/2024	1
FN1710G	Family Learning: Understanding Your Child's Behaviour	Tue	10:00	12:30	19/11/2024	10/12/2024	4
FN1705G	Family Learning: Understanding and Supporting your Child's Mental Health	Tue	18:30	20:30	19/11/2024	10/12/2024	4
FN1711G	Family Learning: Understanding Your Child's Behaviour	Thu	18:30	20:30	21/11/2024	12/12/2024	4

Book your place now by contacting the below

01202 123444  www.skillsandlearningace.com  enquiries@salbcp.com

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 (Year R-4)

12:00-12:30 – Sports & Fitness Lunch Club (Year R-4)

15:00-15:50 – After School Football Club (Year 1-4)

Friday

Lessons in school – Rocksteady

15:00-16:00 – Dodgeball /Bench ball (Year 1-4)



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@dorsetcreatedance.co.uk t: 07759 949 478
www.dorsetcreatedance.co.uk

POOLE FOREST SCHOOL
HILLSIDE

Thursday after school. Cook on the campfire, learn to use tools, build dens, nature crafts. Woodland games and challenges.

Bookings being taken@
www.pooleforestschool.com



Medical Information



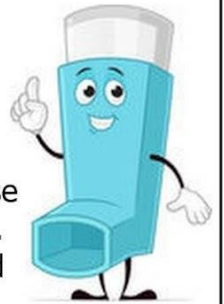
Administering Medicines

If you wish school staff to administer medication to your child, parents **must** complete the consent form which can be obtained from the school office.

Staff can only administer medicines prescribed by a doctor and only antibiotics when a child needs to take **4 doses** in a day. All medicines must be in their original box or container and include the instruction for administration.



Inhalers



If your child uses an inhaler, can you please ensure that we have a spare one in school. All inhalers are kept in class with your child for easy access.

Can you also ensure that medication is in date with the prescription label attached.

You must complete a medicine/asthma form for your child. Please speak to the school office. If you are unable to pop in, please let the office know and we will send a form home in book bags for completion.

Allergies in School

Can we remind parents that we are a nut free school.

We have a number of children in school with allergies and ask for your support by not sending nuts or nut-based products in your child's lunch box, such as Nutella.



Keep us updated!



Please let the school office know if there are any changes to personal details such as address and telephone number, emergency contacts and medical needs.

Thank you

Diarrhoea and vomiting?

There's no specific cure for stomach bugs such as Norovirus

Going to your GP puts others at risk of infection. Treat symptoms at home



stay hydrated



take paracetamol



prevent spread



stay at home for two days after symptoms clear