

Hillside News

DATES TO REMEMBER



Parent Consultations
Monday 21st October

Wednesday 23rd October
Please book if you haven't done so already.

Hillside First School

where children are at the heart of everything we do



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Headteacher Update Friday 11th October 2024

It's been another action-packed week here at school! We kicked things off with our Harvest Festival. The children learned about the meaning of harvest, sang some lovely songs they've been practicing, and thoroughly enjoyed performing *The Enormous Turnip* with some wonderful audience participation! A huge thank you to everyone for your generous Harvest donations, including from Pre-School! Yesterday afternoon, I had the pleasure of joining a group of our children to hand over the donations to Hank from Ringwood Foodbank. Your kindness will make a real difference to those in need—thank you again! Please see a couple of photos below.

A big thank you to everyone who attended the PTA meeting on Wednesday evening. It was great to welcome familiar faces back for another year and to meet some new ones. Your ongoing support and dedication to our school is greatly appreciated.

On Wednesday, some of our Year 4 students shone at the Playground Leaders event at Ferndown Leisure Centre, where they earned well-deserved Bronze Ambassador status! They joined forces with students from other schools and will now mentor our Year 3 and 4 children who are interested in becoming Play Leaders, extending their support to the whole school during playtime activities. A big thank you to Miss Zachariades, our P.E. leader, for organising everything and accompanying them along with Mrs. Sait. Photos of the event can be found below.

We were also delighted to welcome Tom William from UK Parliament on Wednesday, who spoke to the children about how Parliament works. Additionally, Lizzie from Creative Dance delivered a fantastic interactive session, promoting creativity through dance.

Yesterday, we marked World Mental Health Day, an important occasion not just for the day but every day. Please remember, no one should ever suffer in silence—we are here for all our children, and teaching them about mental health is a priority for us. Mrs. Corrie, is Senior Mental Health Lead, and I will be attending further training next month. This is an area I am committed to promoting throughout the year, as it's vital for our children's well-being.

Looking ahead to next week, we're excited to host our first *Celebration of Achievement* afternoon. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to come into school and see some of the fantastic work the children have been doing. We hope you can join us.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Healthy regards,

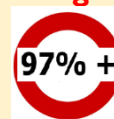
Mr. Graves

WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Little Owls 1	95%
Little Owls 2	90%
Tawny Owls 1	97%
Tawny Owls 2	95%
Tawny Owls 3	97%
Snowy Owls 1	97%
Snowy Owls 2	98%
Snowy Owls 3	98%

Whole School 96%

Target



The school day begins at 08:40

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

Celebration of Achievement Afternoon



Tuesday 15th October straight after school.

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



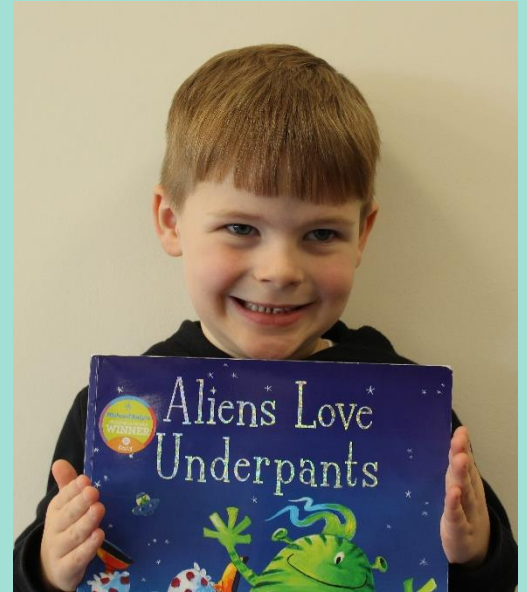
Hot chocolate time!



The Book Nook



Logan's favourite book to read is 'Aliens Love Underpants' and 'Monsters Love Underpants' because it is a really funny book. Logan likes to make up his own jokes! He thinks the blue monster with the red stripes is really cute.



Our Year 4 Sports Leaders!



Six enthusiastic children recently completed a Play Leaders course this week at Ferndown Leisure Centre. They learnt essential skills to organise fun, safe and engaging playground games. They took part in a range of activities which included communication games, personal challenges, relay games and dance. They are now equipped with leadership techniques and teamwork strategies ready to inspire active play at Hillside.

Harvest donations



Hillside Pre-School

Ringwood foodbank
Saving Ringwood, Verwood & Fordingbridge areas

Ringwood Foodbank would like to thank
Hillside First School
for your very generous donation of food from your Harvest collection

160kg
was collected – a very generous donation.
This will feed

16 people
3 meals a day
for 3 days
while they are in a crisis situation.

Thank you.

www.ringwood.foodbank.org.uk
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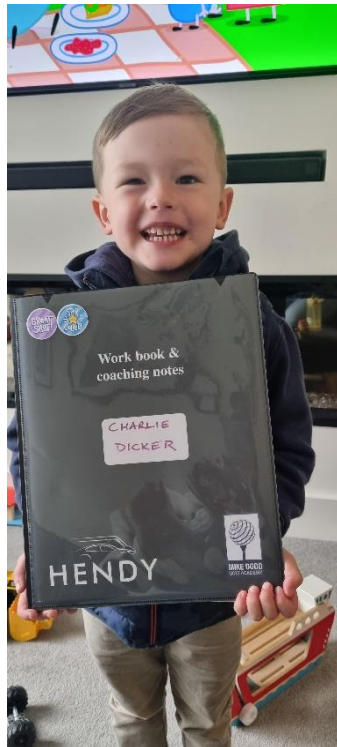




Meet our heroes



Charlie is so proud of himself for not only passing his red level in golf but also for achieving two stickers for best shot and most engaged!



Charlie plays at the Mike Dodds Academy in Sturminster Marshall and absolutely loves golf!

Proud Mummy!



Violet has so much confidence in riding her petrol go-kart. Violet and her dad enjoy riding around the track racing.



Violet and her Dad enjoy riding around the track racing.

Amazing, well done Violet!





Google Classroom

At Hillside First School, we use Google Classroom as an online learning platform that can be accessed in school and at home.

Children will need to sign into Google using their school email and password. This information can be found in their reading record.

Google classroom app can be downloaded onto most devices and phones and also accessed via browsers on computers and laptops at:

www.classroom.google.com

Please ensure the device is signed out of any previously opened Google accounts to avoid any confusion.

Further information can be found on the learning page of our website [here](#).



Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS



Online event for schools with children's author Ruth Quayle



Our Library Service mission is to **Inspire, Connect** and **Enable** our communities



15th October 09:15 –10:00

This is an online event. [Click here to book your place.](#) Schools will be invited to join the fantastic Ruth Quayle. Have you ever wanted to see inside a writer's world? Ruth will talk about how she became an author, with pictures, props and funny stories. She will read her books aloud and answer loads of questions.

The event is aimed at primary aged children

St Michael's Church
CHILDRENS FREE
LIGHT PARTY

SUNDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2024
TIME: 12PM - 2PM

NO HALLOWEEN COSTUMES / CHILDREN TO BE SUPERVISED

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH PARISH CENTRE
MANOR RD, VERWOOD BH31 6DZ

MUSIC | GAMES | FOOD

BOOKING VIA EMAIL MANDATORY BY 18TH OCTOBER
EMAIL: MARINA
STMICHAELS.CHILDRENSWORKER@GMAIL.COM

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators TEACHING CHILDREN FIRE SAFETY

Fire safety is especially important around Bonfire Night, as fireworks, bonfires and sparklers add extra risks for families and young children. Every year in the UK, thousands of accidents occur due to improper handling of fireworks and neglecting fire safety measures. This guide offers practical tips for keeping children safe when handling everything from fireworks to space heaters.

1 BONFIRE NIGHT AWARENESS

Bonfire Night is exciting, but it comes with several inherent risks. Educate children about the dangers of fireworks and open flames. Teach them that only adults should handle fireworks and that bonfires should never be approached. Keep children at a safe distance (at least five metres away) from bonfires and explain why supervision is crucial during these events.



2 SUPERVISE FIREWORK USE

Fireworks should only be handled by responsible adults who are following UK laws and guidelines. Make sure to buy fireworks that meet British Standards and adhere to all instructions that come with them. Keep children a suitable distance from any firework activity and designate an adult to supervise the event. Ensure no one goes near fireworks after they've been lit.



3 SPARKLER SAFETY

Sparklers are often captivating for little ones, but they can burn at extremely high temperatures – over 1,000 °C! Only allow children over the age of five to use sparklers, and make sure they wear gloves. Teach them to hold sparklers at arm's length and never wave them near others. Once a sparkler has burned out, extinguish it fully in a bucket of water – which you should prepare beforehand and always keep nearby.

4 ORGANISED DISPLAYS ARE SAFER

If possible, families should attend an organised fireworks display rather than holding one at home. These tend to be far safer as they're run by professionals adhering to strict safety regulations. Organised displays also provide a controlled environment where children can enjoy the event from a safe distance, reducing the risk of accidents.



5 KEEP FIREWORKS AWAY FROM THE HOME

If you are hosting your own fireworks display, set them off well away from homes, sheds or fences to avoid starting accidental fires. Choose a wide-open space with no flammable materials nearby and keep a means of putting out fires to hand in case of emergency – such as a bucket of water, a hose or a fire extinguisher. Afterwards, ensure that all fireworks are fully extinguished and never attempt to relight one if it doesn't go off.



6 BONFIRE SAFETY

If you're building a bonfire, place it well away from trees, buildings, fences or anything else flammable. Make sure it's structurally sound and not at risk of collapsing. Only burn natural materials like wood and leaves, avoiding petrol or other accelerants. Children should be kept far away from the bonfire, and it should always be supervised by adults. Be sure to fully extinguish the bonfire before you leave it.



7 "STOP, DROP AND ROLL"

Ensure that children know what to do if their clothing catches fire. Teach them the simple "stop, drop and roll" technique, which can quickly extinguish flames. Practice this with them before events like Bonfire Night, so they feel confident if the need to use it arises. It can also be helpful to keep another means of putting out these kinds of fires on standby, just in case. An extinguisher or flame-retardant blanket are both sound choices.



8 SECURE CANDLES AND OPEN FLAMES

Beyond Bonfire Night, everyday fire safety is also crucial. Candles can be a common fire hazard, especially in homes with young children. Teach children not to touch any open flames, and ensure candles are placed in sturdy holders away from combustible materials. Never leave candles, incense burners or other such items unattended, and always extinguish them fully before leaving a room or going to bed.



9 EDUCATE ABOUT FIREWORKS HAZARDS

Make sure children understand the dangers of playing with fire or fireworks, and how to handle such things responsibly. Emphasise that fireworks are **not** toys and can cause serious injuries when improperly used. Demonstrate the importance of treating fire with respect and the consequences of misuse, which can help temper any curiosity and any resultant dangerous behaviour.



10 FIRST AID FOR BURNS

Even if you have the best possible precautions in place, accidents can still happen. Keep a first aid kit on hand. Ensure you know how to apply basic first aid to burns, so you can teach children those techniques too. If someone suffers a burn, run it under cool water for 20–30 minutes. Never use creams or ointments, as these retain heat and can cause further damage. Instead, seek medical help if the burn is serious.



Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings and many other industries, helping them to maintain a safe working environment.



#WakeUpWednesday®

The National College®

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/fire-safety>

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





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

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Do you run a sports club, activity fitness group, art or craft club?

Hire our facilities

Our school hall and large outdoor space are available for hire.

Our facilities are available to book on weekday evenings, weekends and holidays.

Contact us:

Hillside First School

Hillside Road, Verwood, Dorset BH31 7HE

For further information contact us at office@hillsidefirstschool.org or 01202 822737

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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