

Hillside News

Hillside First School

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everything we do



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**DATES TO
REMEMBER**



**Monday 18th
September**
Fraser Portraits will be
in school to take
individual and sibling
photographs

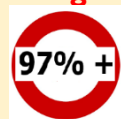
**Thursday 29th
September**
KS2 visit to the Solar
Farm *(further details to follow
closer to the time)*

WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Little Owls 1	N/A
Little Owls 2	N/A
Tawny Owls 1	97%
Tawny Owls 2	93%
Tawny Owls 3	95%
Snowy Owls 1	97%
Snowy Owls 2	89%
Snowy Owls 3	99.5%

Whole School 95%

Target



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

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

Headteacher Update

Welcome back to the start of the new academic year and a warm welcome to the Hillside School family to our new Reception children and families. We're excited to unveil the refreshed and upgraded weekly newsletter, a big thanks to Mrs. Tarrant for her valuable contribution.

It has been so good to welcome the children back, it always feels strange without them in school during the INSET days at the start of an academic year. Hopefully, you were able to read my letter which was sent out on Monday and view the video as well. A link is available here if you missed it: [Welcome to the new academic year](#)

It has been incredibly warm this week in school and it looks set to continue for a little while longer so please continue to send the children in wearing their suntan lotion and hats along with their water bottles.

On Tuesday morning I led a whole school assembly welcoming the children back and shared our new values with the children, some of them already knew them from watching the video above which I was impressed with! I also discussed the British Values with them and shared the incredible cuddly toy characters that Mrs Davis has made linked to our British Values characters that the children designed towards the end of the previous academic year! You can see a photo of them below:



I am sure you will have seen in the news the challenges some schools are facing with the RAAC concrete. Just to confirm, our school has previously been surveyed and we do not have any of the RAAC concrete in our building.

Like many of you, I was cheering on the Lionesses during the Women's Football World Cup. It was a nail-biting final, with Spain clinching a 1-0 victory. The team was truly inspirational. Shifting gears to another world-class event, the Men's Rugby World Cup will kick off later today! I'll be rooting for England and maintaining an optimistic outlook on our chances. We discussed both the Women's Football World Cup and Men's Rugby World Cup in assembly today.

That is all for this week, have a great weekend.
Healthy regards,
Mr Graves



The children are looking very smart returning to school with their school uniform!

For those with pierced ears, please kindly ensure that they only wear small, discreet stud earrings and avoid any trendy or fashion-forward styles.

During P.E. sessions, please either cover them up or remove them in the morning. Additionally, I'd like to gently remind everyone that it's important for safety and security reasons that the children refrain from wearing necklaces or bracelets while at school. This also helps to prevent any potential loss of valuable items.

Thank you for your support in this matter.



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



Coming soon...

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



First Week Class Photos from Year 1 – 4 (Reception class photos to follow next week)

Tawny Owls 1 (Year 1)



Tawny Owls 2 (Year 2)



Tawny Owls 3 (Year 2)



Snowy Owls 1 (Year 3 and 4)



Snowy Owls 2 (Year 3 and 4)



Snowy Owls 3 (Year 3 and 4)





Our new Hillside Hills have proved popular at playtimes this week.



Please make a note of these upcoming events in your diary

Autumn *term*



September

Friday 1st
Inset Day

Monday 4th
Inset Day



Monday 18th
Individual & Sibling Photographs

Wednesday 27th
New Parents Open Morning
09:30 - 11:30

Thursday 28th
KS2 classes - Solar Farm Visit

October

Tuesday 3rd
New Parents Open Morning
09:30 - 11:30

Monday 9th
Harvest Assembly



Tuesday 10th
World Mental Health Day

Friday 13th
PTA Event - School Disco

Monday 16th
Parent Consultations



Wednesday 18th
Parent Consultations

Friday 20th
PTA Event - Craft Friday

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th
Half Term

Monday 30th
Inset Day



November

Monday 6th
Remembrance Assembly

Wednesday 8th
New Parents Open Evening
17:00 - 19:00

Monday 13th
New Parents Open Morning
09:30 - 11:30

Tuesday 14th
Friendship Week Assembly

Thursday 16th
Flu Immunisation

Friday 17th
Children in Need



Friday 17th
Reception, Year 1 and 2 Movie Night

Thursday 23rd
PTA Event
Mufti day in exchange for tombola prizes for the Christmas Fayre



Friday 24th
Year 3 and 4 Movie Night

UPCOMING EVENTS

December

**Monday 4th
& Tuesday 5th**
PTA Christmas Shop



Friday 8
Christmas Fayre

Friday 8th
Christmas Jumper Day
Children can wear a
Christmas jumper along
with non-school uniform

Monday 11th
Christmas Performances

Tuesday 12th
Christmas Performances

Wednesday 13th
Christmas Performances

Thursday 14th
Christmas Party
FREE Mufti day
Children invited to
wear party clothes

Thursday 14th
Last day
of term



After School Clubs



DORSET CREATIVE DANCE HILLSIDE FIRST SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL DANCE CLUB

Fun and creative dance classes for children attending Hillside First School
Password for booking: Hillside2023!

Booking opening soon through our website!

Monday 3pm - 4pm Reception, Years 1 & 2
Monday 4pm - 5pm Years 3 & 4

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AFTER SCHOOL TECH CLUB Computer Xplorers

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

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
15:00-15:50 – After School Football Club
15:00-16:00 – Tennis (Year 2-4)

Thursday

15:00-16:00 – Rugby (Year R-4)

Friday

Lessons in school – Rocksteady

15:00-16:00 - Dodgeball

For more information, please refer to the letter sent out on Monday.

DORSET TENNIS ACADEMY



Manager/Head Coach:
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Autumn Term 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

MINI TENNIS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB FOR YEAR 2 TO YEAR 4

I would like to invite your child to take part in a Mini Tennis after-school club for Year 2 to Year 4 to be held on Tuesdays straight after school. The club will start on the second Tuesday back after the summer holidays, which is Tuesday 12th September and will run through the Autumn Term for 13 weeks. The details are as follows:-

Day/Time: Tuesdays 3-4pm
Venue: School Playground
What to wear: School uniform from waist upwards (school polo shirt and sweatshirt) along with shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers (so children only need to change from waist downwards!)
What to bring: A racket if you have one (one will be provided if you don't)
Cost: £65.00 for a 13 week course
Payment method: Online to 'Dorset Tennis Academy', account number 03561585, sort code 09-01-50 / cash (in marked envelope with reply slip to school secretary).
Coach: Neil Darragh – LTA Level 4 Qualified and Accredited Senior Performance Coach
Dates: 12th, 19th, 26th September; 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th October; 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th November; 5th, 12th December.

During the 13 week course, your child will be taught all the basic strokes as well as how to rally and score. They will also be introduced to the basic tactics of the game, as well as working on their agility, balance and co-ordination. All of this is taught in a game based session, with the main emphasis being on enjoyment. *I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity by completing the reply slip below, and returning it to your school secretary along with payment (unless paying online) by FRIDAY 8th SEPTEMBER. Places are limited and will be offered on a 'first come first served basis'. Please assume that your child has been accepted onto the course unless you hear from us.*

For more information about the club, please contact me on 07788-973259 or e-mail me at ndarraghtennis@gmail.com

Yours sincerely,

Neil Darragh

Neil Darragh
Head Coach – Dorset Tennis Academy

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Hillside School Routines



School Times

Before 08:30 - Children and parents should not be on the school premises.

08:30 - The school gates are opened.

08:40 - The school gates are closed.

08:40 - School begins with registration.

If you arrive at school after 08:45, please report to the office to sign in.



Office Hours

The office is open from **08:30 - 16:00**. There is a telephone answer phone service available outside these times and messages are dealt with daily. If you need to speak to the Headteacher about an issue that cannot be dealt with by the class teacher, please make an appointment with the office staff.



Gates

The front entrance gates are always kept closed. All other gates are locked all day from 08:40 - 14.55 approx. Thank you for securing these gates as you leave the premises.



Visitors

All visitors to the school, including parents, must report to the main office.



Safe Parking

We would like to remind parents about the importance of parking safely around the school.

- We try to encourage a **one way system** around the school between 08:30 and 15:00. Where possible, please travel **up** Hillside Road and return **down** through School Close and St. Stephen's Lane.
- When parking around the school **DO NOT PARK or STOP on the YELLOW ZIG ZAG LINES, ON THE ZEBRA CROSSING OR THE DROP OFF ZONE IN THE MORNING.**
- We are fortunate to have a drop off zone. Try to use this rather than parking in the locality which can become congested. Why not park a little bit further away from the school and enjoy the walk to school?
- Please park with consideration to other members of our neighbourhood.

Please walk those extra steps and support our children's safety when parking and driving.



Collection at the end of school

15:00 – School ends and parents should be ready to collect the children at this time. At the end of the school day children may take a few minutes to collect their things from the cloakrooms and classrooms.

Parents should collect their children from their classrooms.



No child should leave the school premises until they have been met by the appropriate adult unless prior arrangement has been made with the school.

If someone else is collecting your child, please let the school know. Teachers cannot hand children over to another adult without parental permission.



Avoid taking your children on holiday in term time

Sometimes parents/carers are surprised to receive a penalty notice. As the new term begins, Dorset Council is reminding parents and carers that taking children out of school during term time, without permission from the headteacher, could result in prosecution.

The council may issue a penalty notice of £60 for unauthorised absence, which if not paid within 21 days, will double to £120. If this remains unpaid, parents will be prosecuted in the magistrates' court.

The law regarding school attendance was clarified in a case when the Supreme Court ruled in favour of the Isle of Wight Council in prosecuting a father for taking his daughter out of school without permission. It ruled that parents must ensure their children attend school regularly, and that 'regularly' means 'in accordance with the rules prescribed by the school'.

There is clear evidence that missing school can lead to lower academic achievement. Taking a child on holiday in term time can also interrupt the learning of the whole class, with teachers having to spend time helping children catch up when they return.

Find out about school attendance on dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

Lateness

When your child arrives late at school, he/she misses the teacher's instructions and the introduction to the lesson.

Your child may also feel embarrassed at having to enter the classroom late. Punctuality is important for children to start the day off well.

If your child arrives at school after registration, please report to the school office, where they will be asked to sign in.

The school monitors lateness.



Hillside First School Absence Procedure

Reporting Absence

If your child is too ill to attend school, please report this on ParentMail or contact us by telephone on 01202 822737 **before 09:30**. Office hours are 08:30 - 16:00. An answer phone facility is available outside these hours. Failure to do so can result in an unauthorised absence.

Please do this for each day your child is away (unless you have informed us that s/he has been signed off by the doctor for an extended period of time.)

Holidays

Following the changes to the Attendance Regulations, schools are no longer able to grant leave of absence during term time unless there are 'exceptional circumstances'. Under these regulations, holidays are not considered exceptional circumstances.

Exceptional circumstances are:

- Bereavement. Up to 3 days for a close family bereavement. (Close family is the child's great grandparents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, sibling (brother/sister), cousins, mother, father, carer and guardians.)
- Any major incident in the lives of the parents or carers of the child, causing practical difficulties for a child getting to school, will be given up to 3 days leave of absence.
- Any family crisis. Up to 3 days.
- Close family wedding. Up to 2 days per year.

All other exceptional circumstances need to be discussed with the Headteacher. All applications for leave of absence during term time must be made by letter to the Headteacher.



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.

Thank you



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