



# Hillside News



## Headteacher Update

Following Queen Elizabeth II's state funeral yesterday I can now welcome you to our new format weekly newsletter. This will usually be sent out on a Friday but given the recent events I am issuing today so I can share some key messages with you.

What a super start to the new academic year by all the children! I have been so impressed with their attitudes to learning, enthusiasm and hard work! There has been a real buzz around the school when I have been visiting classes and getting to know the children. We started the new school year with a whole school assembly for children in Year 1-4 where we discussed the new academic year, recapped on our values and expectations along with a message that with big dreams and hard work anything is possible. On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September we were delighted to welcome our new Reception children on their very first day at school! It was a very exciting day for them all!

## Welcome Meeting

I have had to make some further changes to the dates and timings for my Welcome Meeting following recent events. Both the in person and on-line (now via **Zoom**) event will be held on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September**. I will ensure a recording of the key messages is made available to you as soon as possible after the events for anyone that is unable to attend.

## Staff team updates

Karen Richardson left the school at the end of the last academic year to take up a role with the Police. Sophia Potter has decided not to return from maternity leave. We wish them both well. Nicola Christopher has joined our team as a 1:1 Teaching Assistant (TA) support in Year 3 / 4 and Zabrina Sait has extended her role to work as a TA in Year 3 / 4. We welcome them both to their roles and the team.

## Home Learning

We are in the process of finalising our approach to home learning which we will share with you later this week.

## Celebration Assembly

Exciting news! We are changing the format of our celebration assembly this year.

- It will now take place on Friday's at 14:15 in the school hall.
- Each week there will be a child from each class who is the Star of the Week and they will be celebrated during the assembly and receive a star.
- Their star will then go onto our display wall at the back of the hall which was kindly completed by Mrs Budd and Mr Byrne (please see photos below).
- Two family members for each child that is Star of the Week will be able to attend the celebration assembly.
- An invite will be issued the week before to hopefully give you some time to be able to attend. This week the invites will go out today for our first assembly this Friday.
- As part of the celebration the children will also be invited for a 'Hot Chocolate Friday' meeting with me where they will be offered a hot chocolate (alternative available) and biscuit whilst discussing their week along with the other stars.

Healthy regards,

Mr Graves

*Hillside First School, where children are at the heart of everything we do.*

**20th September 2022**

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## Upcoming Events / Key Dates

### **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

Welcome meeting from Mr Graves in the school hall.

**08:45– 09:30**

Welcome meeting from Mr Graves **on-line via Zoom** (please check you can access Zoom prior to the meeting) **19:00 – 19:45.**

**Joining details:**

<https://zoom.us/j/3917126563?pwd=WXBpdzY2MTdzemhDMVhOU3Vua2hudz09>

Meeting ID: 391 712 6563

Passcode: hillside

### **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

Year 3 and 4 Stone Age experience day.

### **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September**

School Disco's for Year R-4.

Further details to follow.

### **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

Rippa Rugby visiting children in Year 1-4 during the school day.

### **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October**

Free after school Rippa Rugby taster session (details below for how to sign up).

### **W.C. 10<sup>th</sup> October**

Parent consultations (further details to follow).

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Whole School 96.5%

YR – 91.4%

Y1 – 98.2%

Y2 – 95.0%

Y3 – 98.3%

Y4 – 96.5%

The school day begins at 08:40

Gates open at 08:30

School finishes at 15:00



Some photos of our happy children during the first week of the new academic year.





## Paying tribute to Queen Elizabeth II

The children paid tribute to Queen Elizabeth II by writing personal messages and memories which were displayed at the front of our school on Friday.



The coins you kindly donated helped to create the following Queen Elizabeth II mural:

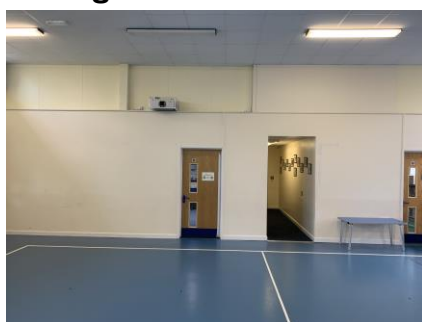


Our new school hall celebration wall. Thanks again to Mrs Budd and Mr Byrne, an incredible job!

**Before**



**During**



**After**



### Rippa Rugby

We are looking to increase our after-school club offering and Rippa Rugby have offered a free after school taster session on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October**. Please visit their website (<https://www.ripparugby.co.uk/>) to find out more and sign up for the session.



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£5  
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## TAG, TOUCH & CONTACT RUGBY COACHING & GAMES

**DESIGNED TO DEVELOP CORE RFU VALUES OF SPORTSMANSHIP, TEAMWORK, RESPECT, DISCIPLINE AND ENJOYMENT.**

For children ages 4-13 years old.






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**WHAT IS RIPPA RUGBY?**  
It's Tag, Touch and contact based Rugby games designed with the objective to develop skills such as catching, passing, invasion, evasion, spatial awareness and decision making. Rippa Rugby develops communication skills and improves overall fitness levels. Above all it's great fun. Our aim to make our sessions the most rewarding activity your child will participate in all week.

**OUR PHILOSOPHY**  
To develop the RFU 'Five C's' within a child in line with National Curriculum standards which includes;

- Competence and skill development
- Confidence to take part in sport and games
- Connection with other children to develop strong friendships
- Creativity to try something different and not be afraid of making mistakes
- Caring character and encouraged to support and look after each other

**WHO IS IT FOR?**  
It is for school children (both boys and girls) aged between 4 and 13 years old during the following times;

- During and after school/pre-school
- School holidays
- Rugby themed birthday parties

**HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?**  
It's only £5 per session per child per hour (school subsidy may apply). Visit our website for more information.

**COACHING CONSULTANCY**  
We also offer a coaching consultancy for teaching staff and developing coaches at competitive rates.

Provision of coaching services at Rugby themed parties.

All our coaches are DBS Cleared, First Aid trained and RFU Level 2 Experienced Age Group Coaches.

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