



Hillside News



Headteacher Update

We are now four weeks into the new academic year, where does the time go?!

It has been another busy couple of weeks in school, Reception have been painting self-portraits, Year 1 and 2 have been busy working with maps and Year 3 and 4 enjoyed their Stone Age experience day. I have also been very impressed with the children's manners with lots of, "Good Morning Mr Graves, Hello Mr Graves, how are you?" across the school.

Thank you to everyone that was able to attend my Welcome Meeting last week, I appreciate the timings didn't work for all of you, so I have recorded a copy of the presentation, and this has been uploaded onto our website.

We will be sending out Home Learning today via Google Classroom, as per my letter last week. If you need any technical support, Mrs Davis is more than happy to help and there are also some useful guides here:

<https://parentsupport.wimborneacademytrust.org/>

<https://www.hillsidefirst.dorset.sch.uk/learning/google-classroom>

We enjoyed our first ever Celebration Assembly and Hot Chocolate Friday last week and have our second one scheduled this afternoon. Please see photos below.

A Harvest Festival, for the children, will take place on Tuesday 10th October. Thank you for all the tinned food donations we have received and you can still donate next week if you like.



Exciting news! As a school, we are trying to promote reading to the children as it can have such a benefit to their education and life. As a result, we have planned the following for you all...

*You might have been watching the current series of the Masked Dancer and previous episodes of the Masked Singer, well Hillside First School proudly brings you the **Masked Reader**! Six very brave members of the team have enjoyed sharing a story for you whilst in disguise. Here is a little sneak peak of the characters, can work out who is behind the mask?*

Full videos and voting instructions to follow next week!

<https://www.hillsidefirst.dorset.sch.uk/news-and-events/latest-news>

Finally, I am looking forward to the Disco's later and I have been trying out a few new moves to show the children on the dance floor! Thank you to our wonderful PTA for arranging the event.

Healthy regards,

Mr Graves

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

30th September 2022

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Upcoming Events / Key Dates

Friday 30th September

School Disco's for Year R-4.

Monday 3rd October

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

Wednesday 5th October

Open Evening (18:00 – 19:30) for prospective new parents.

Thursday 13th October

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

Monday 10th October and

Wednesday 12th October

Parent consultations. These will be face to face in our hall (further details to follow).

**PLEASE SEE FURTHER DETAILS
BELOW FOR THE WHOLE OF THE
AUTUMN TERM.**

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Whole School 95.1%

YR – 90.3%

Y1 – 96.3%

Y2 – 93.8%

Y3 – 96.8%

Y4 – 95.9%

The school day begins at 08:40

Gates open at 08:30

School finishes at 15:00

Stars of the Week

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



The children enjoyed their Hot Chocolate Friday meeting with Mr Graves where they discussed their week and why they had been chosen as Star of the Week.



The first stars to go up on our wall:



Dates for Autumn Term

We would like to give you as much notice as possible for the dates we have planned for the Autumn Term which we have included below. Further details for some of these will be issued nearer the time and we will advise of any changes. We are planning some Christmas performances/events across the school and will let you know the details once finalised.

Autumn term

UPCOMING EVENTS

October

Monday 3rd

Rippa Rugby in school for Year 1-4
(children in P.E. kits please which
does not need to be
school P.E. kit)



Monday 10th

Parent Consultations.
In person at school
Booking details to follow



Thursday 11th

Harvest Festival food
donations deadline



Thursday 11th

Rippa Rugby after school taster session
Please sign up here:

[https://www.ripparugby.co.uk/
Course/5776](https://www.ripparugby.co.uk/Course/5776)

Wednesday 12th

Parent Consultations
In person at school
Booking details to follow

Tuesday 18th

Celebration of Achievement
afternoon for all parents
15:00 - 16:00

Friday 21st

Last day of half term

Monday 31st

INSET day
(school closed for
children)



November

Tuesday 8th

Phonics & Reading Workshop
14:00 - 15:00 & 18:00 - 19:00

Monday 14th

Year R Movie Night - 16:00 – 17:30
Further details to follow

Monday 14th

Start of Anti-Bullying Week
Children can wear crazy socks as part of
their school uniform to help launch
Anti-Bullying Week



Friday 18th

Children in Need
Children to wear spots and non-school
Uniform. Suggested donation £1



Friday 18th

Year 1 and 2 Movie Night - 16:00 – 18:00
Further details to follow



Monday 21st

Year 3 and 4 Movie Night - 16:00 – 18:00
Further details to follow

Friday 25th

Football World Cup theme mufti day
Children can wear football top or sports clothing
£1 suggested donation



December

Friday 2nd

Christmas Fayre

Wednesday 7th

& Thursday 8th

PTA Christmas Shop
Further details to follow



Friday 9th

Christmas Jumper Day
Children can wear Christmas
jumper to school along with
non-school uniform

Thursday 15th

Christmas Party Day
Children to wear
party clothes



Thursday 15th

Last day
of term



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Drop Off Zone at the start of the day

Once you have dropped your child off in our Drop Off Zone, please could you move on so the next car can come into the zone and we can keep the traffic moving. Thanks for your support with this.

Rippa Rugby

Don't forget the free after school taster session on **Thursday 13th October** from Rippa Rugby. Please visit their website (<https://www.ripparugby.co.uk/>) to find out more and sign up for the session.



TO BOOK YOUR SPACE
VISIT [RIPPARUGBY.CO.UK](https://www.ripparugby.co.uk)



**ONLY
£5
PER CHILD***

**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.




*School subsidy may apply.

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**COACHING
CONSULTANCY
AVAILABLE**

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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