



#### **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 I 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 I-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%

YI - 96.3%

Y2 - 93.8%

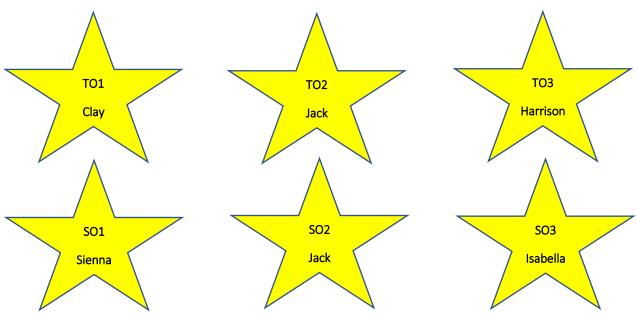
Y3 - 96.8%

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.

# **JPCOMING EVENTS**

## October

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

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

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Rippa Rugby after school taster session Please sign up here:

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





#### Tuesday 8th

Phonics & Reading Workshop

#### 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 to wear spots and non-school

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

#### Monday 21st

ear 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



Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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





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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 13**<sup>th</sup> **October** from Rippa Rugby. Please visit their website (<a href="https://www.ripparugby.co.uk/">https://www.ripparugby.co.uk/</a>) to find our more and sign up for the session.



