



Hillside News



Headteacher Update

It has been another busy and exciting week at school! The children have been working hard throughout the week. I have loved our Reception children's enthusiasm for learning and how they have been making use of their very own Forest School area. The rest of the school have been busy learning about addition in their maths lessons.

The children really enjoyed the school discos on Friday and I even learnt a few new dance moves from some of them. A huge thank you again to our wonderful PTA and volunteers for organising the event and helping.

This week we have had several visitors. At the start of the week we welcomed Rippa Rugby and Head Coach Stu Gallacher was very complimentary about the children's enthusiasm for rugby, their behaviour and attitudes. We had a visit from our External Challenge Partner on Tuesday. They are a lead Ofsted inspector who works for Wimborne Academy Trust, giving feedback on a specific curriculum area across each First School. For us at Hillside it was Maths and he was very impressed with the pride children showed when completing their work, the welcoming nature of our school, how work is planned and mapped out for our children, attitudes to learning and the outcomes of our children. On Wednesday we had a 09:00 and an 18:00 Open Day event for prospective new parents / children which was well attended. When the early group looked around our school they commented on how amazing our school looked, how well behaved and hard the children were working. I was very proud of everyone!

Hillside portraits

Check out the children's amazing self-portraits that they have been working hard on!



The Masked Reader

We hope you enjoyed our Masked Reader challenge this week and managed to work out who the team members were trying to conceal their identity. Watch out for the final reveal video!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Healthy regards,

Mr Graves

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

Friday 7th October 2022

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Upcoming Events / Key Dates

Monday 10th October and Wednesday 12th October

Parent consultations. These have been booked via Parent Mail and will take place face to face in our school hall.

Thursday 13th October

Free after school Rippa Rugby taster Session.

Sorry, now completely full.

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

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Whole School 94.6%

YR – 90.2%

Y1 – 96.1%

Y2 – 93.2%

Y3 – 96%

Y4 – 95.9%

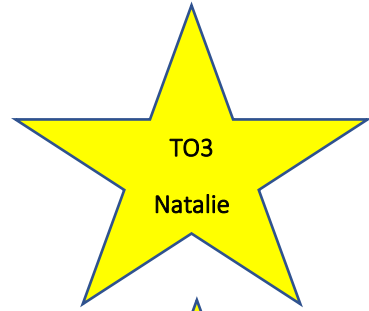
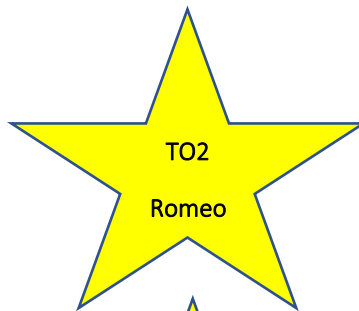
The school day begins at 08:40

Gates open at 08:30

School finishes at 15:00

Stars of the Week

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



Our Reception children will be joining us next week!

On Friday it was time for another Hot Chocolate Friday! It was a great opportunity for me to discuss the children's work and get to know them better before Celebration Assembly.



**A huge congratulations to Joel (Snowy Owls 1) and Rose (Snowy Owls 2) for being the first children to receive the
BRONZE Respect Award!**

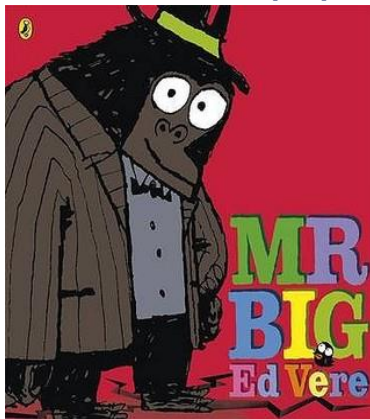
Reading Corner

Reading is such a high priority for our children at Hillside and can unlock so many doors. There are a number of ways to support children's reading through reading aloud, listening to audio stories, telling stories, reciting rhymes, riddles and poems.

Here are a couple of book recommendations from Mr Graves:



Just 10 minutes reading a day will expose a child to around 700,000 words a year, this will propel children's language development.



Isabella (Year 4), Olivia (Year 3), Mrs Tarrant and Mr Graves had a great time at Forest FM earlier today and even had a chance to speak on air. Here are some of the photos:



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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