



Hillside News

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Headteacher Update

Well that was another great week at school!

On Monday some of our Year 4 children went to Ferndown Leisure Centre to be trained alongside other Year 4 children from local schools and qualified as Play Leaders! Thank you to Mrs Davis for arranging this. We also had Oly Rush lead our assembly on Monday. Oly is a World Record holder and the first person to swim around the island of Grand Cayman! Oly is passionate about the issue of plastic pollution in our oceans – and on Dorset beaches.

It was so good to be able to welcome you into school for parent's evening on Monday and Wednesday this week and for you to have a chance to speak to your child's class teacher about their learning. We are finalising some baseline assessments and will be able to share the results of these with you after half term.

We are excited to be able to open the school to you next week for our Celebration of Achievement afternoon. This will take place on Tuesday 18th October 3-4pm. Once all children have been dismissed by their class teacher we will invite you into school. We have an afterschool club in the hall so to access Reception please use the outside path.

A huge thank you for your Harvest donations, these will be taken to the Ringwood Food Bank, who support Ringwood and Verwood families, on Monday morning. The children had a Harvest Festival assembly on Tuesday we they sang songs and we also told the story of the Enormous Turnip with some audience participation!

There was a great turn out for the free Rippa Rugby session on Thursday after school with 49 children attending. This is the largest number they have ever had attend an after school taster session. They are now just looking at potential dates to offer this as a club moving forward. Please see an update on clubs below.

Our wonderful Parent Teacher Association have kindly organised a Halloween event for the children to take part in during school time next week. Please find further details below.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a lovely weekend.

Healthy regards,

Mr Graves

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

Upcoming Events / Key Dates

Tuesday 18th October

Celebration of Achievement afternoon
3-4pm.

Friday 21st October

Last day of term.

Monday 31st October

INSET day. School closed for children.

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

Can you help please?

After half term we will be launching our School Council, Play Leaders, Eco Warriors and Librarians which we are very excited about! For the School Council I would love the children to use a real ballot box and just wondered if anyone had access to one that they would be willing to lend the school please? If you do, please could you let us know.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Whole School 95%

YR – 94.7%

Y1 – 95.6%

Y2 – 92.7%

Y3 – 95.8%

Y4 – 95.6%

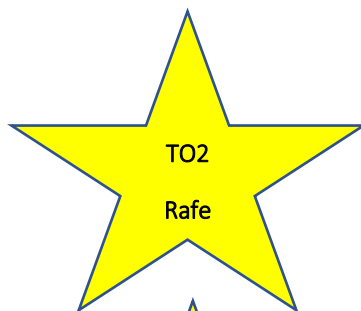
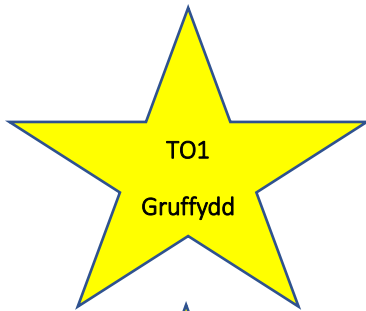
The school day begins at 08:40

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 Stars of the Week:



Clubs Update

Rocksteady

Rocksteady are returning to school to provide the option of music lessons on a Friday afternoon. I have attached details from Rocksteady if you are interested in signing up. This will take place on a Friday afternoon. As a result, Celebration Assembly will move to the early time of 08:45. We will still provide a week's notice, so hopefully you will be able to attend when your child is chosen.

Dodgeball *New club*

Today, we have just arranged a new Dodgeball club with a launch assembly on Monday. The club will take place on a Friday after school (3-4pm) for children in Year 2 – 4. Please see further details below.

Other clubs

I am keen to provide a range of after school clubs and I am trying to source other after school clubs providers and will let you know when I have any updates. If you know anyone who can run a club then please get in touch.



We have been provided with a copy of our Forest FM interview which is available here:

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

Some photos from this week

Oly Rush Assembly



Our Sports Leaders



Science Experiments and Art in Year 1 / 2

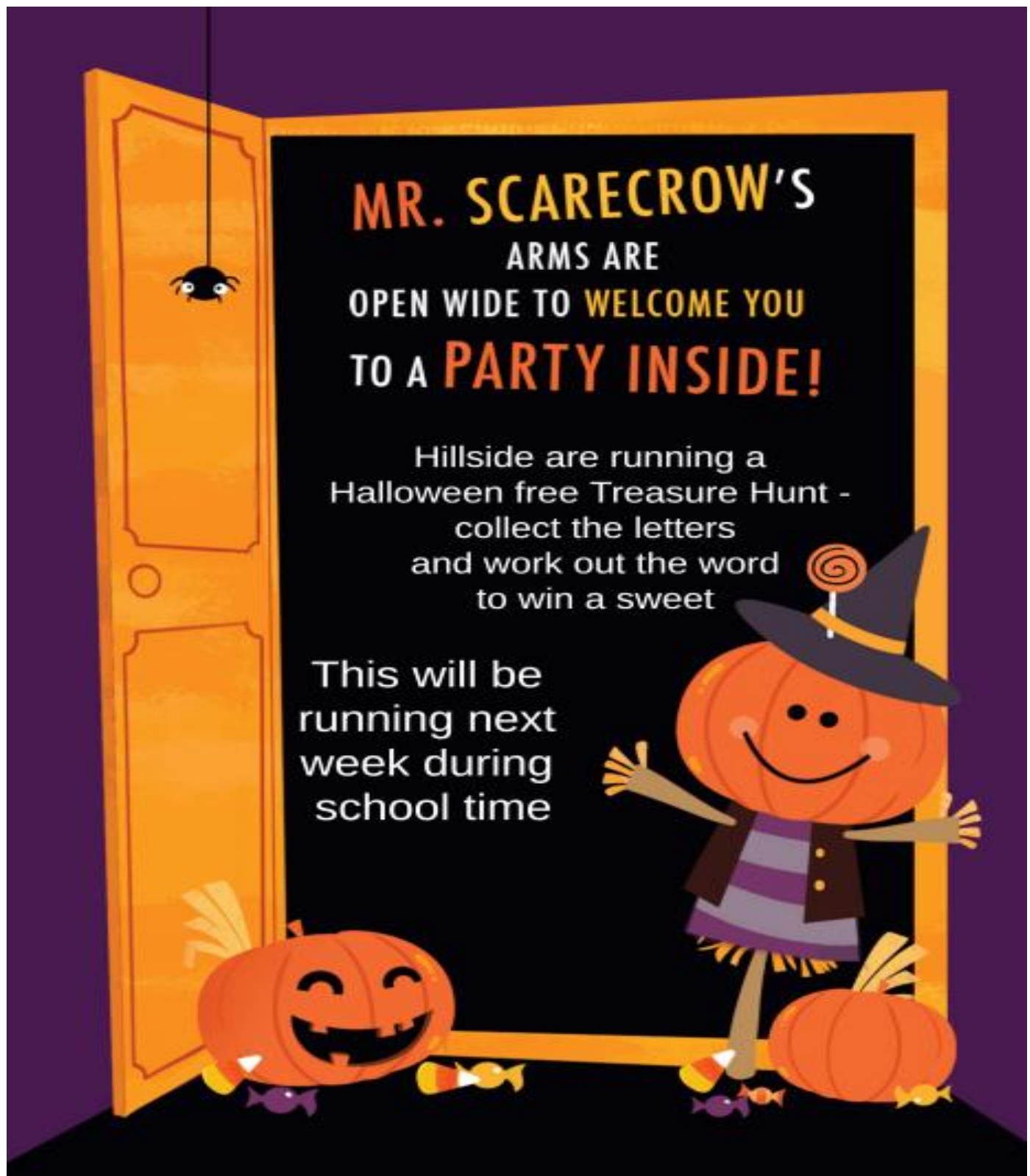


Reception Fun



Parent Teacher Association (PTA) event next week

If you have any dietary needs please email the office or speak to a PTA member.



Dodgeball



TEAMTHEME

TEXT ALLY WILLIAMS 07725135473 / WWW.TEAMTHEMESPORTSCOACHING.CO.UK

dodgeball

DODGE, DUCK, DIP, DIVE & DODGE:

Teamtheme After School DODGEBALL Club!

Friday's
at Hillside First School
3.00pm – 4.00pm

Nov: 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
Dec: 9th

Please note session on 18th Nov to finish at 3:45pm

5 Weeks of Fun
for £24

Open to children in year 2-4



THE COURSE

SEEN THE FILM NOW PLAY
THE GAME – NEW & FUN
Matches played every week...

 **MEDALS**  **TROPHIES**

Take part in a high energy, high speed, inclusive after school dodgeball club.
Great fun for all children....

INFORMATION: Teamtheme Dodgeball is for boys & girls of all ages. The course is played INDOORS. PE kit or other sports wear with pumps or trainers will be suitable. Players should also have with them a still drink.



Teamtheme Holiday Sports & Activity Camp
Venues based across Bournemouth, Poole & Christchurch

October Half term, 9am-3pm

For more details contact Ally on 07725135473 or via our Facebook page

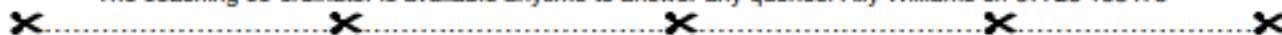


Dodgeball is good.

Find us on Facebook @ Teamtheme Dorset
Or at our new website;

www.teamthemesportscoaching.co.uk

The coaching co-ordinator is available anytime to answer any queries: Ally Williams on 07725 135473



To register your child for this club please follow the simple steps below.

Visit www.teamthemesportscoaching.co.uk, click on the book online link.

Then select the course you'd like to book, follow the quick easy steps and book your child in a matter of minutes.

Finally get ready to DODGE, DUCK, DIP, DIVE & DODGE

Photographs / videos may be taken of the children's club for publicity, training, progression & advertisement purposes., your details are protected securely under GDPR

WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO PLAY IN THEIR VERY OWN ROCK BAND?

ROCK
STEADY™

15 CELEBRATING
15 YEARS OF
ROCKSTEADY

Enrol online today at rocksteadymusicschool.com
or call 0330 113 0330 (local rate) 8am-5pm, Mon-Fri

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The start of the new academic year is a great time to begin Rocksteady lessons. Your child can enjoy the magic of music by learning to play in their very own band through weekly in-school rock and pop lessons. It's the perfect chance to learn **new musical skills, while having fun along the way**. Parents often find that Rocksteady lessons also boost **children's confidence, wellbeing, life skills and even academic achievement**.

Your child will progress through the Rocksteady curriculum and collect up to 300 different instrument, musicianship and performance skills along the way.

Here's what you need to know:

- Lessons are held during the school day. There's no experience necessary and all instruments are provided, so it's very **Inclusive** and **accessible**.
- Your child can choose from **drums, vocals, keyboard or electric guitar** (subject to availability). They'll join their bandmates for a weekly 30-minute lesson, where together they'll learn some of their favourite songs.
- You can proudly watch as your child performs in their end of term concerts, showing you and their friends just how far they have come. You can also **follow their musical journey** in your **Parent Timeline** from your Backstage account.
- Loved and trusted by thousands of schools, lessons are taught by experienced professional musicians, who make music education fun. Your child's band leader will **support and inspire** your child while making sure they progress at their own pace.
- Your child will become either a **Mini Rocker** (Reception to Year 2), **Rock Hero** (Year 3 and Year 4) or a **Rock Icon** (Year 5 and Year 6).
- A **highlight of the school week**, your child could enjoy the Rocksteady experience for £37.29 a month (no payment in August). It's **hassle free** with a **money back guarantee** for the first month and you can **cancel at any time**.

Places are offered on a first come, first served basis. Selecting different instrument options will also give you the best chance of getting a place.

To secure your child's spot in the band or to find out more visit www.rocksteadymusicschool.com or call **0330 113 0330**.

Best wishes,
Rachel Hawker | Director of Education



90% OF PARENTS TOLD US 
ROCKSTEADY LESSONS IMPROVE THEIR CHILD'S WELLBEING

96% OF 
HEADTEACHERS SAID ROCKSTEADY LESSONS BOOST THEIR PUPILS CONFIDENCE

100% OF 
HEADTEACHERS SAID ROCKSTEADY LESSONS HAVE A SIGNIFICANT POSITIVE IMPACT ON THEIR PUPILS

“
My son was very shy and lacked confidence. I cried seeing him singing at his concert. Now he is no longer shy and is so confident!!
”

Ursula

“
My daughter loves her lessons and her band leader. It's the reason she dances into school on a Monday!
”

Catherine

“
Rocksteady facilitates a love for music and how different instruments work together. It encourages listening, co-operation and confidence among other skills. It is a fantastic opportunity.
”

Melanie

“
Signing our son up for Rocksteady is literally the best decision we have made. He loves it and it has helped with his confidence.
”

Angela

“
I don't think he felt he had a 'place'. Rocksteady has genuinely given him that sense of belonging and having a hobby he can call his own.
”

Emma

“
Feedback from our school is that my daughter is happier and more confident in lessons since starting Rocksteady.
”

Rachel



Enrol today at rocksteadymusicschool.com
or call 0330 113 0330 (local rate) 8am–5pm Monday to Friday

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



Tuesday 11th

Harvest Festival food donations deadline



Wednesday 12th

Parent Consultations In person at school
Booking details to follow

Thursday 13th

Rippa Rugby after school taster session
Please sign up here:
<https://www.ripparugby.co.uk/Course/5776>

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 in exchange for tombola prize donations for the Christmas Fayre



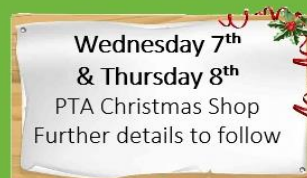
December

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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