



# Hillside News

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## Headteacher Update

Today is the 50<sup>th</sup> day of the new academic year, which for me, has flown by! I have been very proud of all the children and staff this half term. The children have come back exceptionally well and settled into their new classes. Every time I go into classrooms I am greeted with big smiles and the children working hard. We have also had a number of visitors this half term who have commented on how good the school is looking and how polite the children are. I have also been very impressed and am grateful to the staff team, who always go above and beyond, putting the children at the heart of everything they do. I would just like to say a huge thank you to all of you for making me feel so welcome. I have absolutely loved my start at Hillside and I am looking forward to the rest of the academic year and beyond.

It has been another fun week in school, we had a Dodgeball launch assembly, delivered the harvest food donations to the local food bank, enjoyed welcoming you into school as part of the Celebration of Achievement and enjoyed the Halloween themed treasure hunt! A huge thank you to Tracy Pearson and the PTA for organising this!

In class, Reception have been enjoying lots of Halloween themed fine motor skill activities, Year 1 and 2 have been carrying out science experiments and Year 3 / 4 have been learning about lots of different types of poems.

During the half term holiday, we have some planned ICT infrastructure upgrades, with faster internet being connected as well as a change to the children's desktop PC's. We are moving to Chromebooks and there will be a class set stored in a charging trolley.

We have got a busy second half of the Autumn term in the lead up to Christmas. Yes, I know I have mentioned Christmas in October! I even saw my first Christmas advert of the year this week. We will provide further details of our plans for Christmas performances as soon as possible after half term. We also have a Phonics and Reading session on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November (this date has been moved back one day from the original schedule) and would really like to encourage as many of you as possible to attend one of the sessions to find out how we teach phonics and reading in school.

Finally, I would like to wish all families a lovely half term break and look forward to welcoming you back to school on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Healthy regards,

Mr Graves

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

## Upcoming Events / Key Dates

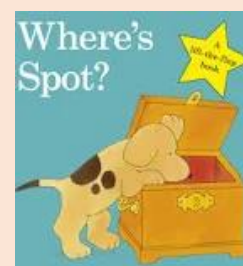
### Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October

INSET day. School closed for children.

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

## Can you help please?

We are on the lookout for any old Lift the flap books that you no longer need. If you can spare any, please could you give these to the school office.



## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Whole School 94.7% (target is at least 97%)

YR – 95.4%

Y1 – 95.1%

Y2 – 92.2%

Y3 – 95.3%

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 enjoying Hot Chocolate Friday:





## **Harvest food donations**

Thanks again for all our harvest donations, we were also pleased to receive some from the Pre-school.



On Monday morning, Isla (Tawny Owls 2) and Harrison (Tawny Owls 3), Mrs Tarrant and Mr Graves delivered the donations to the Trussell Trust food bank in Ringwood who serve the local Ringwood and Verwood Communities. Karen Downer, Manager was very grateful for the donations and wished to pass on her thanks to everyone.





## Some of the photos from our Celebration of Achievement afternoon

Thank you to everyone that was able to attend our first Celebration of Achievement afternoon. Here are a selection of photos from the event, which we will be repeating every half term.











## Parent Teacher Association (PTA) event news

Movie night is coming soon!



**MOVIE NIGHT**

*Christmas Movie for  
Little Owls*

**14th November 4 to 5.30pm**

Film: Stickman  
Popcorn, Sweets and Drink will be served during the film  
Price £3.50  
Please do not send in extra sweets due to Health and Safety  
This is a PG film so by purchasing a ticket you give permission  
for your child to watch a PG film.  
If your child has any dietary needs please let us know.



**MOVIE NIGHT**

*Christmas Movie for  
Year 1 and 2*

**18th November 4 to 6pm**

Film: Arthur Christmas  
Popcorn, Sweets and Drink will be served during the film  
Price £3.50  
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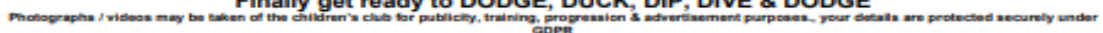
*Christmas Movie for  
Year 3 and 4*

**21st November 4 to 6pm**

Film: Grinch  
Popcorn, Sweets and Drink will be served during the film  
Price £3.50  
Please do not send in extra sweets due to Health and Safety  
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Rippa Rugby is now taking bookings for their after school rugby club on Thursday's, held at our school. Please follow the link below if you are interested:

We had a Dodgeball club launch assembly on Monday with Ally Williams. Please find further details Below if you are interested in the after school club which takes place in the school hall on a Friday:





# Autumn term

# UPCOMING 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 10<sup>th</sup>**

Parent Consultations.  
In person at school  
Booking details to follow



**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>**

Harvest Festival food  
donations deadline



**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>**

Parent Consultations  
In person at school  
Booking details to follow

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

Rippa Rugby after school taster session

Please sign up here:

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

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup>**

Last day of half term

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup>**

INSET day  
(school closed for  
children)



## November

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup>**

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



**Friday 18<sup>th</sup>**

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



**Friday 18<sup>th</sup>**

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



**Monday 21<sup>st</sup>**

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

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup>**

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 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Christmas Fayre

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>**

**& Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>**

PTA Christmas Shop  
Further details to follow



**Friday 9<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>**

Christmas Party Day  
Children to wear  
party clothes



**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>**

Last day  
of term



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