



Headteacher Update

Welcome back and I hope you all had a good half term!

The children have returned exceptionally well with lots of smiles! We had an assembly first thing on Tuesday morning, recapping on expectations across the school and learning about being safe on-line. This is becoming increasingly important with the advances in technology.

I also shared plans for the launch of our School Parliament, Eco Warriors, Play Leaders and Librarians this half term. This will provide children with the opportunity to take responsibility for certain areas and have a 'pupil voice', both of which are very important. This week we are starting with our School Parliament. There will be two Members of Parliament (MPs) per class that will meet fortnightly with me to discuss ideas they have for improvements across the school, complete important jobs whilst representing their peers from their class. Polling Day is next Thursday in the school hall and the children will then find out the results on Friday. Our three Year 4 MP's will then take on the role of Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman for the School Parliament. This links in with the fundamental British Value of Democracy which the children will experience first-hand. It is all very exciting!

During the half term break we had our ICT infrastructure upgrade which has proved to be very successful. This has resulted in faster internet speeds, and we now have our Chromebook charging trolley along with a class set of Chromebooks.

We wanted to provide you with as much notice as possible for our planned Christmas events this academic year and have included the dates within this newsletter. Please be advised, we are just working out how many tickets we can offer for each event, taking into account our fire regulations and will then organise the booking system. For now, we are sharing the dates with you.

Just a reminder that we have our Phonics and Reading session on Wednesday 9^{th} November at 14:00 and 18:00 in our school hall and hope you can make one of the sessions.

I have been out at a leadership conference for the past two days and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday. Have a great weekend!

Healthy regards,

Mr Graves

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

Friday 4th November 2022

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Upcoming Events / Key Dates



Christmas Performances

We would like to give you as much notice as possible for our Christmas performances.

Little Owls (Nativity)

Monday 12th December 13:45 Wednesday 14th December 09:15

Year I / 2 (Nativity and Traditional Carols)

Tuesday 13th December 09:15 Wednesday 14th December 13:45

Year 3 / 4 (Christmas Concert)

Monday 12th December 09:15 Tuesday 13th December 13:45

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

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Whole School 94.7%

YR - 95.2%

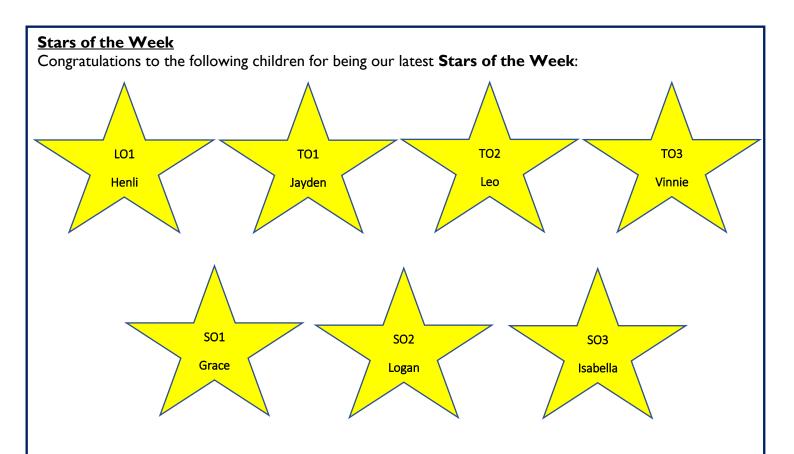
YI - 95.0%

Y2 - 92.3%

Y3 - 95.4%

Y4 - 95.6%

The school day begins at 08:40 Gates open at 08:30 School finishes at 15:00



Our Stars of the Week enjoying Hot Chocolate Friday:



Parent Teacher Association (PTA) event news



If your child has any dietary needs please let us know.





Dates for Autumn Term

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 larvest 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)

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Wednesday 9th

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 Wee

Friday 18th

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Further details to follow

Monday 21st

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Friday 25th

Football World Cup theme mufti day Children can wear football top or sports

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Friday 2nd Christmas Fayre

Wednesday 7th & Thursday 8th

PTA Christmas Shop Further details to follow

Friday 9th

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

Christmas Performances

Monday 12th

09:15 - Year 3/4 Christmas Concert 13:45 - Little Owls Nativity

Tuesday 13th

09:15 - Year 1/2 Nativity & Carols 13:45 - Year 3/4 Christmas Concert

Wednesday 14th

09:15 - Little Owls Nativity 13:45 - Year 1/2 Nativity & Carols

Thursday 15th

Christmas Party Children to wear party clothes

Thursday 15th Last day of term



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