



Hillside News

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Lest we forget...



Headteacher Update

This week started with a whole school assembly focusing on the British Value of democracy and explaining what the U.K. Parliament is to the children ahead of Polling Day yesterday. Following a careful check of all the votes we have now got our first School Parliament in place. Further details below. Next week the children will be able to nominate themselves for a place on the Eco Warrior team.

I am always very proud to show visitors or prospective families around our wonderful school. Again, this week, I have received lots of positive comments about the children's behaviour and attitudes to learning which is great.

Today, we have had two assemblies, our first one the weekly celebration assembly and the second was a Remembrance Day assembly. Some children read poems, we sang a Remembrance song and I was very impressed with how respectful everyone was observing the two minutes silence. I would also just like to say thank you to Ray Felton (www.justgiving.com/Felton-Services) for the eight display poppies he dropped off to us following our donation. The children were then able to write a message on these which Ray then collected and displayed around Verwood.

We had our Phonics and Reading session on Wednesday which was led by Mrs Pain. I would like to run another one of these sessions after Christmas focused on how we teach maths at school. I am keen to reach as many of you as possible and would like to understand what would work best for you in terms of timings, in person, on-line or a recorded session. Please could you complete this short survey before the end of the month to help us plan for the next session: <https://forms.gle/E1EUNcsiPnVgdf26>

Next week we are taking part in Anti-Bullying week as per the letter from Mrs Andrews. Please remember to send the children in wearing odd socks on Monday along with their school uniform. We also have our Anti-Bullying poster competition with entries due by Friday 18th November please.

Finally, we are just collating some baseline assessments for reading, writing and maths for the children and will share these within the next couple of weeks.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Healthy regards,
Mr Graves

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

Upcoming Events / Key Dates



Christmas Performances

Little Owls (Nativity)

Monday 12th December 13:45

Wednesday 14th December 09:15

Year 1 / 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

YEAR 1 – 4 SUMDOG MATHS COMPETITION!



We are taking part in the Sumdog Maths competition, competing against other First Schools across the Trust.

Children have until **8pm on Thursday 17th November** to answer as many questions as they can. Please find further details on your Google Classroom page.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Whole School 94.6%

YR – 95.6%

Y1 – 94.6%

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:



School Parliament

Following yesterday's Polling Day, we are very excited to introduce our new members of School Parliament!

Polling Day!



Our new members of School Parliament

Little Owls (Hollie and Millie), Tawny Owls 1 (Louisa and Isaac), Tawny Owls 2 (Romeo and Leo), Tawny Owls 3 (Vinnie and Harrison), Snowy owls 1 (Grace and Kieran), Snowy Owls 2 (Alice and Oliver) and Snowy Owls 3 (Harry and Lyla).



Remembrance Day Assembly

Some of the children wearing their different uniforms in school today for Remembrance Day.





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
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 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
This is a PG film so by purchasing a ticket you give permission
for your child to watch a PG film.
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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](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

Wednesday 9th

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 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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