



Headteacher Update

We have had two very important events in school this week. Firstly, by supporting Anti-Bullying week and secondly, with Children in Need. Further information about these events is detailed below.

The children have had a lot of practice lining up this week due to the weather! One minute it has been clear and the children have been outside and the next we have had a down pour and the children have needed to get back inside as quickly as possible!

There seems to have been a problem with the Google Form link I shared last week for feedback on how you would prefer the next learning event to be held, which I apologise for. Hopefully, this one is now working:

<https://forms.gle/9dSkLOPyOkptypAe6>

We have completed our baseline assessment for reading, writing and maths for the children in Year 1-4 and these will be sent home on Thursday via book bags so please look out for these. Children in Reception will have received their baseline assessment details at parents evening. If you should have any questions or queries, then please contact your child's class teacher.

Thanks to our wonderful PTA team we had a very successful first movie night for Little Owls and are looking forward to the Year 1 and 2 movie later! Next Friday (25th November) we have a Football World Cup themed mufti day where children can wear football tops or sports clothing in exchange for a tombola donation for the Christmas Fayre (Friday 2nd December). All the upcoming PTA events are detailed below, it is a very exciting time with lots on for the children!

Things are starting to feel very festive with our Christmas tree going up in the school reception area and plans for the performances being finalised by staff. You should have received a Parent Mail with details of how to book tickets for these events. We are limited by the number of tickets we can offer due to our fire regulations but pleased we can get back to face to face performances!

I am excited to announce that next week we will be launching a Christmas themed story writing competition for all our children. I have been in contact with Great Ormond Street Hospital and they would be delighted to receive copies of our winning entries to share with their child patients. Look out for further details next week!

That is it for this week, I am hoping to watch England beat New Zealand at rugby on the T.V. this weekend. 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

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

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Whole School 94.5%

YR – 95.8%

Y1 – 93.7%

Y2 – 93%

Y3 – 95%

Y4 – 95.4%

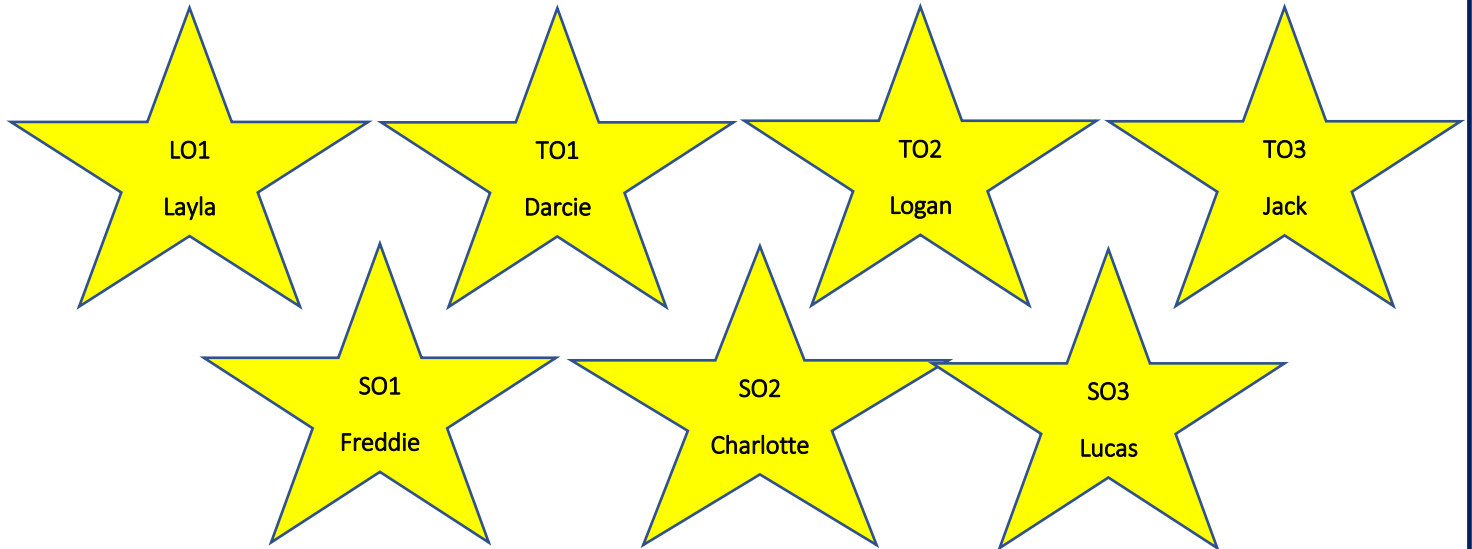
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Gates open at 08:30

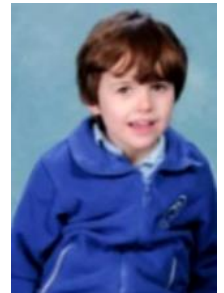
School finishes at 15:00

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:



Anti-Bullying Week

We launched Anti-Bullying week by wearing odd socks to highlight that everyone is different and awesome in their own way. Mrs Andrews led a whole school assembly explaining what different forms of bullying are and what we do at Hillside to keep ourselves safe. In addition, the children have completed different activities in class.



Children in Need

Today, we celebrated Children in Need and it was great to see all the children dressed up and supporting the very worthy cause. Thank you for all your donations, we raised close to £200.



Dates for Christmas at Hillside

Christmas at Hillside

Christmas Fayre

Friday 2nd December
5.00pm - 7.00pm
50p Donation

Lots to do for the whole family
Santa storytime • hot dogs • raffle • tombola • games
Mrs Claus baking • elf crafts • face painting
and much more...

Christmas Shop

Wednesday 7th December
Thursday 8th December

Buy Christmas gifts for parents, carers, grandparents at £2.50 each. Limited to 2 per child. Available to purchase in the shop on Parentmail

Christmas Party

Thursday 15th December

Children can wear their Christmas party outfits

Christmas Holidays

Last day of term:
Thursday 15th December

Children return to school on:
Wednesday 4th January 2023

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 9th December

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

Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 14th December

Book your festive lunch with Chartwells by Sunday 4th December

Christmas Performances

Monday 12th December
09:15 - Year 3/4 Christmas Concert
13:45 - Little Owls Nativity

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

Wednesday 14th December
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Tickets available in the shop on Parentmail

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

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



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Thursday 15th

Christmas Party. Children to wear party clothes



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