



Hillside News



Headteacher Update

Well, it has been another exciting week here at Hillside! Our children in Reception have been enjoying the story of The Gingerbread Man, Year 1 and 2 have continued their work learning about the Great Fire of London and Year 3 and 4 have been writing some festive Limericks!

It is certainly feeling a lot like Christmas across the school, with classroom decorations going up, our wonderful entrance decorations (thank you Mrs Tarrant!) and the arrival of a very cheeky elf that is causing mischief across our school! The children have also been increasing their preparations for the Christmas performances that will be taking place during the last week of term. Finally, we have our Christmas Fayre this evening between 5-7pm and look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible. Again, a huge thank you to our superb PTA, who have organised everything!

I would just like to make you aware that the Trust wide attendance policy has been updated and can be found here:

<https://www.hillsidefirstschool.org/about-us/attendance>

As a Trust, attendance at school is very important and has an impact on how well children do both socially and emotionally as well as academically. I have included a poster below to highlight the impact on children of missing time off school. Of course, we fully appreciated there will be times when children are too poorly to attend school, but we would like to see them at all other times. Ofsted's target attendance for school's is at least 97%.

I would be most grateful for any further feedback for your preferred method of delivery for our next information evening. Please could you complete the Google Form below:

<https://forms.gle/9dSkLQPyQkptpAe6>

I have enjoyed reading the Christmas story writing competition entries so far, the deadline for further entries is Monday 12th December. There are lots of prizes on offer and the winning entries are going to Great Ormond Street hospital.

Finally, we are opening our doors again on **Thursday 8th December 15:00 – 16:00** for our Celebration of Achievement afternoon. Please come in once the children have been dismissed, you are welcome to visit the whole school.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Healthy regards,

Mr Graves

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



Friday 2nd December 2022

☎01202 822737

✉ office@hillsidefirstschool.org

<https://www.hillsidefirst.dorset.sch.uk/>

Upcoming Events / Key Dates

Friday 2nd December

17:00 – 19:00

School Christmas Fayre



Thursday 8th December

**Celebration of Achievement
afternoon**



Monday 12th December

**Christmas Story writing
competition entry deadline**



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

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Whole School 94.2%

YR – 95.1%

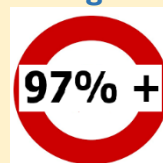
Y1 – 93.5%

Y2 – 93.3%

Y3 – 94.7%

Y4 – 94.8%

Target



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:



Understanding Your Percentage Attendance

100%	0 days missed	Fantastic attendance!	
99%	2 days missed	Well done—you are at or above the School Target	
98%	4 days missed		
97%	6 days missed		
96%	8 days missed	At 96% and below you are just below target—make sure you do not miss any more days	
95%	10 days missed		
94%	12 days missed		
93%	14 days missed	At 93% and below your attendance is becoming worryingly low.	
92%	16 days missed		
91%	18 days missed		
90%	19 days missed	At 90% and below you are Persistently Absent—school will support you and your family to help this improve	
89%	21 days missed		
88%	23 days missed		
87%	25 days missed		
86%	27 days missed		
85%	29 days missed		

Make every school day count!

Christmas at Hillside

Christmas Fayre

Friday 2nd December
5.00pm - 7.00pm

50p entry per adult (children free)

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

Tickets available in the shop on Parentmail



'KIDS FIRST' with a lot of help, have organised an afternoon of fun and Christmas cheer for all those families who may just need a little bit of help and support from the community at this expensive time of the year. At Verwood Memorial Hall between 1pm - 5pm on the 22nd December let us help make a Christmas memory, with something to eat, music and entertainment and much much more. Let's give the kids what each and everyone of them deserve.

Kids First

Hope to see you there.

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



www.hillsidefirstschool.org - 01202 822737 - office@hillsidefirstschool.org

Clubs

Rippa Rugby (Year 1-4) <https://www.ripparugby.co.uk/>



TO BOOK YOUR SPACE
VISIT [RIPPARUGBY.CO.UK](https://www.ripparugby.co.uk/)



TAG, TOUCH & CONTACT RUGBY COACHING & GAMES

ONLY £5 PER CHILD*

DESIGNED TO DEVELOP CORE RFU VALUES OF SPORTSMANSHIP, TEAMWORK, RESPECT, DISCIPLINE AND ENJOYMENT.

For children ages 4-13 years old.



*School subsidy may apply.

TO BOOK YOUR SPACE
VISIT [RIPPARUGBY.CO.UK](https://www.ripparugby.co.uk/)
EMAIL STUART@RIPPARUGBY.CO.UK
CALL STUART ON 07899 268265



TO BOOK YOUR SPACE
VISIT [RIPPARUGBY.CO.UK](https://www.ripparugby.co.uk/)



COACHING CONSULTANCY AVAILABLE

WHAT IS RIPPA RUGBY?
It's Tag, Touch and contact based Rugby games designed with the objective to develop skills such as catching, passing, invasion, evasion, spatial awareness and decision making. Rippa Rugby develops communication skills and improves overall fitness levels. Above all it's great fun. Our aim to make our sessions the most rewarding activity your child will participate in all week.

WHO IS IT FOR?
It is for school children (both boys and girls) aged between 4 and 13 years old during the following times;

- During and after school/pre-school
- School holidays
- Rugby themed birthday parties

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?
It's only £5 per session per child per hour (school subsidy may apply). Visit our website for more information.

OUR PHILOSOPHY
To develop the RFU 'Five C's' within a child in line with National Curriculum standards which includes;

- Competence and skill development
- Confidence to take part in sport and games
- Connection with other children to develop strong friendships
- Creativity to try something different and not be afraid of making mistakes
- Caring character and encouraged to support and look after each other

COACHING CONSULTANCY
We also offer a coaching consultancy for teaching staff and developing coaches at competitive rates.

Provision of coaching services at Rugby themed parties.

All our coaches are DBS Cleared, First Aid trained and RFU Level 2 Experienced Age Group Coaches.

TO BOOK YOUR SPACE
VISIT [RIPPARUGBY.CO.UK](https://www.ripparugby.co.uk/)
EMAIL STUART@RIPPARUGBY.CO.UK
CALL STUART ON 07899 268265



Tennis Club starting after Christmas for Year 3 and 4. Further details and how to book available here:

<https://www.live4tennis.co.uk/service-page/mon-3-4pm-hillside-first-jan-feb-23>