



Hillside News

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Headteacher Update

I have thoroughly enjoyed all the Christmas performances this week, the children have been incredible with super singing, reading their lines clearly and accurately as well as performing in front of an audience. I have been super proud of them all. We sometimes forget that our children are just 4-9 years old! It has been great to be able to put these types of event on again after the last couple of years. Thank you for all your support with the costumes and helping your child (ren) learn their lines. A lot of hard work went into these events by the staff team, so a thank you to them too.

Hopefully, you will have seen our staff Christmas video which we had great fun putting together and hopefully created some Christmas cheer for you:

<https://www.hillsidefirstschool.org/news-and-events/latest-news/merry-christmas-from-hillside-first-school>

Cookie the Elf has been generating a lot of excitement and interest around the school. It has been great to watch and hear the children's excitement as they discover what mischief Cookie has been up to each day!

Thank-you for the Christmas story entries, the winning entries are detailed below and these have now been sent to Great Ormond Street hospital.

On behalf of all the staff team, I would just like to wish all our families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Wednesday 4th January 2023.

Healthy regards,

Mr Graves

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



Upcoming Events / Key Dates

Friday 16th December

Tuesday 3rd January

INSET Day (school closed for children)

Wednesday 4th January

Children return to school

We have included some of the dates for the Spring Term below in order to give you as much notice as possible.

There will be further dates added and we will keep you updated.

**Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year
from all the staff
and children!**



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Whole School 93.6%

YR –93.8%

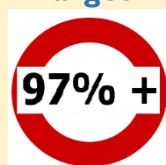
Y1 –92.9%

Y2 –93.4%

Y3 –93.8%

Y4 –94.3%

Target



The school day begins at 08:40

Gates open at 08:30

School finishes at 15:00

Christmas Story Writing Competition

A huge thank you for all the entries, I thoroughly enjoyed reading them all. Please find details below of the winners:

Year R: Layla

Year 1: Molly

Year 2: Ryley

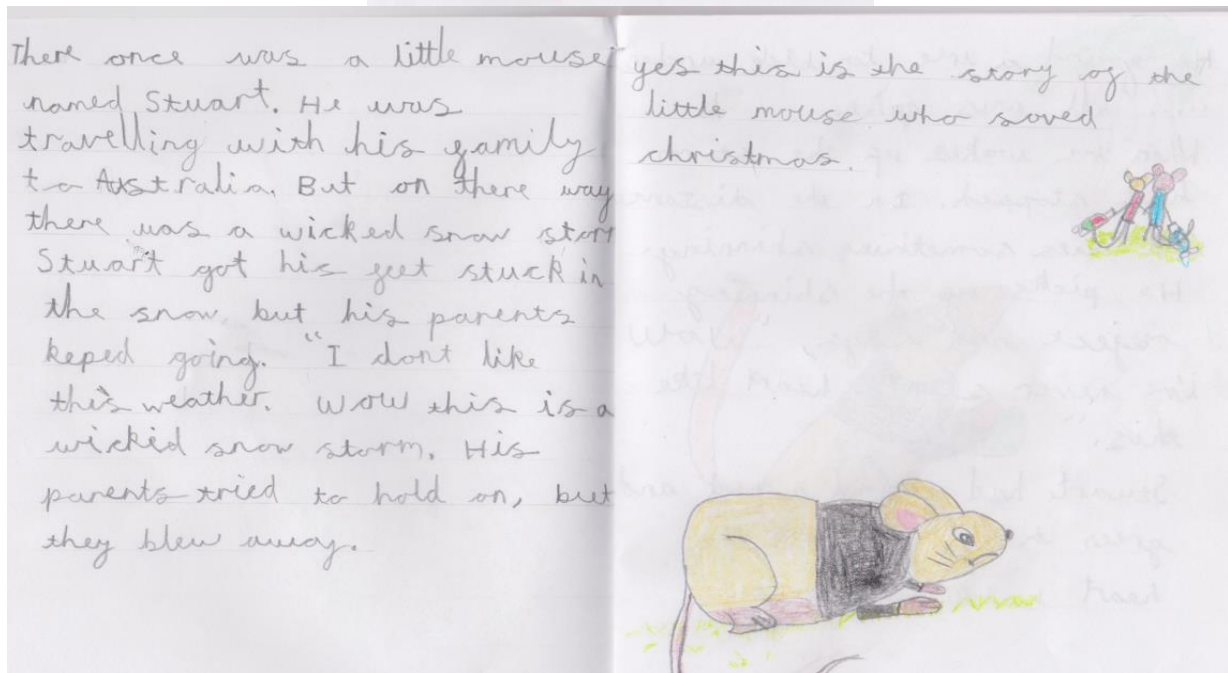
Year 3: Maddison

Year 4: Joel

Overall winner: Maddison

Each winner will receive a £10 voucher and the entries will now be sent to Great Ormond Street hospital for some of their patients to enjoy.

Here is Maddison's winning entry:



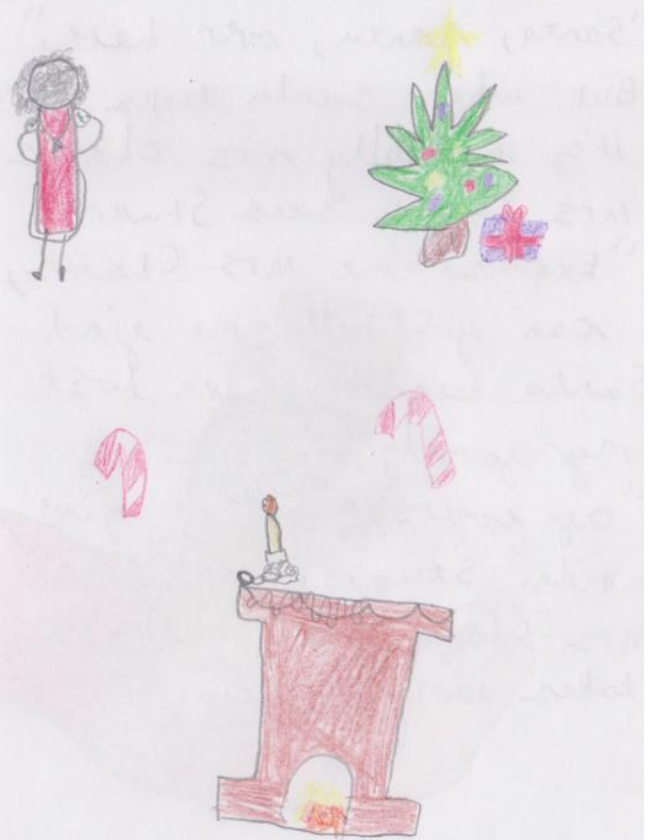
He found a tree to hide under
..... all was quiet.

When he wakes up the storm
has stopped. In the distance
he sees something shining.
He picks up the shining
object and says, "Wow
I've never seen a heart like
this."

Stuart had found a red and
green heart. He took the
heart back to the tree.



Stuart realised this could be
the key to finding his
family. So he closed his
eyes and made a wish.
When he opens his eyes
he is in a room surrounded
by beautiful christmas
decorations. In the distance
he sees santa



"Santa, Santa, over here."

But when Santa turns around
it's actually Mrs Claus.

Mrs Claus sees Stuart.

"Excuse me Mrs Claus,
can you help me find
Santa because I've lost
my family."

"Of course, hop ill give you
a ride." Stuart hop's onto
Mrs Claus hand and she
takes him to Santa.



"Santa, we have a little guest
that wants to talk to you."

"Hello Stuart, what can I do
for you?"

"Santa I lost my family, but
I found this heart. I was
hoping you could help me find
them."

"Oh my goodness Stuart, that's
the heart of Christmas, we have
been looking for it for so so long
of course I will help you."

Santa takes the heart and
places it in a special container,
where it shines brightly.



"Now we have the heart of
Christmas back, I can now grant
you your wish Stuart."

Suddenly the heart sparkled and
in a flurry of snow Stuarts
family appeared. They hugged
each other and Stuart
thanked Santa.

It turned out that the little
mouse had the biggest
heart.



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Strep A

WHAT THE ILLNESS LOOKS LIKE:

Scarlet Fever You can get more information here: <u>Scarlet fever - NHS</u> <u>(www.nhs.uk)</u>	<p>Symptoms include sore throat, headache, fever, feeling sick and vomiting. After 12-48 hours – the red rash with pinhead spots can develop. The spots can appear on the chest and stomach and may spread across the body. The skin may feel like sandpaper. You may also see a strawberry tongue and flushed cheeks. Anyone with suspected symptoms should speak to their GP. Antibiotics are usually issued.</p> <p>Children need to stay off for 24 hours after starting antibiotics. If antibiotics are not prescribed by the GP children will need to stay away from your setting for 2-3 weeks as they may still be infectious.</p> <p>Cases who are still infectious (e.g. within first 24 hours of antibiotics or until fully recovered if antibiotics not taken) should avoid people in vulnerable groups. This includes people with chronic illness such as cancer or diabetes, who are immunocompromised, or who have had very recent influenza or chicken-pox infection. All suspected cases of scarlet fever should seek medical care, either via NHS 111 or their GP.</p>
Impetigo	<p>Impetigo is a skin infection. It will start with red sores or blisters. These will burst quickly and leave crusty, golden-brown patches.</p> <p>Anyone with signs of impetigo should speak to their GP. They should stay at home for two days (48 hours) after starting antibiotic treatment or until all lesions have crusted over / healed.</p>
Strep Throat	<p>Strep throat is an infection in the throat and tonsils caused by bacteria called group A <i>Streptococcus</i> (group A strep). It is spread by talking, coughing, or sneezing. It can only be diagnosed by swabbing the throat and running a test on the swab. Cases can attend the setting when they no longer have a fever AND have taken antibiotics for at least 24hrs.</p>

COMPLICATIONS:

In very rare situations, GAS can cause a more serious infection (Invasive Group A Strep). This is when the bacteria get into parts of the body where it is not normally found, such as the lungs or bloodstream. Children who have Flu or chickenpox at the same time as a GAS infection are more likely to develop this serious infection. However, you can reduce the spread of all infections by practicing good hand and respiratory hygiene and other standard infection control measures.





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Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

Spring term

UPCOMING EVENTS

January

HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR

Tuesday 3rd
INSET Day



Monday 23rd
National Handwriting Day



February

Tuesday 7th
Safer Internet Day

Monday 13th - Friday 17th
Half Term

Friday 17th
Random Act of
Kindness Day

Monday 20th
INSET Day

Be
Kind.

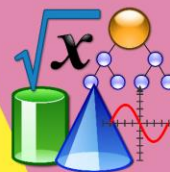


March

Thursday 2nd

WORLD
BOOK
DAY
2 MARCH 2023

Friday 10th - Sunday 19th
British Science Week



Tuesday 14th
International Day
of Mathematics

Friday 17th
Comic Relief

RED
NOSE
DAY

Tuesday 21st
World Poetry
Day



Thursday 30th
Last day of term

April

Monday 3rd - Friday 14th
Easter Holidays

Monday 17th
Children return to school

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Clubs

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



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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.

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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.

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Tennis Club due to start after Christmas for Year 3 and 4 if enough children sign up. Further details and how to book available here:

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