



Headteacher Update

Happy New Year to everyone, I hope you had a lovely festive break!

It has been so good to welcome the children back this week. We started with a whole school assembly recapping on expectations across the school, including behaviour. We have asked the children to focus on being safe, ready, respectful and engaged with their learning. The children have got some exciting learning planned for this half term and I look forward to seeing their learning journey.

There still seems to be a few bugs going around and I know some children and adults have been poorly during the break. We have not had any further cases of Strep A reported and we have stopped the daily update on this. If we do have any further cases, we will of course inform you. I can confirm that we are continuing to promote good hygiene measures across school.

Thanks for your support with the 'Drop Off Zone', it has been really helpful dropping off and going first thing in the morning, which helps keep the traffic moving, avoiding any congestion.

I have a couple of very exciting updates! We are looking to develop our ICT suite this term and making it into a Creative Media Suite with the help of the PTA and some of the funds you have kindly raised. I feel children being digitally literate and creative are key 21st century skills which they can start developing at a young age. I remember when I was at school and there was only one PC in the whole school and you had to use a tape cassette to load, it took ages and often crashed! More details of the Creative Media Suite to follow over the coming weeks. Secondly, we are continuing to promote reading, which is so important for our children, and will be sending through details of a rather exciting reading challenge next week!

Wishing you all a great weekend.

Healthy regards,

Mr Graves

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

Upcoming Events / Key Dates

We have included details of events for the Spring Term below, which we will add to during the term so please continue to check these each week.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

YR – 93.7%

Y1 – 92.9%

Y2 – 93.5%

Y3 – 93.7%

Y4 – 94.6%

Whole School 93.7%
Target



The school day begins at 08:40

Gates open at 08:30

School finishes at 15:00

Reception/Early Years Foundation Stage New Intake for September 2023

Just a reminder for any parents / carers wishing to send their child to Hillside in September 2023 (for children born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019) they will need to apply for a space by **15th January 2023**.



Applications are made via Dorset Council's website at:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/starting-school-for-the-first-time>

We are more than happy to show any prospective parents / carers that have not applied around our wonderful school. Please contact our office team if you would like to make an appointment.

Please could you pass this message on to any families you may know.

Year 4 Transfer to Middle Schools

Parents / Carers of Year 4 children should have received information from Dorset Council about their child's transfer to middle school.



Applications should be completed on-line via the local authority website at:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/starting-junior-or-middle-school>

The closing date for all applications is **15th January 2023**.

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.

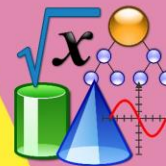


March

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

Clubs

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

After a successful first term Rippa Rugby is continuing during the Spring Term. Please use the link above to book a space.



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.

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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 Cs' 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 is starting on Monday 9th January for the first half of the Spring Term for children in Year 2, 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>

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HILLSIDE AFTER SCHOOL TENNIS CLUB



Mondays
3-4pm
School years
2,3&4
£25 / 5 weeks

Starts 9th Jan 2023
9th, 16th, 23rd Jan, 6th, 13th Feb

Book now online at:
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