



Hillside News

Friday 13th January 2023

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Headteacher Update

We haven't been very lucky with the weather this week, especially at drop off! Despite this, the children have given me a lovely welcome when I have been outside at the start of the day and are maintaining their high standards of good manners. Very impressive!

This week we discussed courage during assembly on Monday and linked it to the story of David and Goliath as well as the children sharing some of their experiences of courage. It was all very interesting.

Yesterday, we had a School Parliament meeting and I would like to share an example of kindness from one of our members. We were discussing some ideas for whole school events and the children came up with planting some fruit trees, one for each class. I was questioning the children about how this would work and how we could pay for it. One of the children then said, "Mr Graves I have some pocket money saved up at home so I could pay for them." I thought this was a very thoughtful gesture showing kindness.

Hopefully, you will have read our letter about the very exciting Reading Mission which we launched this week. There is a display in each classroom for the children to track their progress on their mission. The more children read, the better they get and this in turn helps unlock the whole curriculum, providing a firm foundation for success not only at school but in later adult life. We are looking for some more volunteers to listen to individual children read on a regular basis to improve fluency and help inspire a love of reading. You could be a parent, aunt, uncle, gran, grandad, cousin or family friend – all are welcome! We can be flexible with timings during the school day. All volunteers would need a DBS check. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact the school office initially.

More good news...we have managed to get a 3D printer on loan! I am hoping to work with some children across the school to help trial it over the next couple of weeks! I will let you know how they get on. If there are any 3D printer experts out there that would like to help, then please get in touch.

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

Please find details of events for the Spring Term below. We will add to these during the term so please continue to check each week.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

YR – 92.3%

Y1 – 93.2%

Y2 – 92.9%

Y3 – 94%

Y4 – 94.6%

Whole School 93.5%
Target



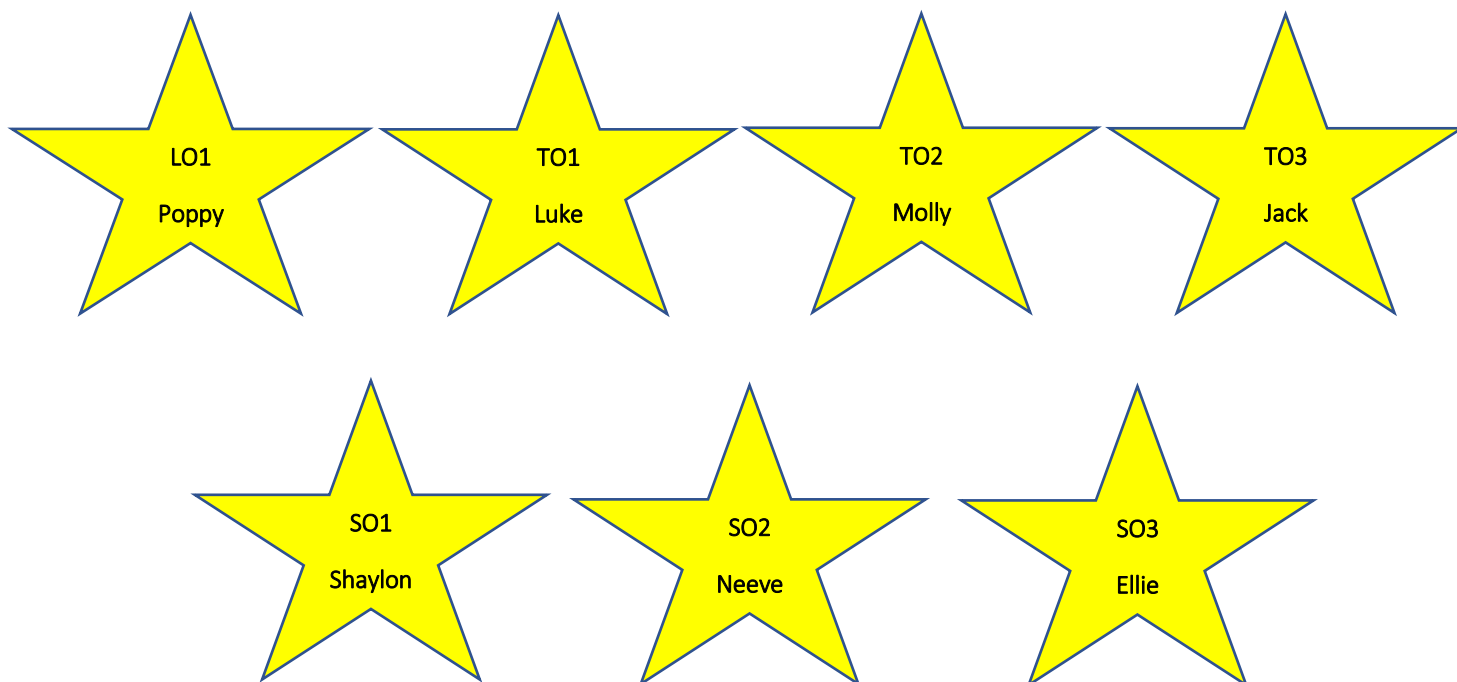
The school day begins at 08:40

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, with a new selection of biscuits!



A few photos from across the school this week. We will include some more over the next few weeks.





A final call and reminder for:

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) need to apply for a space by **15th January 2023**.



Applications are made via Dorset Council on their 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. If you need any advice or further information, please contact the school office.

Year 4 Transfer to Middle Schools

Parents / Carers of Year 4 children should have received information from the 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.

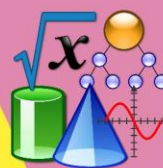


March

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

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EMMANUEL MIDDLE SCHOOL



Performance Dates

21st March 2023

22nd March 2023

23rd March 2023

7pm

Music & Lyrics by

Elton John & Tim Rice

Additional Music & Lyrics by

Lebo M, Mark Mancina, Jay Rifkin, and Hans Zimmer

Book by

Roger Allers & Irene Mecchi

Based on the Broadway production directed by

Julie Taymor

Music Adapted & Arranged and

Additional Music & Lyrics and
"Luau Hawaiian Treat" written by **Will Van Dyke**

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 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 is under way 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>

Sponsored by:



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:
www.live4tennis.co.uk/sandleheath

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