



Hillside News

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Headteacher Update

Can you believe it is February already, where does the time go?

We've had another great week in school and the children have been working hard on their phonics in Reception, finding out about different habitats in Year 1 / 2 and planning and writing stories in Year 3 / 4. It has been very impressive.

On Tuesday 7th February we will be supporting Safer Internet Day. I can't believe just how quickly technology advances. Today, nearly 70% of the World's population has access to the internet, compared to 0.4% 28 years ago! There are now so many ways our children and us as adults can access the internet. We teach the children about being safe online throughout the year but it is important to also mark Safer Internet Day. The children will be completing different activities during the day in class. Please find two links below to the Safer Internet Day website along with a video for parents and carers:

[Safer Internet Day Website](#)

[Information video for parents and carers](#)

Just a reminder that we have our celebration of achievement afternoon next Tuesday straight after school. Once your class teacher has dismissed the children, please feel free to come in and have a look around.

We will be holding our parent consultations in the second week after half term on Monday 27th February and Wednesday 1st March. Timings and booking details to follow next week.

Finally, it is the start of the Six Nations rugby tournament this weekend, so I am hoping to be cheering on England against Scotland tomorrow afternoon!

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.

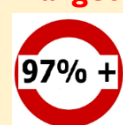
We will add to these during the term so please continue to check each week.

WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Little Owls – 97.3%
Tawny Owls 1 – 92.3%
Tawny Owls 2 – 95.2%
Tawny Owls 3 – 92.6%
Snowy Owls 1 – 97.7%
Snowy Owls 2 – 96.6%
Snowy Owls 3 – 94.3%

Whole School 95.2%

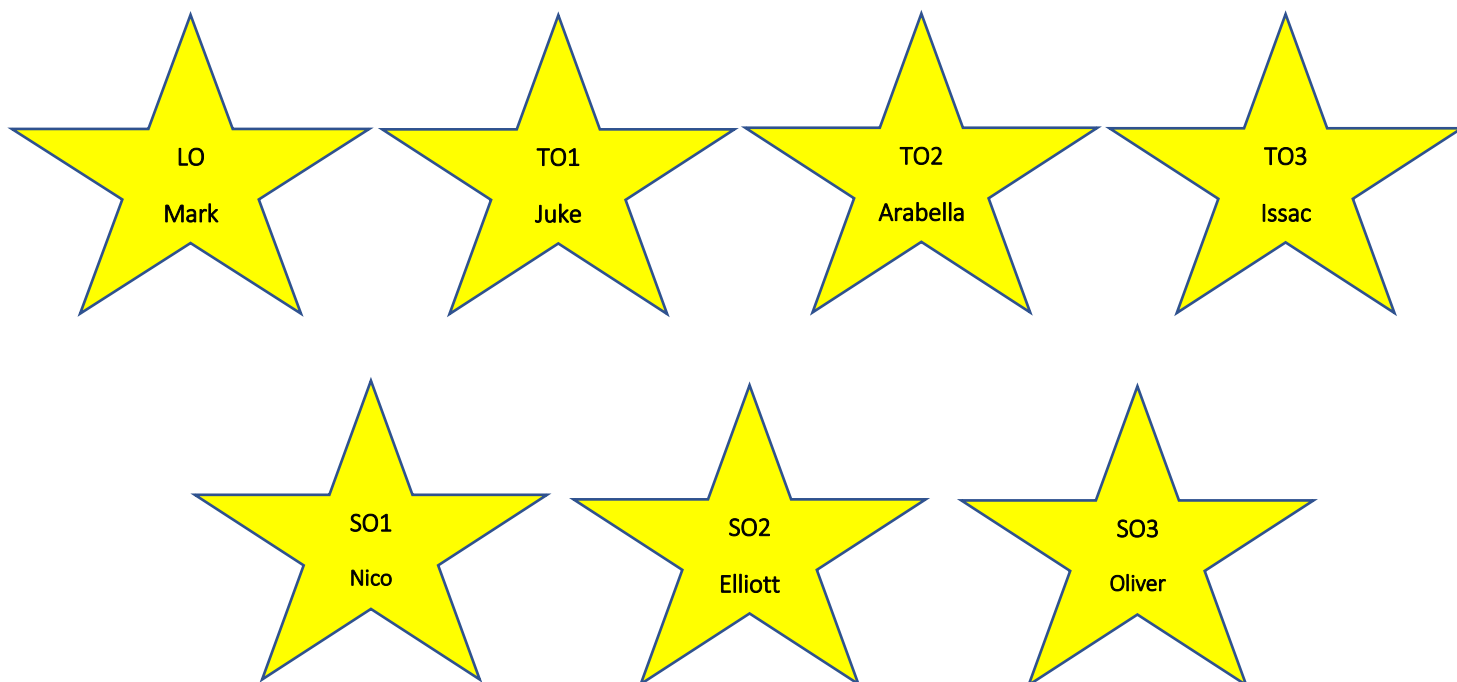
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The school day begins at 08:40
Gates open at 08:30
School finishes at 15:00

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following children for being our latest **Stars of the Week**:



Our Stars of the Week!



Eco Warriors

The Eco Warriors worked very hard tidying the Garden area yesterday and are going to continue their work when we next meet.



Hillside Pre-School & Early Learning Group



Are you looking for a Pre-School place for September 2023?

- ✓ WE ACCEPT 15 & 30 HOUR FUNDING
- ✓ TERM TIME SESSIONS, MONDAY - FRIDAY
- ✓ BREAKFAST & AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB
- ✓ NO TOP UP FEES! OUR ONLY ADDITIONAL CHARGE IS FOR A HEALTHY SNACK EACH DAY

Contact Mrs Ford to make arrangements to visit our wonderful setting.

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Spring term



UPCOMING EVENTS

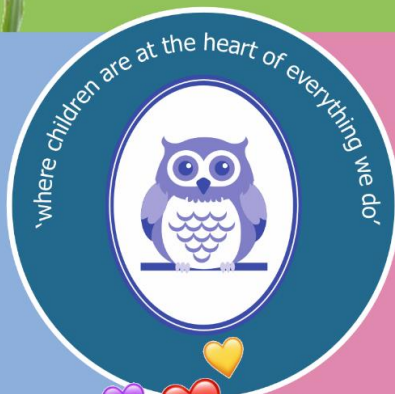
January

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Tuesday 3rd
INSET Day



Monday 23rd
National Handwriting Day



February

Tuesday 7th
Safer Internet Day

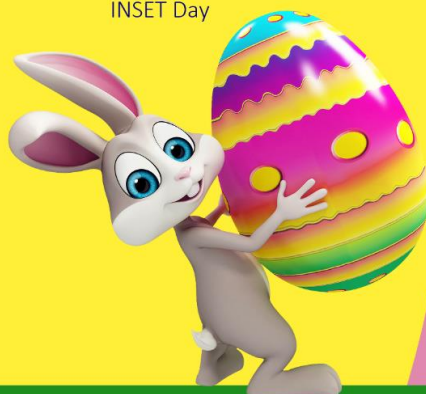
Tuesday 7th
Celebration of Achievement Afternoon

Monday 13th - Friday 17th
Half Term

Friday 17th
Random Act of Kindness Day

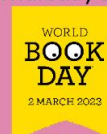
Monday 20th
INSET Day

Be Kind.



March

Thursday 2nd



Friday 3rd
Mufti (£1 donation)
School Discos

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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**Dorset Parent
Carer Forum**



**Special Educational Needs
& Disability Information
Advice and Support Service**

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU!

Drop in for parents or carers of children and young people age 0-25 years with special educational needs or disability. A place to meet other parents, ask questions and find information.



**Free
Friendly
Informal**

UPCOMING DATES:

23 FEBRUARY	12.00PM - 2.00PM	@ DORCHESTER LIBRARY DT1 1EE
2 MARCH	10.00AM - 11.30AM	@ BRIDPORT CHILDREN CENTRE DT6 5LA
10 MARCH	10.00AM - 12.00PM	@ BARRINGTON CENTRE FERNDOWN BH22 9TH
29 MARCH	9.30AM - 11.30AM	@ BREWERY TAP BLANDFORD DT11 9LS

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.

 <p>TO BOOK YOUR SPACE VISIT RIPPARUGBY.CO.UK</p>  <p>TAG, TOUCH & CONTACT RUGBY COACHING & GAMES</p> <p>ONLY £5 PER CHILD*</p> <p>DESIGNED TO DEVELOP CORE RFU VALUES OF SPORTSMANSHIP, TEAMWORK, RESPECT, DISCIPLINE AND ENJOYMENT.</p> <p>For children ages 4-13 years old.</p>  <p><small>*School subsidy may apply.</small></p> <p>TO BOOK YOUR SPACE VISIT RIPPARUGBY.CO.UK EMAIL STUART@RIPPARUGBY.CO.UK CALL STUART ON 07899 268265</p>	 <p>TO BOOK YOUR SPACE VISIT RIPPARUGBY.CO.UK</p>  <p>COACHING CONSULTANCY AVAILABLE</p> <p>WHAT IS RIPPA RUGBY? We Tap, 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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>TO BOOK YOUR SPACE VISIT RIPPARUGBY.CO.UK EMAIL STUART@RIPPARUGBY.CO.UK CALL STUART ON 07899 268265</p>
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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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