



Hillside News

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Headteacher Update

Welcome back and I hope you had a good half term break.

The children have hit the ground running on their return. We started the week with an assembly learning a little more about Shrove Tuesday as well as enjoying the story of Mr Wolf's Pancakes. It was interesting to hear about some of the children's favourite toppings on their pancakes, I felt quite boring with lemon and sugar!

We have parents evening next week on Monday and Wednesday after school which is a great opportunity for you to speak to your child's class teacher and see how they are getting on. Appointments are still available, please find link to the booking system below:

<https://hillsidefirst.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week some of our children enjoyed a Bikeability (the government's national cycle training programme) session with Nicola from Dorset Council. They learnt practical skills and how to cycle on today's roads. Please see some of the photos below (including a Chinook helicopter that flew over).

Next week is World Book Day (week) and hopefully you will have seen my letter that was sent out earlier today. We have a lot of very exciting reading activities planned for the children so it should be a very interesting and exciting week. On the subject of reading, it has been great to see so many children getting involved with our Reading Mission. Reading is one of the most important tools we can give our children and we really appreciate your support with this at home.

Watch out for details of our Move in March initiative, created by Mrs Davis, which will be promoting healthy and active lifestyles choices. Further details to follow on Tuesday next week.

Finally, congratulations to George in Tawny Owls 2! George is one of our school Eco Warriors and he took his role to another level by borrowing one of the school's litter pickers over half term and filling up bags of rubbish, most of which was recyclable. George said to me, "I had noticed a lot of rubbish on the way to Morrisons and wanted to do something about it!" Go George!

That's it for this week, have a great weekend! I am hopeful of a victory in the rugby when England take on Wales!

Healthy regards,

Mr Graves

'Where **children** are at the **heart** of **everything** we do'

Upcoming Events / Key Dates

Please find details of events for the Spring Term below.

WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Little Owls – 97.4%
Tawny Owls 1 – 94.6%
Tawny Owls 2 – 97.8%
Tawny Owls 3 – 93.5%
Snowy Owls 1 – 95.8%
Snowy Owls 2 – 98.7%
Snowy Owls 3 – 95.4%

Whole School 96.2%

Target

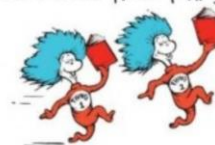


The school day begins at 08:40

Gates open at 08:30

School finishes at 15:00

The MORE
that you read,
the MORE things
you will know.
The MORE that you
Learn,
the MORE places you'll go.



We are looking forward to
World Book Day (week)!

Stars of the Week

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



Our Stars of the Week!



Car Parking and Drop off



**Blue
badge
holders
only**

During the half term holiday, we had all our disabled bays repainted. Please could I just remind you that these are only to be used by blue badge holders.

I have noticed some cars parking, stopping, and dropping off on the zig zags at the front of school and we had a near miss with a car and a child as a result this week. Please ensure you do not park, stop and/or drop off on the zig zags.

Thanks for your support with this.



Year 4 Bikeability





Eco Warrior George!



Spring term



UPCOMING EVENTS

January

HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR

Tuesday 3rd
INSET Day

Monday 23rd
National Handwriting Day

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

Monday 27th
Parent Consultations

be
kind

Thursday 30th
Last day
of term



March

Wednesday 1st
Parent Consultations



Thursday 2nd
World Book Day
Dress up as a character
from one of your favourite books

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

Wednesday 22nd
Sponsored Bounce



April

Monday 3rd - Friday 14th
Easter
Holidays



Monday 17th
Children return to school

Friday 21st
19:30-22:00



Bingo Night



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Clubs

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

Rippa Rugby is continuing during the second half of 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 running again from 17th April, but this time for Year 1 and 2. Further details and how to book available here:

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

Mon 3-4pm Hillside First (Apr-Jul 23)

Hillside first school years 1 & 2 only

11 sessions 3-4pm

Starting 17th April 2023

Rackets available

Starts 17 Apr

£50

Hillside Community First School