



#### **Headteacher Update**

This week we have had a huge focus on reading and the children have had lots of great experiences to enjoy and learn from. We've had an author visit our younger children, book swap, each class has been learning about an author and has performed a poetry recital to the rest of the school. We had a World Book Day assembly and dressed up as our favourite book character (please see some photos below), 'shelfie' photos, a whole school selfie, drone footage, books at bedtime and a teacher reading swap. It has been very busy, great fun and hopefully the children are very enthused about reading. Our visiting author was very engaging, and the children were very interested in their books. Her contacts details are below if you are interested in purchasing any of their books.

A huge thankyou to Mrs Budd for painting our Creative Media Suite over the last couple of weeks! We will now be working on getting things ready in the suite and will keep you updated on progress.

It was great to see so many of you at parent's evening this week on Monday and Wednesday where we were able to share details of your child's latest assessment. Thank you for coming into school, and I hope you prefer the face-to-face model where you can also have a good look through your child's books.

We have Red Nose Day on Friday 17th March which will be a mufti day, with a suggested donation of £1 to go to the Red Nose appeal, the annual fundraising campaign to end the cycle of child poverty and ensure a healthy future for all children. We will have red noses available to purchase in the school office. We will send further details on parentmail soon.

On the 22nd of March we have the Sponsored Bounce event for children. A huge thank you for all the sponsorship donations received to date which will go towards our Creative Media Suite.

I better go and get warmed up for the school discos this evening!

Have a great weekend!

Healthy regards,

Mr Graves

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### Friday 3rd March 2023

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## Upcoming Events / Key Dates

Please find details of events for the Spring Term below.

# WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

**Little Owls – 95.2%** 

**Tawny Owls 1 – 91.3%** 

**Tawny Owls 2 - 95.5%** 

**Tawny Owls 3 – 96.3%** 

**Snowy Owls I – 93.3%** 

**Snowy Owls 2 – 93.4%** 

**Snowy Owls 3 – 94.7%** 

Whole School 94.2%

**Target** 



The school day begins at 08:40
Gates open at 08:30

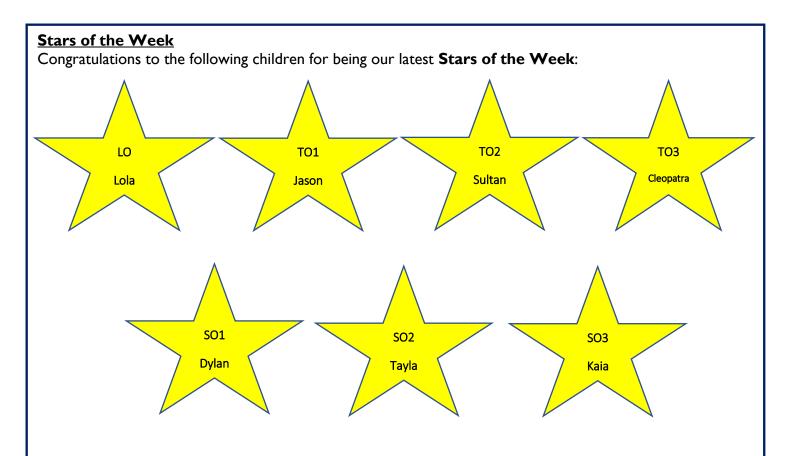
School finishes at 15:00

#### Alanna Betambeau – Bournemouth based children's author



Signed and personalised copies of Alanna's books are available to purchase directly.

abetambeaubooks@gmail.com



Our Stars of the Week!



## Reading Week











































#### Clubs

#### Rippa Rugby (Year I-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.



**Tennis Club** is running again from 17<sup>th</sup> 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

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