



# Hillside News

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

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## Headteacher Update

Well, that was a very busy and exciting week at Hillside First School!

Last Friday, some of our Year 3 / 4 children were involved with a local Tag Rugby Festival with 10 other schools. They had a coaching session in the morning and then spent the afternoon playing matches against the other schools. The matches weren't officially scored, it was all about having fun and learning more about the game of rugby. One of the coaches has since emailed me to say how impressed he was with the children from Hillside for their manners, behaviour, and the way they played.

The children involved with Rocksteady Music performed a concert to parents in the hall which was a great opportunity for the children to perform in front of an audience.

A huge thank you to the PTA for organising the Sponsored Bounce this week. The children really enjoyed taking part and a huge thank you for your contributions to date. The PTA have advised that sponsorship forms can still be sent in next week.

Move in March continues to be in full swing, and it has been great to see so many of you walking, cycling and scooting into school. The Green Trainer Award has been popular in classes this week. Thanks again to Mrs Davis for organising everything.

Mr West is having a tough job judging the winners of the maths number competition for classes and he will be sharing the results shortly. There were some very creative and impressive entries.

Finally, I had the pleasure of taking the School Parliament to visit Verwood Town Council and meet the Mayor, Cllr Simon Gibson and the Town Clerk Carrie Lloyd earlier this week. The children thoroughly enjoyed their visit and had the opportunity to ask lots of questions as well as trying on the Mayor's robes! The children were presented with a challenge where the Town Council offered to donate either trees, books, or litter pickers to the school. This required the children to debate each option and then cast their vote. The unanimous decision was litter pickers. A huge thank you to the Town Council for this donation and hosting our School Parliament!

Have a super weekend!

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.

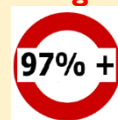
## WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

**Little Owls – 96.2%**  
**Tawny Owls 1 – 94.7%**  
**Tawny Owls 2 – 96.2%**  
**Tawny Owls 3 – 96.3%**  
**Snowy Owls 1 – 96.7%**  
**Snowy Owls 2 – 99%**  
**Snowy Owls 3 – 94%**

**Whole School 96.1%**

**Our highest yet!** ✓

**Target**



**The school day begins at 08:40**

**Gates open at 08:30**

**School finishes at 15:00**

## Celebration of Achievement Afternoon



**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March straight after school.**

### **Stars of the Week**

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



Our **Stars of the Week**!





## Photos

### Our Year 3 / 4 Tag Rugby Team



### School Parliament visit to the Town Council to meet the Mayor!





# Spring term



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## January

HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
INSET Day

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
National Handwriting Day



February

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>  
Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>  
Celebration of  
Achievement Afternoon

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - Friday 17<sup>th</sup>  
Half Term

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Friday 17<sup>th</sup>  
Random Act of  
Kindness Day

Monday 20<sup>th</sup>  
INSET day

Monday 27<sup>th</sup>  
Parent Consultations



## March

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>  
Parent Consultations



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

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Mufti (£1 donation)  
School Discos

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>  
British Science Week

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>  
International Day of Mathematics

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>  
Comic Relief

RED  
NOSE  
DAY

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>  
World Poetry Day

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Sponsored Bounce

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>  
Last day  
of term



## April

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 14<sup>th</sup>  
Easter  
Holidays



Monday 17<sup>th</sup>  
Children return to school

Friday 21<sup>st</sup>  
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 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

Hillside Community First School