

## Headteacher Update

It has been another positive week at Hillside First School. We kicked things off with school photos which we were able to do outside due to the improved weather. During assembly we learnt more about the coronation and what will happen during this historic event.

Last week we had a visit from David Withey, CEO at the Education and Skills Funding Agency (accountable for funding education and skills for children, young people, and adults) along with our Trust's Executive Board. David's Dad, Roger, used to be Headteacher at Hillside First School. We received some very positive feedback from our visitors about the children's behaviour and engagement with their learning.

On Wednesday Hillside's School Parliament went to visit the School Council at Verwood First School. This was a significant event as it is the first time, we have visited our friends at Verwood First School since before the pandemic. We were given a warm welcome with lots of smiles and there was lots of excitement from all the children. The purpose of the visit was to tour their school, learn about their values, discuss ours and then give some feedback following the school tour. It was a great experience, and we are very grateful to Verwood First School for inviting us along as well as the kind donation of plants for our outside area. We have invited Verwood First School's Council to Hillside so we can give them a tour of our school and continue the discussion we had.



I hope that all our families enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend.

Healthy regards, Mr Graves 'Where **children** are at the **heart** of **everything** we do'

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### Reading Mission

A lot of the children are moving to different planets as part of the whole school reading mission. Please continue to encourage your children to read and log in their home reading records.



## WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Little Owls - 98.9% Tawny Owls I - 89.7% Tawny Owls 2 - 98.6% Tawny Owls 3 - 98.6% Snowy Owls I - 98.7% Snowy Owls 2 - 89% Snowy Owls 3 - 93.7%

# Whole School 95.2%



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



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# One Way System Request



We have received some requests from parents and residents for parents/carers to continue along Hillside Road at drop off/pick up time in a one-way system and try not to drive back down due to the extra congestion this can cause. Please could you consider this request at drop off/pick up time.

# **Competition Time**



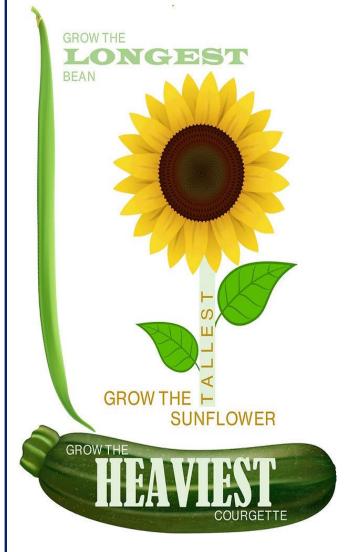
We are challenging the children to show their creative side by creating a portrait of King Charles III for Hillside First School's King Charles III portrait competition. This can take any form the children wish from coloured, black and white, as a collage, different materials etc. There are some ideas available here:



https://www.fantasticfunandlearning.com/self-portraitart-project-ideas.html

Please can entries be sent back to school by no later than **Thursday 4th May** so that they can be displayed as part of our celebration, and we can select the winner for each year group.





The Verwood Horticultural Society are running The **Great Verwood Grow Off** and would love for you to get involved. Further details about how to enter can be found here:

https://www.verwoodhorticulturalsoci ety.co.uk/the-great-verwood-grow-off

Packets of free seeds for the competition will be available at the Verwood Library this weekend.



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# Summer Term Dates

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**Friday 5<sup>th</sup>** Mufti Day in exchange for tombola donations for our Summer Fayre



**Monday 8<sup>th</sup>** King's Coronation Bank Holiday

> Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Little Owls School trip to Blashford Lakes

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> KS2 Orienteering morning

> Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Break the rules day



Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June Half Term





# June

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Inset Day



**Friday 16<sup>th</sup>** Ice-Cream Friday Our PTA will be selling ice-creams every Friday until the end of term



July

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Transfer Day

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Year 4 Residential Trip to Hooke Court



Dates to be confirmed Sports Day Year 4 Leavers Assembly

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Year 4 Leavers Party

> Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Last day of term



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# <u>Clubs</u>

# 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 and open to children in Year 1-4. Further details and how to book available here:

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

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