



Hillside News

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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'

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 1 – 89.7%
Tawny Owls 2 – 98.6%
Tawny Owls 3 – 98.6%
Snowy Owls 1 – 98.7%
Snowy Owls 2 – 89%
Snowy Owls 3 – 93.7%

Whole School 95.2%

Target



The school day begins at
08:40

Gates open at 08:30
School finishes at 15:00

Friday 5th May
14:00 – 15:00

The King's
CORONATION



Picnic!

We hope you can join us.
It is also a Mufti day where the children can wear red, white and blue.

Stars of the Week

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



Our **Stars of the Week** enjoying Hot Chocolate Friday!



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-portrait-art-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 GREAT VERWOOD GROW OFF

GROW THE
LONGEST
BEAN



TALLEST

GROW THE
SUNFLOWER

GROW THE

HEAVIEST

COURGETTE



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.verwoodhorticulturalsociety.co.uk/the-great-verwood-grow-off>

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



Hillside First School Summer Fayre Friday 9th June

WE NEED YOUR HELP

**Can you
help with any
of the following
for our Summer Fayre?**

1. Raffle prize donations.
2. Would your work or business be able to sponsor a stall or a game?
3. Do you or your friends or family live on a main road in the village?
Would you be happy to advertise our Summer Fayre on an estate agent sign in your front garden?

**If you can help support our Summer Fayre, please contact
Tracy from our PTA or the school office.**



Thank you for your continued support.

Summer term



May

Monday 1st
May Day Bank Holiday

Friday 5th
Mufti Day in exchange for tombola
donations for our Summer Fayre



Wear red, white and blue for
the King's Coronation.

Monday 8th
King's Coronation Bank Holiday

Friday 12th
Little Owls School trip
to Blashford Lakes

Tuesday 23rd
KS2 Orienteering morning

Friday 26th
Break the rules day



**Monday 29th May
to Friday 2nd June**
Half Term



June

Monday 5th
Inset Day



Friday 9th
17:00-19:30
Summer Fayre



Friday 16th
Ice-Cream Friday
Our PTA will be selling ice-creams
every Friday until the end of term

UPCOMING EVENTS



July

Friday 7th
Transfer Day

Monday 10th - Wednesday 12th
Year 4 Residential Trip
to Hooke Court



Dates to be confirmed
Sports Day
Year 4 Leavers Assembly

Wednesday 19th
Year 4 Leavers Party

Friday 21st
Last day of term



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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 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>



Log In

HOME ABOUT TERM TIME COACHING HOLIDAY TENNIS More

This course has started, but you can book the remaining sessions.

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

Hillside first school years 1 - 4 only
11 sessions 3-4pm
Starting 17th April 2023
Rackets available

Started 17 Apr	£50	Hillside Community First School
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Available spots

BOOK NOW

Upcoming Sessions
Dates: 17 Apr 2023 - 17 Jul 2023
Total of 10 sessions