

Hillside News

Hillside First School

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the heart of
everything we do



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**DATES TO
REMEMBER**



Parent Consultations
Monday, Tuesday (Snowy
Owls 1) and Wednesday.
*Some appointments still
available*

Half Term

INSET Day
Monday 30th October

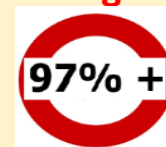
Children Return
Tuesday 31st October

WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Little Owls 1	95%
Little Owls 2	91%
Tawny Owls 1	98%
Tawny Owls 2	95%
Tawny Owls 3	98%
Snowy Owls 1	95%
Snowy Owls 2	96%
Snowy Owls 3	92%

Whole School 95%

Target



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

Headteacher Update 13th October 2023

What an incredible week it has been at school! From Little Owls moulding adorable clay hedgehogs to Year 3 and 4 students constructing impressive Roman aqueducts, the creativity and learning have been in full swing.

Our Harvest Festival was a great success, with the enchanting tale of the Little Red Hen captivating the children's interests. Each year group contributed a song and engaged in a thoughtful discussion about the true meaning of harvest.

On Monday, some of our Year 4 students excelled at the Playground Leaders event at Ferndown Leisure Centre and earned well-deserved Bronze Ambassador status! They joined forces with 16 other schools and will now take on the role of mentors for Year 3 and 4 students interested in becoming Play Leaders, extending their support to the entire school during playtime activities. Please see the photos below.

On Tuesday, in honour of World Mental Health Day, we came together to acknowledge and support the importance of mental well-being. Both our children and staff wore yellow to show a symbol of unity and positivity. The day unfolded with a whole-school assembly, followed by activities and discussions in each class. This allowed our children to reflect on their emotions, to understand that it's okay to feel a range of emotions, and to learn how to take care of their mental health, just as they would their physical well-being. World Mental Health Day serves as a reminder that tending to our hearts and minds is as crucial as caring for our bodies.

Thank you to everyone that was able to attend our Celebration of Achievement afternoon. We were very impressed with all the children's hard work! Please see some of the photos below.

As we approach parent consultations next week, it's a great opportunity to speak with your child's teacher and gain insights into their progress in their new year group or as they start on their educational journey in Reception. We still have a few families who haven't yet scheduled an appointment, so please do so if you can.

I hope you've had a chance to read the Parentmail that was sent home this week about our new Forest School / Outside Adventures after-school club. We're also testing this out with our Year 3 and 4 children on Thursday afternoons. I've always valued the potential for children to learn outside of the classroom, and with our amazing outdoor space, this is an initiative I'm eager to further develop. Our aim is to provide opportunities for all students to partake in this program at various points throughout the academic year.

Now it's time to groove to some new dance moves at the school discos! A huge thank you once again to our phenomenal PTA for arranging this event for the children.

Wishing you a fantastic weekend ahead.

Healthy regards,

Mr Graves



Thank you again for all the harvest donations. These were delivered to the Trussell Trust at the United Reform Church today.



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



Hot chocolate time!

Play Leaders



Year 4 Girls Football Training

Our first Year 4 Girls Football session proved popular.

The plan by the end of the academic year is to give all year groups the opportunity to be involved.



World Mental Health Day



Sumdog Maths Contest Year 1 - 4



South West England Sumdog Maths Contest

We are excited for our children to take part in the South West England Sumdog contest, starting this Friday at 8am and running until Thursday the 19th at 8pm.

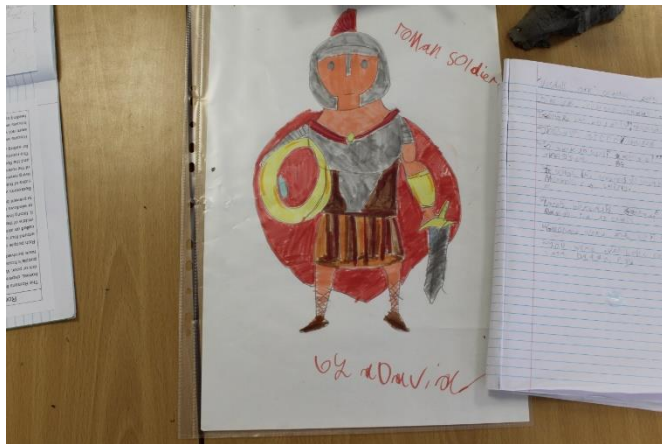
Children and classes can compete against other schools to see who can answer the most questions correctly.

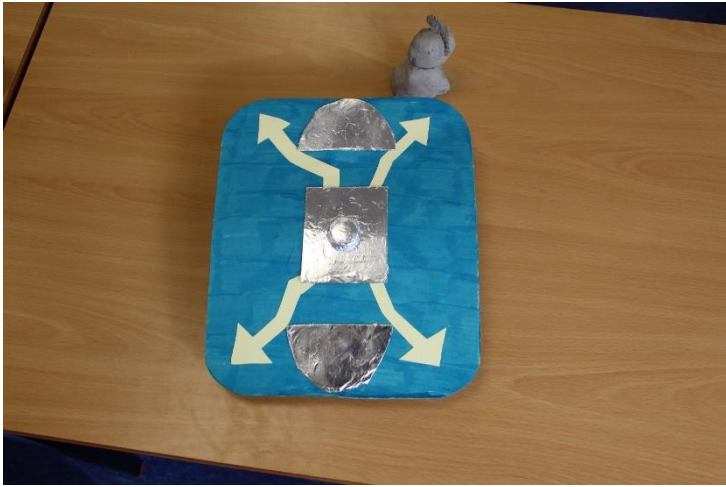
Teachers will be rewarding children who take part with 'coins' they can use to buy decorations for their Sumdog house.

Children from Hillside have topped the leader boards before so we look forward to seeing how they do this time!

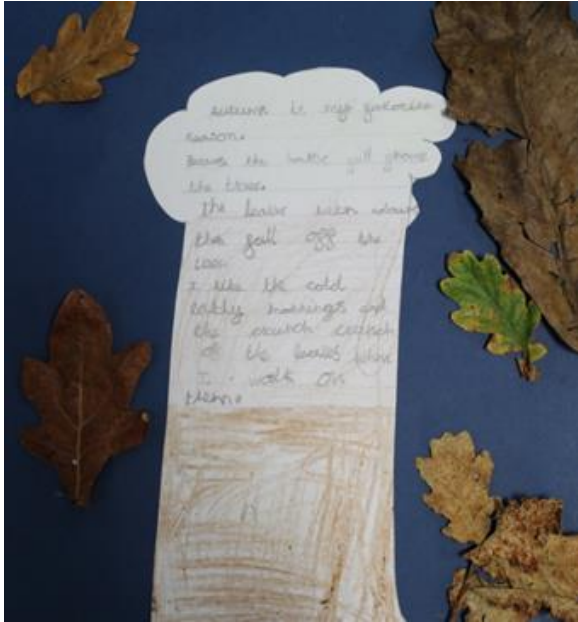
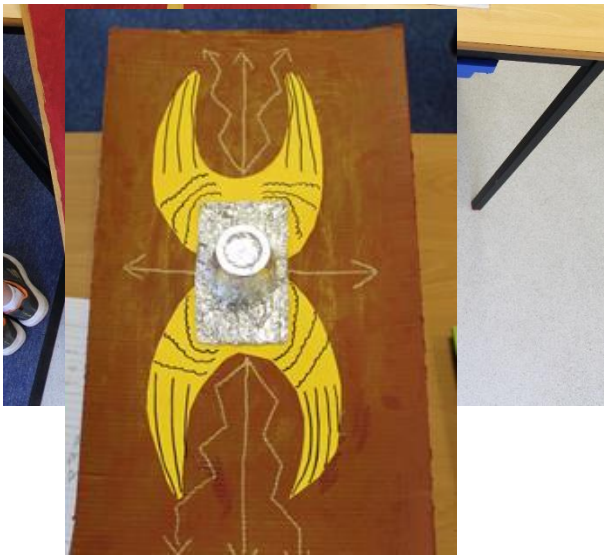
Mr West. Maths Leader

Celebration of Achievement Afternoon











Please make a note of these upcoming events in your diary

Autumn term

UPCOMING EVENTS

September

Friday 1st

Inset Day

Monday 4th

Inset Day

Monday 18th

Individual & Sibling Photographs

Wednesday 27th

New Parents Open Morning
09:30 - 11:30

Thursday 28th

KS2 classes - Solar Farm Visit

October

Tuesday 3rd

New Parents Open Morning
09:30 - 11:30

Monday 9th

Harvest Assembly

Tuesday 10th

World Mental Health Day

Friday 13th

PTA Event - School Disco

Monday 16th

Parent Consultations

Wednesday 18th

Parent Consultations

Thursday 19th

Year 3 / 4 trip to Fishbourne

Friday 20th

PTA Event - Craft Friday

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th

Half Term

Monday 30th

Inset Day



November

Monday 6th

Remembrance Assembly

Wednesday 8th

New Parents Open Evening
17:00 - 19:00

Monday 13th

New Parents Open Morning
09:30 - 11:30

Tuesday 14th

Friendship Week Assembly

Thursday 16th

Flu Immunisation

Friday 17th

Children in Need

Friday 17th

Reception, Year 1 and 2 Movie Night

Thursday 23rd

PTA Event

Mufti day in exchange for tombola
prizes for the Christmas Fayre

Friday 24th

Year 3 and 4 Movie Night

December

Thursday 7th

& Friday 8th

PTA Christmas Shop



Friday 8

Christmas Fayre

Friday 8th

Christmas Jumper Day

Children can wear a
Christmas jumper along
with non-school uniform

Monday 11th

Christmas Performances

Tuesday 12th

Christmas Performances

Wednesday 13th

Christmas Performances

Thursday 14th

Christmas Party

FREE Mufti day

Children invited to
wear party clothes

Thursday 14th

Last day

of term



After School Clubs

DORSET CREATIVE DANCE HILLSIDE FIRST SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL DANCE CLUB



Fun and creative dance classes for children attending Hillside First School
Password for booking: Hillside2023!

Booking opening soon through our website!

Monday 3pm - 4pm Reception, Years 1 & 2
Monday 4pm - 5pm Years 3 & 4

e: info@dorsetcreativedance.co.uk t: 07759 949 478
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Hillside First School are pleased to offer the following clubs:

Monday

15:00-16:00 – Computer Explorers (Year 3-4)
15:00-16:00 – Creative Dance (Year R-2)
16:00-17:00 – Creative Dance (Year 3-4)

Tuesday

08:00-08:30 – Sports & Fitness Breakfast Club
12:00-12:30 – Sports & Fitness Lunch Club
15:00-15:50 – After School Football Club

Thursday

15:00-16:00 – Rugby (Year R-4)
15:00-16:00 – Forest School (Year 1-4).
Starting after half term.

Friday

Lessons in school – Rocksteady
15:00-16:00 – Computer Explorers (Year 1-2)
15:00-16:00 – Dodgeball (awaiting booking details from BRS). Starting after half term.

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Poole Forest School After School Club at Hillside
Thursday 2nd November- Thursday 7th December
Tools, shelter building, bushcraft, natural crafts, campfire, cooking and much more. Ofsted registered for ages 5-11. Accept childcare vouchers.
est. 2019

FOREST SCHOOL POOLE

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CODING | GAME DESIGN | ANIMATION

AFTER SCHOOL TECH CLUB Computer Xplorers



15:00-16:00
MONDAY Y3-4
FRIDAY Y1-2

£8 per session
10% OFF for siblings

CLICK OR TAP HERE TO BOOK NOW

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