

Hillside News



DATES TO REMEMBER



Friday 8th December
Christmas Jumper Day
Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 12th December
Celebration of Achievement
Afternoon
15:00 – 16:00 straight after school

Thursday 14th December
Christmas Party Day

Headteacher Update 24th November 2023

I hope you have all had a super week! I am delighted to share some highlights from our recent school activities and provide details of a couple of the exciting events lined up in the coming weeks.

Special Assembly with Dog's Trust

On Monday, we were honoured to host Dog's Trust for a special assembly. Their engaging sessions with our Year 1-4 children were both insightful and impactful. The programme focuses primarily on two key themes: Responsible Dog Ownership and Safe Behaviour Around Dogs. Their goal is to reach a range of audiences in order to influence and motivate changes in human behaviour so that we see an improvement in overall dog welfare.

Christmas Preparations

As we approach the festive season and with only 14 school days left there is a buzz around school as preparations start for the Christmas performances. It's heart-warming to witness the children enthusiastically rehearsing their Christmas songs. Be prepared for a delightful treat!

Christmas Story Writing Competition

We would love your child to participate in our Christmas story writing competition. Prizes await winners in each year group, and the entries will be shared with Bournemouth Hospital. Additionally, selected children will have the opportunity to visit Verwood Care Home and share their stories with residents.

Acknowledgments and Appreciations

A heartfelt thank you to Mr. Pearson for assembling the shed in our Reception playground. Your efforts are genuinely appreciated. We've also been fortunate to receive generous donations from The Rotary Club, Harold G Walker Solicitors, and Verwood Care Home. These contributions have enabled us to acquire valuable items for the children, including night wildlife cameras, tree rope ladders, tree balance beams, books, and gardening gloves. Once these arrive they will be shared and used by our children.

Upcoming Events

We have a series of exciting events lined up before the term concludes. Our Maths Information Event, led by Mr. West, will provide insights into our teaching methods and offer ideas for supporting your child at home. Additionally, please mark your calendars for our half-termly Celebration of Achievement afternoon on Tuesday, 12th December along with all the other festive events!

Have a great weekend.

Healthy regards,
Mr Graves

WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Little Owls 1	95%
Little Owls 2	80%
Tawny Owls 1	98%
Tawny Owls 2	96%
Tawny Owls 3	94%
Snowy Owls 1	94%
Snowy Owls 2	91%
Snowy Owls 3	98%

Whole School 94%

Target



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

Maths Information Event

Wednesday 6th December

Year R and 1: 15:45 – 16:45

Year 2-4: 17:00 – 18:00

Please come along with your child and see how we teach maths at school.



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



Hot chocolate time!



Today we gathered to bid farewell to someone who has been an integral part of our school family for the past eight years. Mrs Harman is leaving us today.

As many of you know, Mrs Harman has been the heart and soul of our classrooms.

Over the years, Mrs Harman has become the go-to person for everything, from wiping away tears to extra phonics practice – truly a superhero in disguise. Our children have not only learned to read, write, and count but have also discovered the power of kindness, curiosity, and a well-timed joke.

But today, as we celebrate the laughter and learning that Mrs Harman has brought into our school, we also bid farewell as she embarks on an exciting new journey. Mrs Harman will be leaving us to pursue a career as a Speech and Language Therapist, helping even more young minds find their voices.

While we are sad to see her go, we are incredibly proud of Mrs Harman's decision to pursue her passion further. We know she will continue to make a huge impact on the lives of others, just as she has done here.

So, Mrs Harman, as you step into this new chapter of your life, remember that you take with you the love and admiration of every child you've nurtured, every colleague you've inspired and worked with.

Let's give a warm round of applause to the fantastic teaching assistant turned Speech and Language Therapist! May your journey be filled with as much laughter and joy as you've brought to our school.

Thank you, Mrs Harman.



Christmas Story Writing Competition

Write a story with a
Christmas theme.



Enter your story by
Friday 8th December.

If you would like to submit your entry electronically, then please e-mail
office@hillsidefirstschool.org

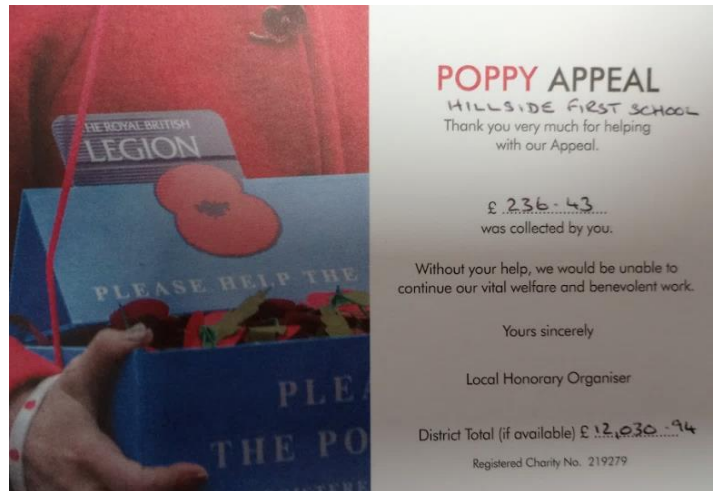
**There are lots of prizes on offer!
There will be winners from each year group as well
as an overall winner, which will be chosen by our
School Librarians.**



**Winning entries will be sent to
Bournemouth Hospital.**

Poppy Appeal £236.43 raised!

We have received the following thank you postcard from the Poppy Appeal. They advised that this was a phenomenal amount, thank you for your support!



Dogs Trust Assembly



Our new shed (thankyou Mr Pearson!)





A HUGE thank you to **Smart Home Technical Limited:**

<https://www.smarthometechnical.net/>

They have kindly donated a TV which will be the 1st prize in our raffle.

We really appreciated your support and this generous donation.



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(emergency 07930 852903)

The works on our perimeter fencing has now been completed and we are very pleased with the finished product.





No running club this Tuesday

Mr Graves is visiting another school in the Trust on Tuesday so will not be able to hold a running club on Tuesday unfortunately.

Running club will be back again on Tuesday 5th December.



Christmas at Hillside

Hillside First School
Christmas Fayre
All Welcome

8th December 5pm to 7.30pm

With lots to do including
Songs Storytelling
Life Crafts
Mrs. Claus Baking
Games Tombolas
Cake sale
Food and Drink
Stalls
and lots more



Christmas Shop
Thursday 7th December
Friday 8th December

Buy Christmas gifts for parents,
carers, grandparents at £2.50 each.
Limited to 2 per child. Available to
purchase in the shop on Parentmail



Christmas Party
Thursday 14th December
FREE MUFTI
Children can wear
their Christmas
party outfits



**Christmas
Holidays**

Last day of term:
Thursday 14th December

Children return to school on:
Wednesday 3rd January 2024



Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 8th December



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

Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 13th December



Book your festive
lunch with
Chartwells by
Sunday 26th
November

**Christmas
Performances**

Our Christmas performances will be held
on the following dates in December:

Monday 11th December
09:15 - Year 3/4 Christmas Concert
13:45 - Year 1/2 Nativity & Carols

Tuesday 12th December
09:15 - Year 1/2 Nativity & Carols
13:45 - Little Owls Nativity

Wednesday 13th December
09:15 - Little Owls Nativity
13:45 - Year 3/4 Christmas Concert

Tickets are £1 per person and limited to 2
per family due to the capacity of the hall.
Tickets will go on sale on
ParentMail during November.



Spring term



UPCOMING EVENTS

January

HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR

Tuesday 2nd
INSET Day

Tuesday 23rd
National Handwriting Day



February

Friday 2nd
NSPCC Number Day



Monday 5th
Parent Consultations

Tuesday 6th
Safer Internet Day



Wednesday 7th
Parent Consultations

Monday 12th - Friday 16th
Half Term

Monday 19th
INSET day

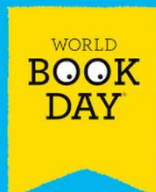
Friday 23rd
PTA Event - School Disco



March

Week Commencing
Monday 4th
World Book Day
week of celebrations

Thursday 7th
World Book Day
Dress up as a character
from one of your favourite books



Friday 15th
Comic Relief



Friday 15th
Sponsored Bounce

Friday 22nd
PTA Event - Craft Friday

Thursday 28th
Inset Day



April



Friday 29th March to
Friday 12th April
Easter
Holidays

Monday 15th
Children return to school

Friday 19th
PTA Event
break the rules day



Monday 22nd
Class and Year 4
leavers photographs



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

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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

- 07:55-08:20 – Running club
- 08:00-08:30 – Sports & Fitness Breakfast Club
- 12:00-12:30 – Sports & Fitness Lunch Club
- 15:00-16:00 – After School Football Club

Thursday

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

Friday

- Lessons in school – Rocksteady
- 15:00-16:00 – Computer Explorers (Year 1-2)
- 15:00-16:00 – Dodgeball

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

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 POOLE

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AFTER SCHOOL TECH CLUB
 Computer Explorers

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

£8 per session
 10% OFF for siblings

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 Department for Education