

Hillside News

Hillside First School

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the heart of
everything we do



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DATES TO
REMEMBER



Friday 24th November
Year 3 and 4 Movie Night

Friday 8th December
Christmas Jumper Day
Christmas Fayre

Thursday 14th December
Christmas Party Day

Headteacher Update 17th November 2023

This week has been dedicated to Friendship (Anti-Bullying) Week, during which our children engaged in various activities designed to understand the importance of this theme. To kick off the week, we participated in National Odd Socks Day, setting the tone for our commitment to positive relationships. A whole-school assembly on Tuesday provided a platform for discussing bullying, what it looks like, and the collective responsibility we share in addressing it.

Across different year groups, our children have been immersed in a range of learning experiences. In Reception, children explored story sequencing stories while making the most of our outdoor spaces. Year 1 children wrote wanted posters for Mr Wolf. Year 2 continued their focus on traditional tales, reimagining the story of the Three Little Pigs with a delightful twist - considering the possibility that Mr Wolf in fact had a cold during his infamous visit! The children then wrote an apology letter on behalf of Mr Wolf! Meanwhile, in Years 3 and 4, the focus shifted to multiplication in maths and an exploration of the water cycle in Geography and Science, expanding their knowledge.

Today, our school joined the Children in Need initiative, with children proudly donning spots and contributing towards this charitable cause.

We're thrilled to announce the newly elected members of our School Parliament, who had their first meeting this week. Please see the photos below to meet our members of the school parliament.

Look out for Mr West's letter this week, inviting you to our upcoming Maths Information Event. We extend a warm welcome for you and your child to attend, providing insight into our maths teaching methods and some hands-on examples.

As I drove home after school yesterday, the twinkling Christmas lights caught my eye, signalling the onset of the festive season. Excitement is building within our school community as we eagerly anticipate the range of enjoyable Christmas activities planned for our children. This is a truly magical time for them to savour.

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend.

Healthy regards,

Mr Graves

WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Little Owls 1	93%
Little Owls 2	79%
Tawny Owls 1	96%
Tawny Owls 2	90%
Tawny Owls 3	95%
Snowy Owls 1	98%
Snowy Owls 2	95%
Snowy Owls 3	95%

Whole School 93%

Target



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

Children in Need



We managed to raise
£150.

Thank you for your
support and
donations.

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



Hot chocolate time!



			
Lucius Little Owls 1	Tommy Little Owls 1	Sophia Little Owls 2	Thomas Little Owls 2
			
Mark Tawny Owls 1	Emelia Tawny Owls 1	Indiana Tawny Owls 2	Brigitte Tawny Owls 2
			
Jessica Tawny Owls 3	Willow Tawny Owls 3	Jack Snowy Owls 1	Sienna Snowy Owls 1 Deputy Prime Minister
			
Jack Snowy Owls 2	Olivia Snowy Owls 2 Prime Minister	Jasper Snowy Owls 3 Chairperson	Millie Snowy Owls 3

Our School Parliament 2023-24



We picked our School Parliament members by voting, and each class has two Members of Parliament (MPs). We followed the important British Values of Democracy and Liberty to make sure it was fair and everyone had a say.

These values are like rules that help us be kind and listen to each other.

It was important to choose friends that will speak up for what's good for all of us.



Daisy the Dog of **DEMOCRACY**
Our opinions matter in school.



Larry the Lobster of **LIBERTY**
We are free to make choices.

Around the World Reading Challenge

We are very impressed with the enthusiasm and perseverance of the children, and their families, taking part in the **Around the World Reading challenge**.

Well done to all the children who have reached the **USA** and received their postcards.

We have several children who have also reached **Brazil**.

Kenya is just around the corner!

Congratulations to **Tawny Owls 2**, who are in the lead with 83% of the class in the **USA** and 21% in **Brazil**.

If you start reading 3-5 times a week you will still be on track to reach your target by the end of the year.

Mrs Pain, English Lead



To _____

Congratulations, you have reached The United States of America, on the continent of North America.
Capital city: Washington D.C. (District of Columbia)
Currency: US Dollar
Most common language: English (American)
Famous Landmark: Statue of Liberty in New York
Highest Mountain: Mount Denali in Alaska 6,190 m
Longest River: Missouri River 3,767 Km



Christmas at Hillside

Hillside First School
Christmas Fayre
All Welcome

8th December 5pm to 7.30pm

With lots to go including
Santa 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

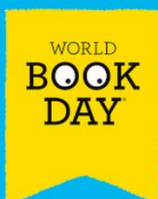
Friday 23rd
PTA Event - School Disco



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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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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FOREST SCHOOL POOLE

BOOK ONLINE
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marina@pooleforestschool.com

CODING | GAME DESIGN | ANIMATION

AFTER SCHOOL TECH CLUB

Computer Explorers

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

£8 per session
10% OFF for siblings

CLICK OR TAP HERE TO BOOK NOW

HILLSIDE FIRST SCHOOL

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
15:00-15:50 – 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

Running Club on Tuesday mornings before school

Please feel free to turn up whenever convenient if you are interested.

07:55: Meet at the school to drop off bags, etc.
08:00: Begin our run along the roads near the school, eventually leading to the heath.
08:25: Return to school, collect belongings, and head to class.

Each child must be accompanied by an adult who will run alongside them and take sole responsibility for their child throughout the session.

Hopefully, see you on Tuesday.

