

# Hillside News

DATES TO  
REMEMBER



**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January**  
INSET day

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**  
Children return to school

*We wish you a Merry Christmas*

## Headteacher Update 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023

It is astonishing to find myself composing the final newsletter of this term, a period that has seemingly flown by in a whirlwind of activities and accomplishments. As I reflect on the past few months, I am immensely proud of the boundless enthusiasm for learning and life exhibited by all our remarkable children.

I extend a heartfelt thank you to each of you for your unwavering support throughout this term. It is through our collaborative partnership that we can achieve the best possible outcomes for our children, fostering an environment where they can thrive.

The success of the Christmas Fayre last Friday reminds us of the strength of our community. Your support, both in presence and contribution, played a pivotal role in raising over **£2,500** - an extraordinary feat. A special acknowledgment goes to our dedicated PTA for their tireless efforts before, during, and after the event. This substantial sum will be reinvested in our school, directly benefiting the growth and development of our children.

The festive spirit has truly taken over our school this week, with a range of Christmas-themed activities and events. Our talented children, have left us in awe as they confidently stood before a full school hall, showcasing their singing, reading, joke-telling, and acting skills. It's a gentle reminder of the incredible capabilities in our children, that are only aged between 4-9 years old. If you haven't already, I encourage you to enjoy our heart-warming Christmas children and staff video, designed to bring a dose of holiday cheer. You can view it [here](#).

Celebrating creativity, our Christmas story winners recently visited The Royal Bournemouth Hospital's stroke unit and Verwood Care Home, sharing their imaginative tales with patients and residents. The details of these heart-warming visits are provided below.

A sincere thank you to those who attended the Celebration of Achievement event on Tuesday. It was a fantastic opportunity for our children to showcase their home learning endeavours, offering you a glimpse into the wonderful work they've accomplished in the classroom.

A resounding congratulations to Mrs. Drummond for successfully completing her two-year Early Career Teaching induction qualification with flying colours.

As we approach the Christmas period, we know it is a time of generosity, a time for offering precious moments to friends and family, extending thoughts to those that cannot be with us, providing a helping hand to others, and sharing the joy through gifts and donations.

On behalf of all the children and staff we would like to wish you a warm and Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

Healthy regards,

Mr. Graves

## WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Little Owls 1	98%
Little Owls 2	83%
Tawny Owls 1	97%
Tawny Owls 2	96%
Tawny Owls 3	91%
Snowy Owls 1	95%
Snowy Owls 2	97%
Snowy Owls 3	94%

**Whole School 94%**

**Target**



**Gates open at 08:30**

**Gates close at 08:40**

**The school day begins  
at 08:40**

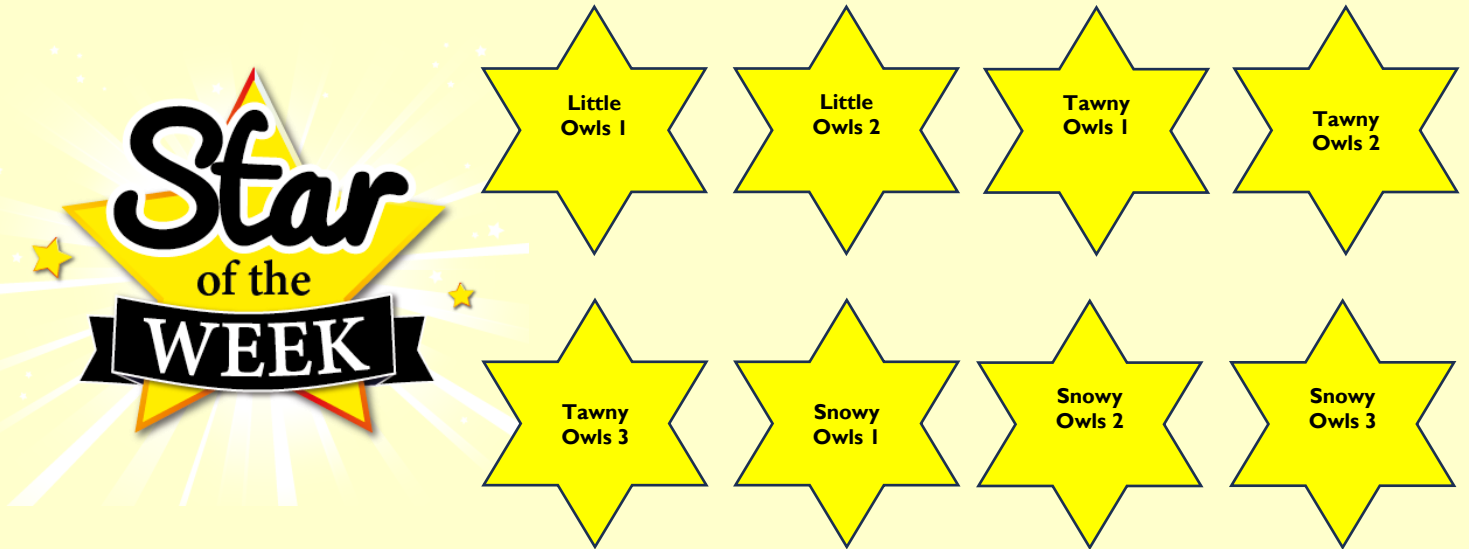
**School finishes at 15:00**

## Found all alone at the end of the Christmas Fayre!

Mr Graves is currently  
looking after them, but if it  
belongs to you please let  
him know.



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



*No Star of the week this week due to Christmas performances.*

This Tuesday, the winners of our Christmas story writing competition had the special opportunity to visit The Royal Bournemouth Hospital, where they shared their winning stories with some of the patients. Today, they also visited Verwood Care Home to read their stories to residents and staff.



Thank you to all the children that entered, here are the winning entries by year group, as chosen by our Librarians:

Year R: Rosie  
Year 1: Oscar  
Year 2: Molly  
Year 3: Elsie  
Year 4: Olivia

All children that entered, have received a certificate and the winning entries also received a £10 voucher.

### **Well done Ella!**

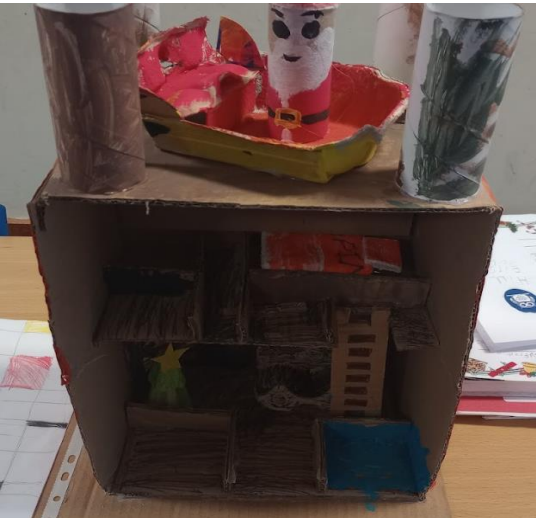
Ella has cut off 38cm (nearly 15 inches) of hair to donate to the Little Princess Trust, who provide real hair wigs for children who have lost their hair.

This is the second time Ella has done this, the first time was when she had just turned 4 - we are so proud of her!





**Celebration of Achievement Afternoon**





# *Thank you*

**to all of our sponsors who donated  
raffle prizes for our Christmas Fayre.**

**A very big thank you to all of our parents and carers  
for your support and kind donations.**

Al Trullo  
Albion  
Amy Alice  
Ancient Technology Centre  
Andrews Butchers  
Anne McAleer  
Beauty with Vicki  
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Emma Heatherington  
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Heidi Taylor Wellness  
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Julie Robertson Parson  
Lisa's Pilates

Moors Valley  
Orchard Bakery  
Pantomime society  
Peacocks  
Quality Assured Care  
Ringwood Leisure Centre  
Sacha Louise Photography  
Smart Home Technical  
Sparks Salon  
Spire Technology  
Street Light Skate Park  
Sunshine & Daisy  
Swans  
Tank Museum  
Thread &Treads  
Tina Herridge  
Vortex Home Improvements  
Wilton House  
Youghoria



**Wishing you a Merry Christmas  
from everyone at Hillside First School**



# Spring term



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## January

HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
INSET Day

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
National Handwriting Day



## February

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
NSPCC Number Day

Monday 5<sup>th</sup>  
Parent Consultations



Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>  
Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>  
Parent Consultations



Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - Friday 16<sup>th</sup>  
Half Term

Monday 19<sup>th</sup>  
INSET day

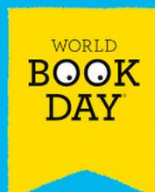
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
PTA Event - School Disco



## March

Week Commencing  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup>  
World Book Day  
week of celebrations

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



Friday 15<sup>th</sup>  
Comic Relief



Friday 15<sup>th</sup>  
Sponsored Bounce

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
PTA Event - Craft Friday



Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>  
Inset Day

## April



Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March to  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April  
Easter  
Holidays

Monday 15<sup>th</sup>  
Children return to school

Friday 19<sup>th</sup>  
PTA Event  
break the rules day



Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Class and Year 4  
leavers photographs



# After School Clubs

**DORSET CREATIVE DANCE**

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AFTER SCHOOL DANCE CLUB

Fun and creative dance classes for children attending Hillside First School.  
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Booking opening soon through our website!

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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 11th January - Thursday 21st March

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  
<https://forms.gle/VRb1265DTXSsvk8y5>  
[www.pooleforestschool.com](http://www.pooleforestschool.com)  
[marina@pooleforestschool.com](mailto:marina@pooleforestschool.com)

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

HILLSIDE FIRST SCHOOL

Department for Education

## 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.

