

Hillside News

DATES TO
REMEMBER



Monday 5th February

Wednesday 7th February

Parent Consultations

Further details to follow

Hillside First School

where
children
are at
the heart of
everything we do



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Headteacher Update 12th January 2024

This week during our assembly, we delved into the fascinating world of emojis! A highlight was the inspiring story of Teddy Cottle, aged 10 that felt the glasses emoji wasn't a fair representation of glasses wearers. He decided to start a petition and sent it to Apple asking them to change it from 'nerd emoji' to 'genius emoji'. We then discussed that anyone can submit a request for a new emoji but it should represent our diverse world and be inclusive. The children enthusiastically shared their creative ideas for designing new emojis, showcasing their imaginative spirit.

On a different note, the sight of snowfall added a touch of magic to our week, and it seems the cold weather is here to stay. Please continue to ensure that the children come prepared with warm coats, hats, and gloves.

This week, I had the privilege of observing teaching and learning across various classes. I am thoroughly impressed with the children's' exemplary attitudes toward learning. This week we have been focusing on the technique and use of 'show me' boards, where children articulate their ideas on mini whiteboards, providing teachers with instant feedback on the class's understanding of the task.

Your ongoing support for our whole school Reading Challenge is greatly appreciated. We've been delighted to send more postcards home this week for North America, South America and Africa! Our next destination? Australia!

Wishing you a fantastic weekend ahead.

Healthy regards,

Mr. Graves

WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Little Owls 1	93%
Little Owls 2	94%
Tawny Owls 1	100%
Tawny Owls 2	100%
Tawny Owls 3	95%
Snowy Owls 1	98%
Snowy Owls 2	96%
Snowy Owls 3	97%

Whole School 97%

Target



Gates open at 08:30

Gates close at 08:40

The school day begins
at 08:40

School finishes at 15:00

Our 3 school rules:



Ready



Respect



Engagement

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



Attendance

This week marked the launch of a national communications campaign, '**Moments Matter, Attendance Counts**' by the government, directed at underlining the significance of moments and the impact of attendance on children's overall wellbeing and happiness. The campaign serves as a crucial reminder for parents and carers, emphasising that attendance matters not only for academic reasons but also for the broader, holistic benefits it brings to children. In alignment with this initiative, schools have been tasked with helping share this important message to ensure that everyone is aware of the collective effort in nurturing the well-rounded development of our children.

“THIS MORNING, HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT SCHOOL... BUT LOOK AT HIM NOW!”

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

 **HM Government**

Head to the Education Hub to find out more.



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

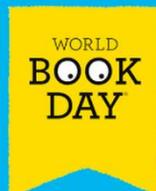
Friday 23rd
PTA Event - School Disco



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

Wednesday

- 15:00 – 16:00 – Creative Club

Thursday

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

Friday

- Lessons in school – Rocksteady

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
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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

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.

