



# Filleigh Primary School's Monthly News

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## A Message from the Head of School

Another exciting month at Filleigh School!

Thank you so much to those families who have supported us with our memorial visit, Visioning Afternoon, garden clear-up and much more. As we head into the month of December, we look forward to the special Christmas events that bring our community together and put smiles on everyone's faces.

Here's to a wonderful end of term!

Mrs Eggleton.



## Dates for your Diary

Whole school making Christingles with Mrs Evans – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Non School Uniform Day – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Performance Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December - 2.30pm	Christmas Performance Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December - 5.30pm
Christmas lunch & Christmas jumper Day – Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 Cinema Trip – Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of Term Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	First day of Spring Term – Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2024

## What's been happening this month?



### Exciting visitors:

**Pastor David Kay:**

He very kindly presented the children with special edition King's Coronation bibles. Pastor Kaye was even able to show us the Queen's Coronation bible he received 70 years ago at just 6 years old!



### **Claire Barker:**

She came into Filleigh to hold an assembly about her books and her journey to becoming an author. It was amazing to hear how long it takes to complete a book; from start to finish it takes around 3 years!

She talked about her books Knitbone Pepper and explained where her characters come from. She shared how Danny The Champion of the World inspired her to become an author and created her love of reading. Everyone else shared their favourite books and it was lovely to hear the variety of books we read at Filleigh School.



"I liked how she showed us all the books she had written and how she told us about her books that you could listen to" Martha-Mae, Stags Class.

Claire also continues to come in every Tuesday to listen to children read which is an invaluable task and the children really like spending time with her looking through books.

### **Memorial Visit:**

At the start of the month, we took our older pupils to the war memorial at St Paul's Church for two minutes of silence. The pupils were so respectful of the importance of Remembrance Day and produce fantastic poetry and letters to read together.

We also spent time looking at a war grave in the churchyard, which was beautifully decorated with a coat of arms.

The pupils were able to take so much away from the event and we were really proud of how well they conducted themselves.





## **Children in Need:**

Thank you for the kind donations towards our cake sale last Friday – there were some delicious cakes donated and the children thoroughly enjoyed eating them! With the donations for the non-school uniform day and cake sale we raised a massive £120 for Children in need!!!

## **Visioning Afternoon:**

Thanks so much to all those parents who were able to come along and support our Visioning Afternoon this month. It provided us with lots of information that we can take forward into our curriculum design and development.

It also provided the pupils with an opportunity to articulate their own thoughts and ideas about their learning and they were so proud to design and lead their own stations around the school. Many of you commented on how thoughtful and polite the children were, so thank you for making us proud, Filleigh School. A special thank you to the PTA for providing refreshments for the event.



## **Notice Board**

### **Breakfast Club**

If you haven't already done so and you would like to book your child into breakfast club, please e-mail [admin@filleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@filleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk).

Breakfast club is open to pre-school children up to year 6.

You must book in advance so we ensure we have enough members of staff to comply with the ratios.

## Parental conduct:

We have recently had it brought to our attention that some of the conversations amongst parents on school grounds are involving increasing examples of inappropriate language, i.e., swearing. We ask that you please be mindful of the nature of a school environment when chatting to others to ensure pupils feel comfortable and safe.

## Reporting Absence:

When your child is absent from school you MUST contact the school to inform us that your child will be absent, the reason for their absence and their expected return date to school. If you do not inform us by 9.30am it is our duty of care to start calling the next of kin and work through the contacts list. Please ensure you report your child absent by phoning, e-mailing or the quickest and easiest way is on the ParentMail app.

If you wish to request time off for you child you need to complete an absence request form and return it to Mrs Smith:

[Filleigh Primary School - Key Documents \(filleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk\)](https://filleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk)

## Illnesses

As we are reaching the cough and cold season, we would ask you please to look at this link before you make a decision as to whether to bring your child to school or keep them at home. Sometimes it is really difficult to make that decision so this NHS guidance will help you with a variety of illnesses you child may have.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

## DoJo

DoJo is the platform we use to keep you updated daily of what your child has been doing in their classes. As well as separate class pages there is a whole school news fed where we share important information about things like what they need to bring into school, what to wear on different days and what events are coming up.

96% of the parents / carers are connected to DoJo – for those of you who aren't, we will send home the log on details to enable you to connect to DoJo.

For children in Foxes class, we are aware you use Tapestry, however DoJo is extremely useful to have alongside this as this is where we share vital school information as mentioned above.

## STAGS:

Stags have been working hard to get their heads around fractions this month. They have created their own fraction walls and used this to find equivalent fractions and simplify.

Our next step is to look at using the four operations (multiplication, division, subtraction and addition) using fractions, too. We know Stags are ready for the challenge because of the resilience they have already shown. Well done, Stags!

In English, Stags have been writing persuasive letters to local councillors asking them to make vital changes in order to reduce climate change. Pupils have worked really hard to make effective word choices and show awareness of the reader to produce powerful and convincing arguments. Brilliant!





In History, we have been learning about the Ancient Egyptians. This seems to be a specialist subject for some of our Stags, who have lots of interesting facts to bring to our learning. We have focussed on the importance of tomb paintings and carvings in helping us to know what life was like in Ancient Egyptian civilisations. Stags have also created their own "carvings" to depict life nowadays and have used hieroglyphics to describe scenes and images. Great work Stags!



Mrs Eggleton & Mrs Palmer

## **BUZZARDS:**

What an exciting month! Everyone has worked super hard this month, even earning a whole class star of the week. Buzzards have impressed me with their representation of the school, resilience and independence. They should all be so proud of themselves.

In maths, we have finished addition and subtraction to move onto multiplication and division. We have had the BBC Supermovers help us practise our times tables.



In science we have moved onto classification. We have been looking at the similarities and differences between different animals. We have even created our own classification keys!





I was so impressed with everyone on the visioning afternoon. Everyone should be proud of their confidence and impendence during the event. Everyone was able to explain and discuss the different school values. Well Done!



I am excited for all the fun Christmas activities we have to come. We have earnt our Dojo points for a movie afternoon, hopefully they earn enough for a party bag as well!

**Miss Powe & Mrs Kent-Smith**

## **BUTTERFLIES:**

In butterflies we have been using part-whole models to add and subtract numbers. Also, we have been extending our mathematical vocabulary by inventing our own number stories. In year 2 we have been consolidating our number bonds to help us calculate three digits. We enjoyed using the Forest School area to consolidate our number bonds to 10.



In PE we have been developing our hand-eye coordination, balance, throwing and catching. Also, we have combined a set of actions to create a short dance routine.

In DT we have looked at a healthy eating and discussed what a healthy balanced diet looks like.

We have continued to learn about the different celebrations from around the world, for example Diwali and bonfire night.



We enjoyed reading the story of Beegu this month and it helped us develop our inference skills. Beegu is an alien and her spaceship crash-landed on Earth in the middle of nowhere. The illustrations gave us many opportunities to find out so much information about how Beegu was feeling throughout the story.

For Remembrance Day, we made a handprint poppy wreath and we took this to the church for our two-minute silence.

Miss Skelley & Miss Barrable



## **FOXES & FOXCUBS:**

Thank you Foxes for another lovely few weeks. We have been so impressed with your enthusiasm to learn, your growing friendships and patience; especially as we rehearse our Christmas play!



In Pre-School we have continued to support our children to develop their vocabulary and communication - such valuable skills. We do this through playing lots of games, through our phonics sessions - learning to listen very carefully but also by joining in their chats as they play.



Reception children have been developing their understanding of numbers, learning to subitise (just 'see' a small group of objects without counting) as well as adding some of these groups together to make bigger numbers. We have also explored shapes and used our positional language to navigate our robot 'Leila' around the classroom!

We have explored several celebrations: Diwali - creating some beautiful rangoli patterns and clay divas. Remembrance Day - producing some thoughtful discussions as well as creating some stunning art work; and



recognising the importance of Baptism in the Christian faith.

Have a lovely weekend  
Mrs Phillips, Mrs Rogers & Miss Scoins

