



Filleigh Primary School's Monthly News

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Friday 15th December 2023

A Message from the Head of School

What a month! It has been packed full of Christmas spirit and the children have made memories which will last them for years to come. It has been a special time to be part of the Filleigh School Community, and yet again I have been blown away by the support for the children of our school. I wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas and look forward to welcoming excited, well-rested faces back in the new year.

Merry Christmas!
Mrs Eggleton.



Dates for your Diary

Bee Netball tournament – selected Stags; 18 th January 2024	Exmoor Zoo trip – KS1; 23 rd January 2024	Football Match – selected Stags; 25 th January 2024	Tree Planting Trip – selected KS2; 29 th January 2024
Indoor Athletics competition – selected KS2; 1 st February 2024	Parents evening - whole school; week commencing 5 th Feb'24		

What's been happening this month?

Exciting visitors:

We would like to thank Wendy Evans for coming into school to help the children make their Christingles, they all look amazing!





Poppy Appeal:

Thank you for supporting this year's poppy appeal.

The Childrens champions loved selling the poppies to the children. With you support Filleigh School have raised a massive £90.20!

Christmas Performance:

What a great performance of Santa's Lost his Hat KS1 gave us, they performed so well we are really proud of them.

The children in KS2 performed their Christmas songs beautifully and we would like to thank all of the parents / carers, grandparents and friends of

Filleigh school who came along to show their support – there wasn't an empty set in the house!!



Christmas Lunch with a Ho! Ho! Ho!

What a fantastic day we had for our Filleigh Christmas Dinner Day! A huge thank you to Sian who did an amazing job feeding all of us the best Christmas dinner yet!



We had a very special visitor in the afternoon who came through the carpark on a horse to deliver gifts to all the children.....



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.

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.

PTA:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful PTA for all their time and dedication - they really have gone above and beyond this month. From Christmas Fayres and Bingo, to support with our performances and Christmas Dinner, they have been there to support the children of Filleigh Primary every step of the way. Thank you so much!



KS2 After school Club:

KS2 after school club on a Tuesday after school will be Tag Rugby. This club is free and open to all children in Stags and Buzzards. This club MUST be booked through Achieve4All by clicking on this link:

[Filleigh - KS2 - Tag Rugby Club - Spring Term \(1st Half\) - Filleigh - KS2 - Tag Rugby Club - Spring Term \(1st Half\) | Achieve4All](#)

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. As you can imagine this is quite a time-consuming job.

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 \(filleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk\)](#)

ParentMail:

Please ensure all of your outstanding debts are cleared on ParentMail for school lunches, breakfast club and pre-school fees.

Merry Christmas and a Big thank you from the PTA

The PTA would like to thank all parents, guardians and family members for supporting us throughout 2023. We also wanted to let you know what your contributions this year have gone towards for the children and the school.

In 2023 with your donations we were able to:

- Pay for 80% of the buses for the Paignton Zoo trip
- Pay for the bus for KS2 to go to Exeter cathedral
- 2 x new cameras for the school
- Pay for the bus and snacks for the KS2 visit to the cinema
- Easter eggs delivered by the easter bunny
- The Christmas presents delivered by Father Christmas
- Leavers hoodies
- Leavers end of term party
- School discos, with sweets
- Rosettes for sports day
- Christmas Hats and candy cane for each child
- African drummer for music
- Kings coronation coins
- Forest school equipment

Plus many more

Thank you for your continued support

From All of the PTA



September 2024:

Does your child or someone you now start primary school in September 2024, now is the time to apply:



An idyllic environment for children to learn, discover and explore

Filleigh Pre-school is part of Filleigh Primary school which is a part of the wonderful Devon Moors Federation. Where learning begins...a high-quality childcare setting to build a safe & happy foundation for all children.

Why Filleigh Pre-school?

- A content combined foundation unit.
- Warm & friendly atmosphere with supportive & caring staff.
- Spacious learning class along with fantastic outdoor spaces.
- Curriculum based learning activities to suit all individuals.
- Healthy snacks provided.
- We work along with parents to develop growth & to develop learning.
- Adds to the life of village community, promoting equality & diversity.

We offer full & half day sessions that cater to parents and child's needs. 15 and 30-hour government funding spaces available.

Visits are welcome, to arrange a visit or for more information please contact us: admin@filleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk or 01598 760295

Was your child born between
**1st September 2019 and
31st August 2020?**

How to Apply for a Primary School Place in Devon

You can apply online at
www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline
from 15th November 2023 to the 15th January 2024

If you cannot access the school admissions website you can get more information by calling our Education Helpline on
0345 155 1019
or email: admissions@devon.gov.uk



Even if you have already given details to a primary school, you must apply for a place through the Admissions Team. This is the only way to apply; other forms or lists held by schools will not count.

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Snacks:

Please be aware that pupils in Butterflies and Foxes class receive free fruit and vegetable snacks as part of a government funded scheme. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer this to key stage 2 pupils. Buzzards and Stags are welcome to bring in their own snacks for breaktime, however, we ask that you please ensure these snacks are of the fruit or vegetable variety. An increasing number of children are not bringing in their water bottles. Please ensure your child has their water bottle daily.

STAGS:

Stags Class have been working exceptionally hard to finish their maths fractions unit this month. They have managed to fit in all their learning around a jam-packed Christmas schedule and we are really proud of how well they have applied themselves.

Stags have been using the McDonalds Christmas advert as inspiration for their list poems in Writing and have produced some beautiful, thoughtful pieces about their "inner child." As children get older, they are at risk of losing the "magic of Christmas" and this writing unit has really helped Stags class remember what is really important at this time of year.

Well done to Martha and Anneliese who performed in front of the whole class, it was really lovely to hear.

Stags Class enjoyed their trip to Barnstaple Cinema this week and were a credit to the school. Members of the public commented on how sensible they were on the public bus and they showed real patience whilst waiting at the bus station. We are very proud of you!

Mrs Eggleton & Mrs Palmer



BUZZARDS:

What an amazing term! We have been so busy this term with all our trips, events and learning. Everyone impressed me on the Farmwise trip, visioning afternoon and the performance. We really enjoyed the cinema trip; it definitely got us more ready for Christmas. Keep up the hard work in 2024.



In English, we wrote a diary entry about Kevin the Carrots journey home. Everyone worked super hard on ensuring their sentences were punctuated correctly and the challenged themselves to use interesting vocabulary.

In maths, we will continue with multiplication and division. Year 4 have now learnt all their times tables; we just need to continue practicing. Remember, they still have access to TTRS and EdShed over Christmas if they would like to practice any of their learning.

To celebrate Christmas, we made Christmas Light Cards. We hope you enjoy them. Everyone showed resilience when making their cards.



Buzzards won a Christmas movie afternoon through earning all their dojos! We had a really lovely time and it was a great way to end the year.

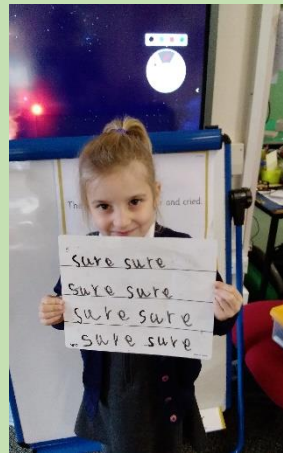
I hope everyone has a lovely Christmas and we will see you in the new year!

Miss Powe & Mrs Kent-Smith



BUTTERFLIES:

What a busy and great month in Butterflies class!
In Maths we have been looking at addition and subtraction and in English we have been developing our comprehension and reading skills.



In phonics and English, we are using the 'grow the code' chart to help us decide the right spellings and been practicing the tricky words.

Butterflies have been sharing fiction and non-fiction books and discussing their favourites.
The children enjoyed their forest school sessions with Mrs Kent-Smith and PE with Miss Powe.

We have been learning about how Christmas is celebrated around the world. We learnt that the Poinsettia is the flower of Mexico and Hanukkah is a Jewish holiday that lasts for eight nights.

In music Mrs Buckley taught the class some Christmas songs with British Sign Language actions.

All of Butterflies were amazing in their Christmas performance! They worked so hard and we are all proud of them!



Butterflies made Pom-Pom wreath decorations, Christmas hats for their special lunch on Wednesday and decorated the classroom with paper chains

Tommy brought in his football trophy. Well done, Tommy!

Reading

Please ensure your child brings their **reading packs** (reading book and home learning book) in **every day** so we can change their books at the end of each week. We will give out their new reading book after the Christmas break.



Have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Miss Barrable

FOXES & FOXCUBS:

December has certainly been busy!
The fantastic effort put in by all our children, both in
their academic learning, play and during our Christmas
play rehearsals should be commended.



We have been impressed by their resilience and developing
confidence in learning to read, their understanding of number
and shape, as well as their enthusiasm to share their
knowledge with each other.



Mrs Phillips, Mrs
Rogers & Miss
Scoins

