



# Filleigh Primary School's Monthly News

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**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024**

## A Message from the Head of School:

Well February has been short but we have managed to squeeze a lot in... with tree planting, more Forest Fridays and an athletics competition to name a few! We also enjoyed welcoming parents into the school for consultation meetings, where it is always lovely to share with you how your children are progressing. We look forward to another exciting month as we lead up to Easter. Have a happy and safe weekend.

Mrs Eggleton.



## Dates for your Diary

29 <sup>th</sup> February – 3/4 & 5/6 football match @Witheridge; selected KS2 children	7 <sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day; whole school	7 <sup>th</sup> March – Football tournament @ SMCC; selected Stags	8 <sup>th</sup> March – NHS measurements; Reception & Year 6
11 <sup>th</sup> March – Football match @ Bishops Nympton; selected Stags	12 <sup>th</sup> March – Fire Prevention assembly; whole school	19 <sup>th</sup> March – Football match @ SMCP; selected Buzzards	20 <sup>th</sup> March – Oral Health; Whole School assembly, KS2 disclosure tablets
25 <sup>th</sup> March – Easter Service @ Filleigh Church; whole school and families	27 <sup>th</sup> March – NHS Oral health check; selected Reception & Year 1 children	28 <sup>th</sup> March – Special Visitor; whole School 	28 <sup>th</sup> March – Last Day of Spring Term; whole school
16 <sup>th</sup> April – First Day of Summer Term; whole school	17 <sup>th</sup> April – Class photo's; whole school	18 <sup>th</sup> April – Year 5 boys football tournament @ SMCC	25 <sup>th</sup> April – Recycling Workshops; whole school

## What's been happening this month?

### Exciting Trips:

Thank you to those children who entered this year's environmental prize. We had some fantastic entries and the winners had a great trip to Yeo Valley Woodlands to plant some trees. They all received a certificate with a What 3 Words description of exactly where they planted their tree so they can visit it in years to come!





## **Sporting Events:**

We had the opportunity to take all of the year 6's to an athletics competition this month. This was held at South Molton Community College, it was a great event where all the children took part in a variety of different events such as running, jumping and throwing. They all did a super job and we are incredibly proud to say they came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall so well-done Year 6's.



We took some children to South Molton Community Primary School to play in a friendly Basketball match.

For some of these children it was the first time they have played in a sporting team and they did incredibly well. All of them showed great resilience and we are super, super proud of them.



## Notice Board

### PTA:

Here at Filleigh School we have a wonderful PTA who contribute so much to the school which we are very thankful for.

In March they are hosting 2 wonderful events.

The Mother's Day sale is a popular event where the children can buy something for their loved ones.

The Easter Bingo which is always a great event. We would like to encourage as many people as possible to attend so round up for friends and family and join us for a lovely evening where there are lots of prizes to be won!

### **Dates for the diary:**

Date	Time	Event	Who	Where
6 <sup>th</sup> March	2pm	Mothers day sale	Whole school	Class room 2
15 <sup>th</sup> March	All day	Non-school uniform (with colour prize for raffle)	Whole school	Whole school
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	6pm	Easter bingo	School and Public event	Filleigh Village Hall
28 <sup>th</sup> March	1:30pm (ish)	Easter Bunny school visit	Whole school	Whole School

#### Support provided to the school for 2023-2024:

- Father Christmas attended school with little gifts
- 2 new cameras
- Some of the PTA members helped to clear the garden/quiet area
- Halloween disco
- New high visibility jackets for teachers
- Cash donation towards year 6 surfing trip
- New footballs for play time
- Supporting school trips with volunteers

Class colours for Non-uniform day
- Pre-School/Reception - Green
- Year 1 - Orange
- Year 2 - Pink
- Year 3 - Yellow
- Year 4 - Red
- Year 5 - Purple
- Year 6 - Blue



## **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.

## **KS2 After school Club:**

KS2 after school club on a Tuesday after school will be **TENNIS & MULTI-SKILLS CLUB.**

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 - Tennis and Multi-sport club - KS2 - Spring Term \(2nd Half\) - Filleigh - Tennis and Multi-sport club - KS2 - Spring Term \(2nd Half\) | 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 \(filleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk\)](#)





## 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](mailto:admin@filleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk) or 01598 760295

## 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:**

In Stags Class this month, we finished writing our own examples of Animalium and have moved into looking at Wallace and Gromit's Cracking Contraptions – we have particularly enjoyed watching the clips and laughing along to the crazy ideas they have.

In Maths, Year 5 have finished working on fractions, decimals and percentages and Year 6 have been working on Ratio. Some children have been working in groups with Mrs Palmer to build their confidence in long multiplication and this has been a great success.

In Science, we completed our work on Separating Materials and carried out numerous experiments to find the best way to sieve, filter and hand separate a range of mixtures – sand and water, ping pong ball and water. Stags love getting stuck in and predicting the most efficient ways.

Topic saw us finish the Stone Age to the Iron Age and the class wrote 'mini essays' in response to the question "How did life change from the Stone Age to the Iron Age?". I've added some examples of work to show off their amazing knowledge. On Class Dojo there is an optional homework menu of different, fun activities children can complete if they fancy a creative challenge.



In RE, we looked at and finished learning about Islam and the class created some wonderful leaflets to show off their learning. Our websites will include different pages by the end of today and we can talk about different places in our town in French! 'Simon says', or should I say 'Jaques a dit' is a game that we have enjoyed playing to learn different directions.



We look forward to seeing what March has to bring!

**Miss Newcombe & Mrs Palmer**

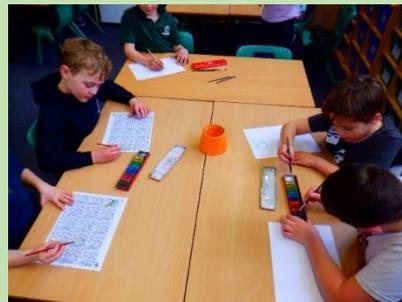


# BUZZARDS:

What a great month! It started in such a positive way with the whole of Buzzards class winning the community award. We then had our Forest Friday, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.



In English, we wrote autobiographies about David Attenborough. Everyone worked really hard on this and used the features we see in biographies. The children could be creative when they published their work. They all took so much pride and care in their publishing it was lovely to see. Keep up the hard work!



Times table club started this week and it was great fun. It is lovely to see Buzzards enthusiastic about their learning.



Miss Powe & Mrs Kent-Smith



## **BUTTERFLIES:**

Following on from our trip to the zoo last month, we have been learning about the classification of animals and food chains. Butterflies Class were able to create their own food chains, using arrows to show the passing of energy from producer, to prey, to predator.

In Maths, year 1 have been looking at numbers to 50, using resources to make the tens and ones in two-digit numbers. Year 2 have been looking at some of their times tables, finding "pairs" in their 2 times table. We have also learnt about odd and even numbers and how to spot them.

In English, we have been learning about "How to Hide a Lion at School." In the story, the lion hides on a school trip and we will be using our Exmoor Zoo trip as inspiration for our writing. Butterflies Class have been fantastic at remembering their actions in our story map and have produced their best writing yet!

In Gymnastics, we have been building up to doing handstands by practicing key shapes at different heights. Butterflies Class have really enjoyed spending their PE sessions in the hall with different apparatus and have made great progress.



Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Eggleton & Mrs Palmer



## FOXES & FOXCUBS:

The children in Foxes class have enjoyed exploring different kinds of forces, pushing and pulling toys, investigating which objects are magnetic as well as making some fantastic pictures by blowing the paint around the paper.



In maths this week they have learnt about length and height, using the correct vocabulary to compare how far they could walk on stilts and sorting objects, including themselves, by height.



Continuing their exploration of churches, the reception children made some beautiful stained-glass windows. We now need some sunshine to show them to their full effect!



Before half term the children loved learning about Chinese New Year, especially trying to use chopsticks as well as making great dragon pictures and lanterns. Drawing club is as popular as ever.



The children continue to amaze us with the new words that they are learning and their wonderful imagination as to what the characters get up to....did you know chickens can use a trampoline and like to live in tree houses?! 😊

Mrs Phillips, Mrs Rogers & Miss Scoins

