



# Filleigh Primary School's Monthly News

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## A Message from the Head of School:

February has flown by at Filleigh School and it has been lovely to see the sun starting to make an appearance. Thank you to those members of our community who have helped to provide a wide range of experiences for our children - from non-school uniform days and football coaching sessions to craft fair support and special, tasty menus. We are looking forward to an exciting March!

Mrs Eggleton 😊



## Dates for your Diary

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| 6 <sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day; Whole School     | 10 <sup>th</sup> March – Science Week; whole School      | 21 <sup>st</sup> March – Comic Relief; Whole School   | 26 <sup>th</sup> March – Class Photo's; whole school |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> March – Stags school trip               | 28 <sup>th</sup> March – Butterflies & Foxes school trip | 31 <sup>st</sup> March – Easter Service; whole school | 12 <sup>th</sup> May – SATS week; Year 6             |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May – Sports Day; Whole School |  |   |  |

- **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day.** *The children will spend the day sharing their favourite books, accessing live lessons with exciting authors and getting crafty with reading related activities. To mark the occasion, children are also welcome to attend school in fancy dress. We will not require a donation for this and have attached a link to "low-cost fancy dress" ideas that you may find useful:*

[World-Book-Day-2025-low-cost-dressing-up-pack.pdf](#)

You have all recently had a letter from us explaining the importance of good school attendance.

Please be aware that as a Devon County Council Maintained Primary School, we have to report all absences of 10 or more consecutive sessions (a full school day is 2 sessions [am and pm]) and **you may be issued with a fine from the Local Authority.**

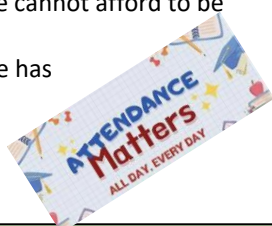
This fine is not issued by the school itself. Holidays in term time cannot be authorised

and you will be informed of this if you make a holiday request.

Overall, our school attendance is good, but we cannot afford to be complacent

about this and the effect that poor attendance has on children's progress.

Thank you for your support.



## Village Hall Car Park

**A gentle reminder that we are extremely lucky to have use of the village hall car park at the beginning and end of the school day as it ensures our children can come onto site safely. Please ensure that it is being used in a way that promotes the wellbeing and safety of our entire community, with appropriate behaviour, language and safety remaining at the forefronts of our minds. Many thanks.**

## What's been happening this month?

### Football Match's

Some of our Year 4 & 5 (plus one last minute year 3 stand in!!) children took part in a league football match against Witheridge school. Unfortunately we came away with a loss but the score line would have been even bigger if it wasn't

for Mr Super Star goalie Alfie who was incredible ★

Big thanks to Mr Butler for coaching the team throughout the game 😊

I received a message from the referee, who was also a member of teaching staff at Witheridge:

*"I just wanted to let you guys know how amazing the Filleigh team were in that match. They never let their heads go down, they were always smiling, they were communicating well with each other and above all supporting each other as teammates and friends. Great sportsperson was shown throughout, what great children you have!"*



On the back of the Witheridge game South Molton Community Primary asked us to pay a friendly match against them. This was a brilliant game with a 3-0-win to our team! Everyone played incredibly well with Charlie scoring a hattrick which was made possible by the assistance from his team mates. We had a great defence in Caleb and Jack too! The other team picked a player of the match and awarded them with a medal and this was Alfie for all his amazing saves!

### Exeter City Community Trust:

We have been lucky enough to have Adam from Exeter City Community trust run a 5-week programme on health and well-being for Stags class.

They have been learning about the importance of hydration and nutrition as well as spending time outside taking part in a range of sporting activities.





## Non-School Uniform Day:

Well done to all the children for celebrating valentine's day with all of their brightly coloured red and pink clothes, thank you for your kind donations which will go towards the second phase of the trim trail.



*Our Article of the month is:*

### **Article 28**

You have the right to a **good quality education.**

You should be **encouraged to go to school** to the highest level you can.



This month the children have been learning about their right to a good quality education

Try and have a discussion at home with your child about what they understand about their right – how would they describe a good quality education?

Try using a mixture of words and pictures with your child.

## **Notice Board**

### **Breakfast Club**

If 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 will be included for children arriving before **8.20am**. The Club is based in the small room next to Buzzards and activities and games will be provided. The main gates at the top of the school will be open to allow access to the club only from **7.50am**. If you arrive after **8.40am** you will not be able to join breakfast club as the children are taken to their classes at that time.

The price is **£2.50 per session**, including breakfast for those arriving early, **and is payable on the ParentMail system**.

- Parents will need to book places for their children to attend the club in advance by e-mailing Mrs Smith.

- If you have booked a place and do not turn up **you will be charged** – cases of illness will be considered on an individual basis.
- If your child is unwell that morning and cannot make Breakfast Club, please could you ring or text the school mobile on 07833 648724 to let them know.
- If you want to bring your child to breakfast club on that morning **you must call the school mobile** on 07833 648724 to ask if there is space.

### **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 \(filleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk\)](http://filleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk)

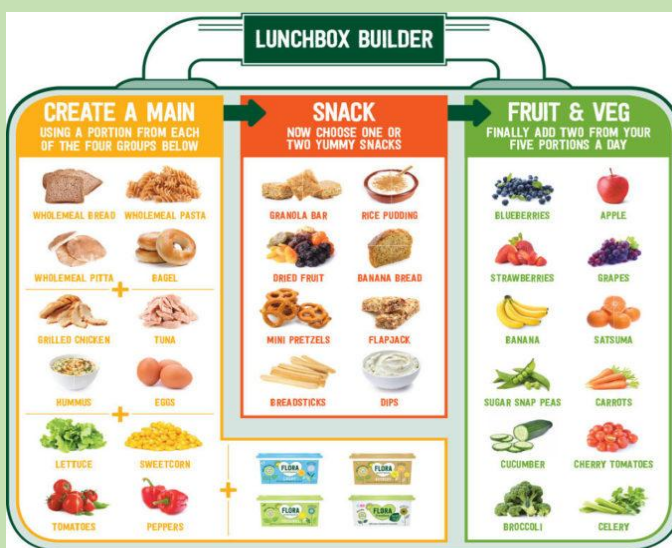
### **School Snack & Packed lunches**

Just a reminder that all children in pre-school, Reception, year 1 & year 2 will receive a free fruit snack for morning break.

Children in year 3, 4, 5 & 6 need to bring in their own healthy snack.

If your child has a packed lunch, please ensure they contain nutritious healthy food. There are some ideas here which may help you when packing your child a lunch box.

**\*\*We are a nut free school\*\***



### **STAGS:**

This month has been a busy one in Stags! Our SAT's prep for our year 6's is ramping up, which has signalled the start of our SAT's club!



Our year 6's have been lucky enough to have had a block of Forest School with Mrs. Kent Smith, which has now come to an end. As a result, the year 5's have begun their block, and feedback I am receiving is all positive!

We have also now finished our block of coaching with Exeter City Football Academy, and the

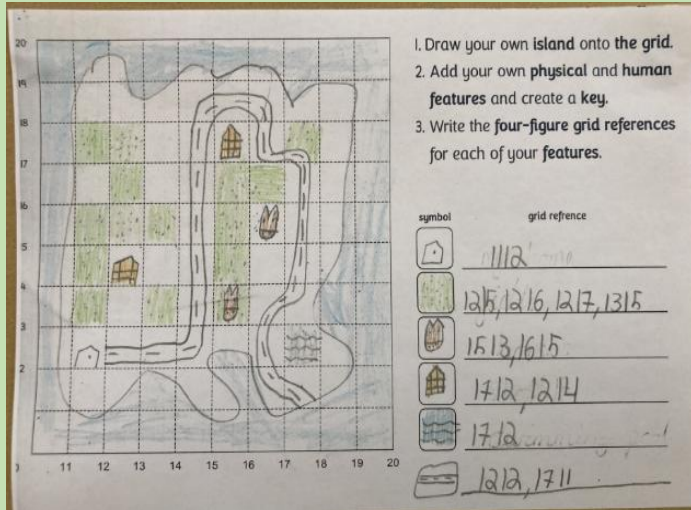
children have learned various different games and alternatives to football, as well as how to keep themselves healthy, and eat a balanced diet!

We are due to have a busy half term in Stags, but I am confident that the hard work and perseverance can continue going forward!

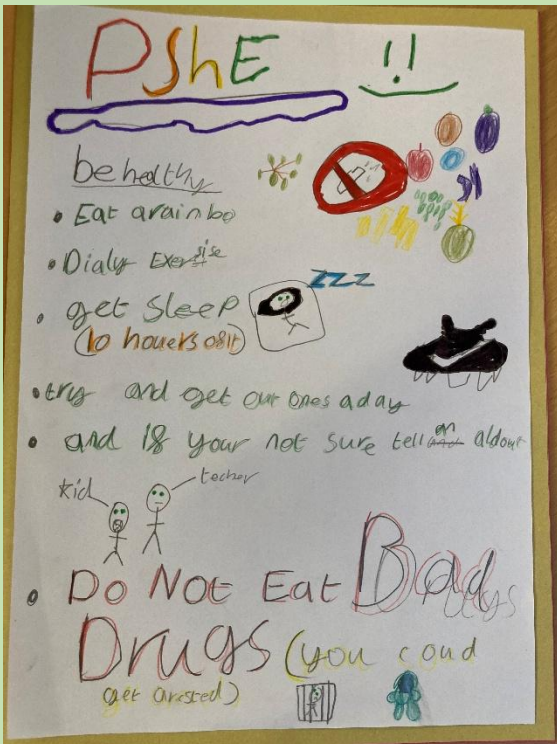
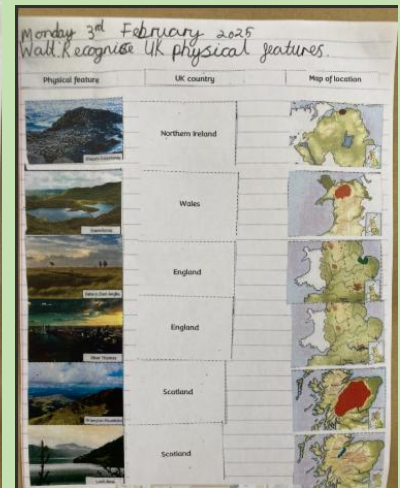
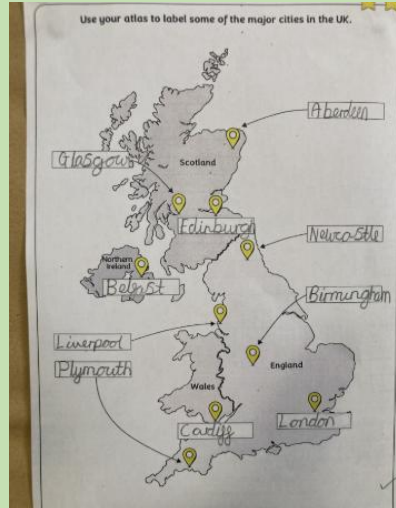
**Have a lovely Weekend – Mr Dovell & Mrs Palmer**



## BUZZARDS:



We have been learning about the UK and its countries and regions. Part of our learning has involved finding the different counties and main cities in the UK. We have used maps to study topographical features and researched the highest peaks in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. We have also created our own maps using compasses, keys and four figure grid references.



In our PSHE we have been learning about how we can live healthily. The lessons have investigated how we can make safer choices about sleep and exercise, diet, cleanliness and substances.

Buzzards have been enjoying their music lessons with Mrs Devereaux, ask your child to sing you Mama Mia and what notes they would play on the xylophone or recorder.



Mr McGee & Mrs Kent-Smith



## BUTTERFLIES:

Butterflies Class have been working incredibly hard this month and have coped well with changes in adults. Butterflies have started to look at multiplication and division in Maths and have begun practicing their 2- and 3-times tables. Can you find things around your house that come in pairs or trios?

In Writing, we have started looking at a new text - "What do you do with a tail like this?" This is a non-fiction text all about different animals and how their tails, noses and eyes are adapted to help them do special jobs. The children will be writing their own textbook-style extracts about their favourite animals. This text also fits nicely alongside our science topic, where we are looking at living creatures and their habitats. We will also be looking at animal adaptations during Science Week next month. What is your favourite animal and what can it do that is special? Think about where it might live and why.

In Topic, we have started to learn about king and queens of the past. We will be moving on to learn about castles and their different parts. Have you ever been to a castle? What can you remember about it?

Butterflies have been enjoying "feeling the beat" in Mrs Devereaux's music lessons.



Mrs Eggleton, Miss Barrable & Mrs Palmer

## FOXES & FOXCUBS:

Foxes have had a fantastic February. They have explored lots of different art activities from recreating work inspired by Klee to combining a variety of media (with some glitter of course!)

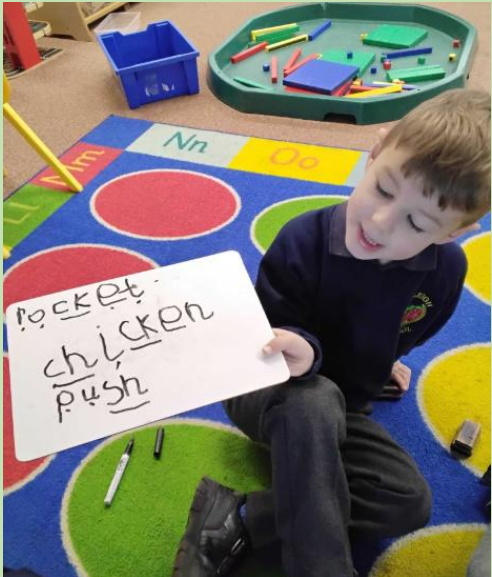
They have been as creative as ever; their buildings are getting ever more impressive.



They had great fun making boats to help the Gingerbread man cross the river. They predicted whether theirs would float or sink...some boats were more successful than others!



The reception children have been practising hard to read and write their new phonics sounds - we are really impressed with their efforts. Our pre-school children have been developing a variety of key skills, learning to take turns, listen to instructions and listen for sounds in words.



Mrs Phillips, Mrs Rogers, Miss Scoins & Miss Barrable 😊