



Filleigh Primary School's Monthly News

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A Message from the Head of School:

Wow! What a month! We have had such an exciting time, with so many events and trips taking place. Thank you to everyone involved in making it such a success for the children. As we move into the final week of the spring term, I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very happy Easter. Hopefully the sun will continue to shine whilst you enjoy some time together with your families over the next couple of weeks.

Mrs Eggleton 😊



Dates for your Diary

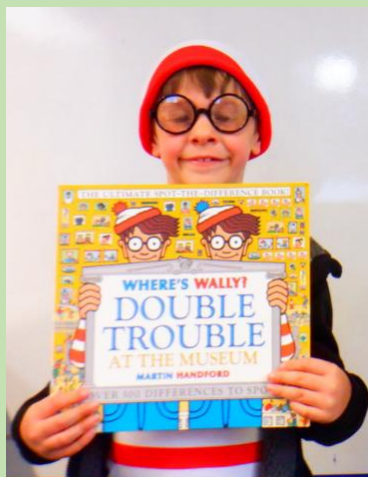
31 st March – Easter Service; whole school	Tuesday 1 st April – Honey Farm Trip; Buzzards	Thursday 2 nd April – Measurements; Reception & Yr 6	Thursday 3 rd April – Special hopping visitor; Whole School
Monday 28 th April – Mini marathon week; Whole School	Monday 28 th April – football match V Bish Nym; selected Buzzards	Tuesday 29 th April – Oral hygiene visit; whole school	12 th May – SATS week; Year 6
Thursday 22 nd May – Sports Day; Whole School			

What's been happening this month?

Netball Match:

Our fabulous netball team visited South Molton Community Primary School this month where they played a great match. They came away with a 1-0 loss but they played so well and we are super proud of their resilience - Go Team Filleigh!!

World Book Day:



Thank you to all the children who really embraced World Book Day, some of the costumes were fantastic. The children enjoyed all sorts of different activities in their own classrooms and also their family groups.





Butterflies & Foxes Castle Hill Trip:

Well after 3 very dry weeks it had to rain on our trip!!! That did not phase the children one bit on our walk over to Castle Hill - they climbed a mile up to the castle enjoyed their picnic and walked all the way back to school! Many thanks to Lady Laura who let us use the grounds free of charge.





Science Week:

Science week got off to a great start with the poster competition and ended the week on a high with family group junk modelling:



Notice Board

Breakfast Club

If you would like to book your child into breakfast club please e-mail:
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)

Now we are finally coming into some better weather, please remember to pop a sun hat into your child's bag. It would also be advisable to put suncream on them in the mornings please and you can put a named bottled of suncream in their bags which they can then apply themselves throughout the day. No aerosols please.

Please also ensure that your child's jumpers and cardigans are clearly named.



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.

STAGS:

March has been a really productive month for us in Stags! We have been working really hard across the board, and we cannot be prouder of the effort the children have been putting in.

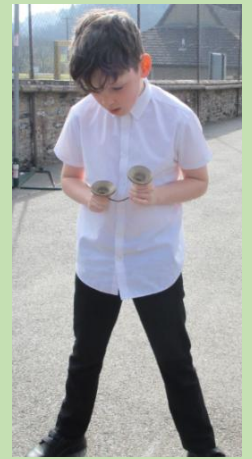
We started the month with World Book Day, where we took part in some really interesting online activities, including a quiz where we competed against a

large number of other schools. We were also visited by the local library!

In addition, we also celebrated Science Week, with the rest of the school, and took part in some fantastic activities including a memory game about animal adaptations, and junk modelling in our family groups. The feedback from the staff in school was that Stags children were very kind and helpful to the younger children, and were fantastic role models for how to show our school values!



In English, we have been focusing on the poem; The Highwayman, by Alfred Noyes. This has been a challenge as there is lots of language and punctuation that was initially unfamiliar to the children, but they have not given up, and have written a really good character description as a class about Bess, the landlord's daughter. We are now focusing on planning and writing our own description about the Highwayman, ready to make a wanted advert!



For Maths, we have focused on area, perimeter and volume, before moving into our second block of decimals. The children have been really keen to crack this tricky learning, and their progress made has been admirable!

Overall, a really good month for our Stags, and we are very proud of them!
Have a lovely Weekend – Mr Dovell & Mrs Palmer

BUZZARDS:

We have been learning about different electrical components and building our own circuits. Part of our learning has involved investigating different materials to find out if they are conductors or insulators. We created a simple circuit and then connected items from around the class to identify if they would allow the electricity to flow.

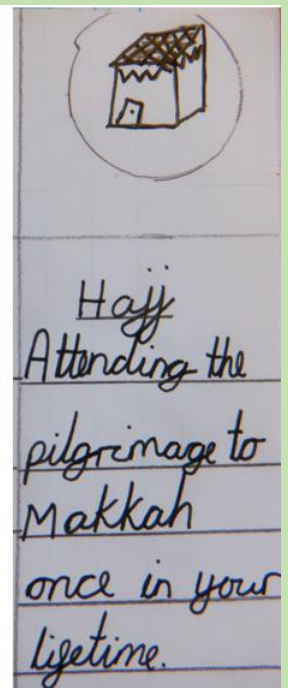
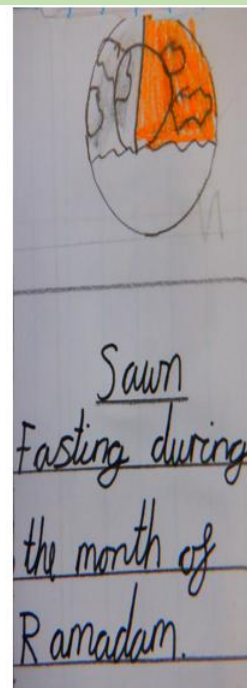
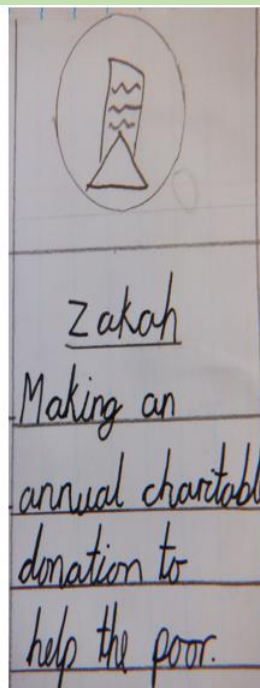
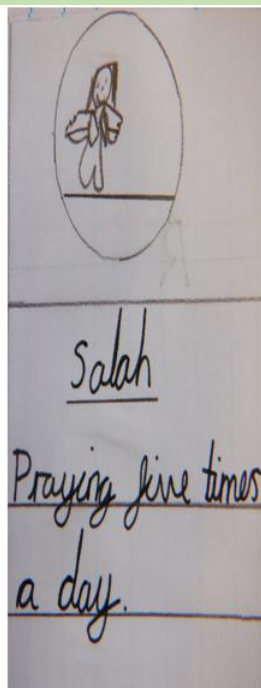
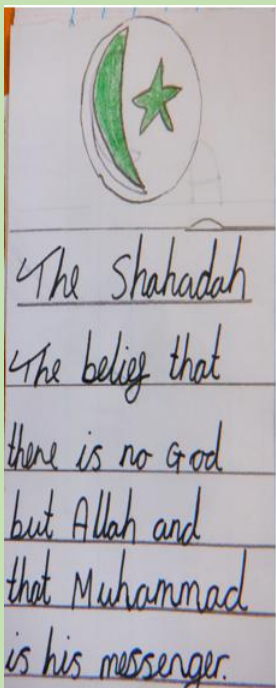
In our Art we have begun to learn about art from different areas of the world. We have studied how artists are

affected by their immediate environment and copied vibrant Mexican pottery.



In RE we have been studying Islam and Ramadan. We have been investigating how Muslim festivals celebrate their beliefs.

Mr McGee & Mrs Kent-Smith



BUTTERFLIES:

We have enjoyed learning about Castles in Butterflies Class this month - a topic which was brought to life when we visited the Castle Hill estate this week. I was so impressed with how well everyone could remember the names of the different parts of the castle. Even when we weren't sure, Butterflies Class were able to use their detective skills and find evidence to support their opinions - would they really have had a BBQ area in a castle? Or was it perhaps once part of the inside of the castle itself?

In maths, we finished off our multiplication and division unit. The children are confidently able to group and share and write number sentences to go with their arrays. Ask the children about their times tables, too. What is so special about the numbers in the 2, 5 and 10-times tables?

In writing, we have been researching our own animals and finding out what special skills they have. The children have produced some incredible non-fiction writing and would be really proud of the information they have presented.



Mrs Eggleton, Miss Barrable & Mrs Palmer

FOXES & FOXCUBS:



March has certainly been busy and fun, enjoying exploring the ice at the beginning of the month to the beautiful sunshine at the end. We have continued with our 'fairy tales' theme, reading the books the three little pigs, the gingerbread man & billy goats gruff.



We have retold the stories using puppets and our small world toys, practised our building skills to make strong bridges and exploring various materials.



To support our understanding of castles we continue to play in our cardboard box castle, created our own mini models and ended our month with our wonderful walk up to Castle Hill.



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