



Filleigh Primary School's Monthly Newsletter

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A Message from the Head of School:

What a fantastic start to term we have had! The children have jumped back into their learning with such enthusiasm and it has been lovely to see everyone's smiling faces at the gate each morning. We have kicked off with an exciting month, including our first trip of the year and some exciting book events. Thank you, as always, to our amazing staff and families for making these events possible.



Mrs Eggleton 😊

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 7 th October – Farmwise Trip; KS2	Monday 20 th and Thursday 23 rd September – Parent consultations; whole school	Friday 28 th November – Flu vaccinations; R-Yr6	Half Term Monday 27 th - Friday 31 st October
Tuesday 30 th September – Oral Hygienist; whole school	Weds 22 nd October 2:30pm - Harvest Festival Performance @ Filleigh Church; whole school	Wednesday 10 th December 2:30pm and 5:30pm – Christmas Performances in Village Hall; whole school	Friday 19 th December – Last day of autumn term
Friday 10 th October – "World Mental Health Day" non-uniform; whole school	Tuesday 25 th November 2:30pm – Visioning Afternoon; whole school	Monday 24 th November – Walkability Visitor 9:30am; KS2	Tuesday 6 th January – First day of spring term

What's been happening this month?

Caffyn's Farm Trip

Foxes and Butterflies had a fantastic day out at Caffyn's Farm in Lynton. The children enjoyed meeting all the animals and learning about farm life from real life farmer, Jackie. The children were a credit to the school and behaved brilliantly out and about.

Book Fare

Mr Dovell's Book Fare has been a huge success – thank you to those of you who have support by purchasing books. We will be able to claim free books for the school based on this, which will really benefit the children.

Appledore Book Festival

We were joined by two visiting authors from the Appledore Book Festival as part of their school's week. The children loved meeting the authors and a fantastic time was had by all involved – even the grown ups! A big thank you to the book festival for providing a free book for each child in our school.

A Message from our Executive Headteacher

As you may remember, we said farewell to Steve Mellor last term as he retired from his position as Executive Headteacher of the Devon Moors Federation. We are pleased to welcome Alison Mackey into this role and she has a message for our families below:

“The new term is well underway across our Federation schools, and I would like to take a moment to introduce myself as the new Executive Headteacher of the Devon Moors Federation.

I have been part of the Federation for the past eight years, and I am delighted to be stepping into this role. Over the last few weeks, I have visited all of our schools and it's been a joy to see the buzz in classrooms as children settle in, get to know their new teachers, and explore exciting new topics and learning opportunities.

We are fortunate to have such a wonderful mix of schools and so much expertise to share. By working closely together, I am confident we can build on our strengths and create even more opportunities for our children to thrive.

I look forward to the year ahead and the developments we have planned for the schools. Thank you for your continued support.”

Notice Board

Breakfast Club

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

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- Breakfast will be included for children arriving before **8.20am**
- The main gates at the top of the school will be open to allow access to the club only from **7.50am**.
- The price is **£2.50 per session and is payable on the ParentMail system**.
- 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 \(filleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk\)](https://www.devonmoorsfederation.devon.sch.uk/Key-Documents)

STAGS

We have had a fantastic start to our year in Stags! The children have worked extremely hard across all subjects, and the outlook for the year is looking brilliant!

In English, we have looked at Charlotte's Web, and have begun to write character descriptions. The children have really enjoyed the book so far, and I am really excited to see their reaction to the end.

We have also been lucky to be joined by Petr Horáček, who came into school and talked to us about some of the books he has written, and also gave us a little lesson in how these are illustrated.

Finally, we have had a big focus on our French curriculum this year, and have been recording the children conversing in French. These QR codes are in their books, which can be viewed on parents evening!

Overall, we are really proud of the start our Stags have made this year, and we are excited for a brilliant year ahead!

Mr Dovell & Mrs Palmer

BUZZARDS

What a great start to the new academic year. Everyone has come back with a smile on their face and I am so impressed with everyone's enthusiasm towards their learning.



We have had a great time exploring the digestive system. We even made poo! In our next lesson we will be exploring how different liquids can damage our teeth. In English, we created self-portraits and wrote



descriptive paragraphs about them. These portraits will be displayed upstairs for you to see. In geography, we have been exploring the weather. We have been keeping a weather journal this week. We are monitoring the rainfall, the wind direction, the cloud coverage and the temperature. We were expecting a lot of rainfall, but, that has changed for this week. **Miss Powe and Mrs Kent-Smith**



BUTTERFLIES

We have had a wonderful start to the new year in Butterflies Class. Our year 2s have been setting a great example and helping our new year 1 Butterflies to settle into our routines.

In English, we have been reading "This is How We Do It" by Matt Lamonthe. We have been learning about children from around the world and how our lives are similar or different. How many of the children can you remember and what jobs do they do around the house to support their families?

In maths, we have started our unit on place value. We have been thinking about what makes up teen numbers and how to find one more and one less. The children have really impressed me with their ability to use a range of resources, including number tracks, number lines and part whole models.



In History, we have begun learning about famous explorers. What sort of questions might you ask Neil Armstrong about going to the moon? In DT, we have started to design and create book marks. The children have thought hard about which insects they would like to use to decorate theirs and begun practicing threading needles and running stitches.



Mrs Eggleton, Mrs Denning, Miss Barrable & Mrs Palmer

FOXES & FOXCUBS



What a fantastic start to the year, Foxes! 😊 You have all settled in so well, made new friends and you are already showing our Filleigh school values.

Our Reception children have made a super start with their phonics learning new sounds and reading words. It is lovely to see you take such pride in your work. We are exploring the theme of 'celebrations' this term, and have thought about our birthdays after reading the book 'Kippers Birthday.'



Our Forest Fridays have got off to a great start by making magic wands. We are looking forward to a fabulous year together!



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