



Filleigh Primary School's Monthly Newsletter

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A Message from the Head of School

Well this year is flying by already! We have had another exciting month here at Filleigh School and yet again, the children have demonstrated what it means to be a member of our community; by working hard, respecting others and having a positive impact on the world around them. Well done everyone!

Mrs Eggleton



Dates for your Diary

Week Commencing 8 th & 15 th December - Wear Christmas Jumpers and accessories all week	Wednesday 10 th December 2:30pm and 5:30pm – Christmas Performances in Village Hall; whole school	Friday 12 th December - PTA Christmas Bingo – Filleigh Village Hall – 6pm - 8pm	Wednesday 17 th December - Christmas Dinner; whole school
Friday 19 th December – Last day of term; whole school	Tuesday 6 th January – First day of term; whole school	Thursday 8 th January - Buzzards and Stags – RNLI Water Safety Talk	Thursday 29 th January - Reception – Vision Screening

What's been happening this month?

Armistice Day

On November 11th, we visited Filleigh Church and the War memorial to pay our respects and complete our two minutes silence. The children shared poems and artwork and were able to reflect on the sacrifices that have been made by others to keep them safe. The children's behaviour was exemplary, and we were so proud of them.



Visioning Afternoon

Thank you to those parents and carers who were able to make it along to our Visioning Afternoon on Tuesday. It was so lovely to see the children presenting their learning and sharing their enthusiasm with others. We were able to gather lots of feedback on our "Fresha" school meals. If you have any further feedback or were unable to make it to the event, then please get in touch with the school office.



Parent Support

We are looking forward to welcoming members of our parental community to join us for two seminar sessions, aimed at supporting parents of neurodiverse children. The topics covered will be "Eating Difficulties" and "Coping with Christmas" and you can sign up using these links:

- [Eating Difficulties in Autistic and ADHD Young People – Fill in form](#)
- [Coping with Christmas – Fill in form](#)

Freedom Centre

We have been contacted by Mandy Noble at the Freedom Centre in Barnstaple with a heartfelt letter of thanks for the food donations we collected as part of our Harvest celebrations. Well done to everyone in the Filleigh School Community for their generosity and kindness, which has made a huge difference to those in need.



Notice Board

Breakfast Club

If you would like to book your child into breakfast club, please e-mail:
filleigh@devonmoorsfederation.devon.sch.uk

- 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 Miss Lovell.

[Filleigh Primary School - Key Documents \(filleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk\)](http://filleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk)

School Uniform:

Please follow this link for a reminder of our school uniform policy. We have lots of spare uniform available; if anyone needs help finding a new jumper then please just ask: [Filleigh Primary School - School Uniform](#)

STAGS:

November has been a busy month in Stags class! We have been working really hard learning about WWII, and have focused on lots of interesting parts of this topic! The children have shown a real interest in WWII so far, and this has led to some fantastic discussions and activities taking place in school! We have applied some of this learning and written newspaper reports announcing the beginning of the war.

We were lucky enough at the end of the month to have a walkability session, teaching children how to cross the road safely, and about the green cross code. This session was run by the Exeter City Community Team, and their feedback of the children was that their behaviour was fantastic! The children learned about road safety, road signs, and how to react in situations that may arise on the roads.



Earlier in the month, we hosted a y5/6 football game v Umberleigh. Unfortunately, we fell to defeat against a strong side, but the children carried themselves very well, and showed extreme resilience under pressure.

We are gearing up for a busy and fun December in Stags, and we are confident we can continue on the positive trajectory we have shown so far this year!



Mr Dovell & Mrs Palmer

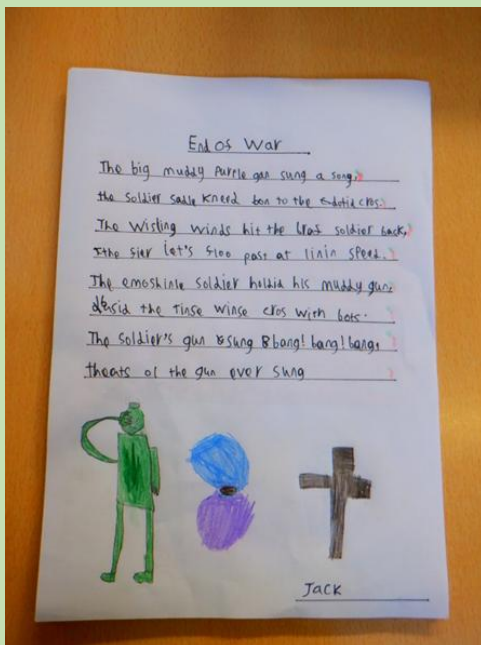
BUZZARDS:

Another amazing month in Buzzards. Everyone has been working so hard, our resilience is improving every day. I have been looking through the books and the progress we have made in just a few months is astounding. Well done everyone!

In English, we have been exploring poetry. One of the features we have been using is onomatopoeia. We went on a sound walk around the school to identify different examples of onomatopoeia. This was great fun and we found some great examples!



We then applied all the features into a Remembrance Day poem. We started by creating a piece of artwork. Then, we created our poem of this artwork. These poems were amazing. We had onomatopoeia, rhyme, alliteration, repetition, prepositions and even personification!



Another busy month in December. We will be starting all our Christmas Festivities, and we might even have a visit from a certain elf!

Miss Powe & Mrs Kent-Smith

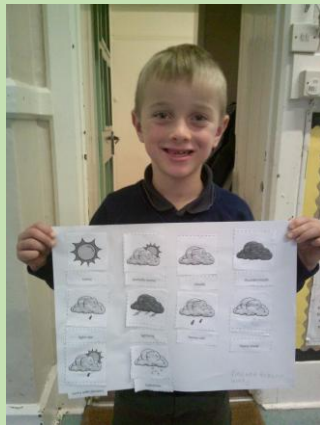
BUTTERFLIES:

We have been working so hard in Butterflies Class this month. We have started our new geography topic and begun our fieldwork - can you remember all the different instruments that we can use to measure the weather?

In RE, we have been thinking about why Christmas is important to Christians and we have been learning all about the Christmas story. The children are able to recall the key parts and place them in order - with a little help from the lyrics in our Christmas performance songs!

In Maths, we have been looking at place value and the children have been making two digit numbers using dienes. The children have worked so hard on this and I have been so impressed with their ability to partition numbers into tens and ones on a place value chart.

In PSHE, we have been thinking about celebrations. We have been learning about the conventions of a traditional, Christian wedding and started planning our own! We can't wait for our wedding celebration in a few weeks!



Mrs Eggleton, Miss Barrable & Mrs Palmer

FOXES & FOXCUBS:

A busy November has seen Foxes explore fireworks, Remembrance Day and this week we're off into space again. Through our lovely stories including 'Wow said the owl' and 'How to catch a star', the children have come up with some wonderful ideas and created some lovely art work. The art table is always popular, and we were particularly delighted with their responses to Remembrance Day creating paintings with poignant colours.

Our reception children are amazing us with their reading and writing skills - their enthusiasm is to learn new sounds and words wonderful!



In maths they have been exploring shapes, describing and sorting them. Drawing them has been a challenge but as always, they have risen to that challenge - especially learning to hold a ruler still. They have also enthusiastically been learning the songs for our nativity which we can't wait to show you!



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