



Filleigh Primary School's Monthly Newsletter

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A message from the Head of School

Well February flew by and it has been so lovely to see the sun peeking out from behind the clouds this week. After the cold, dark winter months, it is great to know that spring is just around the corner - well done to our children for showing such resilience in the face of wet playtimes and indoor sessions. Fingers crossed the weather dries up and we can start getting back out onto the field!

Mrs Eggleton

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 5 th March – World Book Day; whole school	Wednesday 11 th March – PTA Mother's Day sale starting at 2:30pm	Friday 20 th March - PTA non-pupil day (Rainbow Raffle) Thursday 26 th March – PTA Easter Bingo – Filleigh Village Hall – Doors open at 6pm	Monday 30 th March 9:30am – Easter Celebration at Filleigh Church
Wednesday 1 st April – Whole School - Class Photos	Thursday 2 nd April 2:30pm – Easter Crafts Afternoon; whole school and families welcome	Thursday 2 nd April 3:30pm-5pm – PTA School Disco in Filleigh Village Hall	Easter Holidays – Friday 3 rd April to Friday 17 th April

<p>Non-Pupil Day – Monday 20th April. Term starts back Tuesday 21st April</p>	<p>Monday 27th April & Tuesday 28th April – Buzzards & Stags Residential to Adventure Okehampton</p>	<p>Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday School Closed</p>	<p>Tuesday 19th May – Sports Day & PTA Teddy Bears Picnic</p>
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What's been happening this month?

Mental Health Awareness Week

A particular highlight for our school this February was Children's Mental Health Awareness Week. The children really embraced their new activities with positivity and resilience, and I think we have all learnt a lot about strategies which can help us overcome problems and deal with big feelings. We will continue to do our Wake and Shake activities on the playground each Monday and Friday, as this was particularly well received by the children (and adults!)





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 \(filleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk\)](https://www.filleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk)

School Uniform

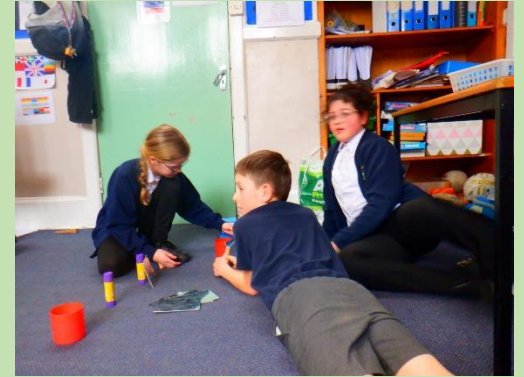
Please follow this link for a reminder of our school uniform policy. We have lots of spare uniform available; if anyone needs help finding a new jumper then please just ask: [Filleigh Primary School - School Uniform](https://www.filleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk)

STAGS:

February has been a brilliant month for our Stags! We have worked really hard across all of our core subjects, and this has really been reflected in our assessment results!



In Science, we have been investigating light. We took part in a fun experiment where we tried to reflect light through a series of mirrors, to see the character we had placed down. This proved



challenging but enjoyable for all involved, and some groups were able to see the figure through multiple mirrors.



We have also been working very hard at our Art projects, which have been really fiddly and frustrating at times, but the final outcomes are fantastic! The children had to create grid drawings of real animals, and enlarge them.

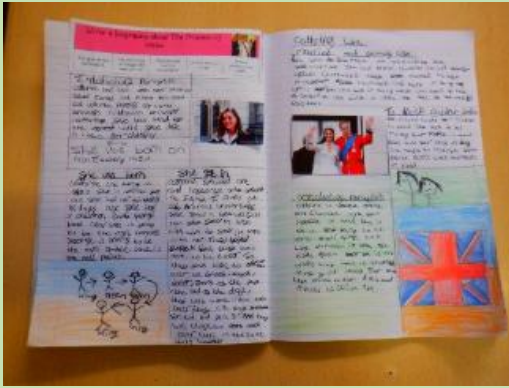
A highlight of February has been our mask making in Golden Time. The children showed fantastic teamwork when creating their paper-maché and covering the balloons, despite the challenge of not letting them slip out of our hands! The final masks have come out even better than we were expecting, and we are glad children enjoyed this!



Mr Dovell, Mrs Hickson, Mrs Allen & Mrs Palmer

BUZZARDS:

Buzzards have continued working super hard this month. We started the month, writing our biographies about the Princess of Wales. We loved exploring Catherine's education, marriage and charity work. Everyone presented their final piece in a neat, organised format. We have even sent copies of them to the Princess herself!



In science, we are still exploring states of matter. We carried out an experiment to find the most effective way to turn a solid into a liquid. To help us with this we used chocolate! It got very messy, but it gave us a good idea about how to melt some solids.

We have been loving getting active within the school day. We have been enjoying wake up and shake up to start our days. We have also been doing dance breaks throughout the day. Buzzards definitely have some amazing dance moves!



Just before the holidays, everyone made a valentine's card for someone they appreciate. We used our collage skills we have been developing in art to help us with this. Everyone gave this a great go and they looked amazing at the end!



Miss Powe & Mrs Kent Smith

BUTTERFLIES:

This month, Butterflies Class have enjoyed completing their abstract art inspired by Hilma of Klint. We have created a beautiful display of the children's wonderful pieces

- thank you to the children for their hard work and to Mrs Palmer for her expertise!



In maths, we have moved on to multiplication and division. I have been so impressed by the children's ability to draw and explain their work.

Multiplication is tricky stuff! But the children have stepped up to the challenge by using resources to create equal groups and arrays to help them explain their learning.



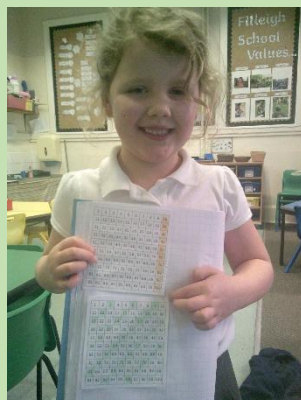
In science, we have been learning about living things and what they need to survive. The children have carried out a number of experiments, to find out if our feet grow bigger as we get older and if our heart rate changes when we do exercise. Can you remember who had the biggest feet in or experiment? And which activity caused your heart rate to increase the most?



In PE, the children have been practicing their straight and star jumps and using their balances to create performances for each other. The children have been so sensible with the gymnastics apparatus and have shown great progress.



Well done, Butterflies!



Mrs Eggleton, Miss Barrable, Mrs Denning & Mrs Palmer

FOXES & FOXCUBS:

February has been short but busy! We have been inspired by the stories 'Dear Zoo' and 'Rosie's Walk' to inspire our writing and our play. We have embraced every type of weather, thoroughly enjoying splashing and digging in the mud in the garden - to spending time in the spring sunshine this week.



During mental health week, Foxes kept active, exercised lots, as well as practising how to breath slowly and calm our bodies.



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