



Filleigh Primary School's Monthly Newsletter

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A message from the Head of School



Welcome back everyone! We really have hit the ground running this month and it has been wonderful to behold. The children have settled brilliantly into new routines and I have been really proud of their resilience. Walking around the new learning spaces, I have been so genuinely impressed by the level of focus and calm, which has resulted in some fantastic learning and progress over the first few weeks already. As always at Filleigh, we have pulled together and approached our new challenges with determination and a smile on our faces.

Mrs Eggleton

Dates for your Diary

Monday 5 th October – Walkability KS2	Thursday 8 th October – Year 5&6 Football match vs South Molton Community Primary School	Monday 12 th October & Thursday 15 th October – Parents Consultations Starting at 3:40pm	Wednesday 14 th October – Harvest Festival Rehearsal – Filleigh Church 2:30pm
Friday 16 th October – Rainbow Raffle Non-school uniform	Wednesday 21 st October- Harvest Festival – Filleigh Church 2:30pm Parents are welcome.	Monday 26 th October – Friday 30 th October – Half Term	Wednesday 11 th November – School Photos Sibling Photos in Village Hall from 8:15am

What's been happening this month?

Farewell Mrs Hickson

We are sad to announce that Mrs Hickson will be not be returning this year due to other work commitments. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Claire for her dedication over the last few years and for the positive impact she has had on the education of children here at Filleigh School. She will be hugely missed.

A Big PTA Thank You

Over the summer holidays, you may have noticed that a new section of the trim trail appeared in our school field. The "bridge" was an apparatus voted for by the children and Funded by the incredible fundraising efforts of our PTA. The children have loved using this new equipment during our sunny September days. Thank you to our wonderful PTA for their continued support and for providing such amazing opportunities for the children.



Notice Board

Filleigh Pre-School

Filleigh Pre-School now has a Facebook page. Please give us a follow and share on your own platforms. To view the Facebook page please follow this link

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1HuiPjWg6W/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

Governing Board

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to update you on some changes within our Governing Board.

After several years as Chair of Governors, **Chris Dack** will be stepping down from the role to focus on his other commitments. I am delighted that he has chosen to remain on the Governing Board, as he brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the team. On behalf of the Federation, I would like to thank him for the support, guidance and commitment he has shown throughout his tenure as Chair.

At our Annual General Meeting this week, **Lieutenant Colonel Tom Evans-Jones** was elected as our new Chair of Governors. We look forward to working closely with him as we continue to develop and strengthen the Federation in the years ahead. Due to his work commitments, Tom will formally take up the role in March. In the meantime, **Lorraine Crosfield**, who has been a valued member of our Governing Board for some time, has kindly volunteered to serve as Interim Chair until then.

Our governors are all volunteers, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of them for their time, dedication and support. Their commitment plays a vital role in ensuring the very best outcomes for the children in our schools.

SENCO and Inclusions Lead Introduction

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely summer and have settled into the new school routines with your little ones. My name is Zoe Inkpen and I am writing to introduce myself as the new Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO) and Inclusions Lead for the Devon Moors Federation. I am very pleased to join this school community and start working with your children.

In my role, I support children who need extra support with their learning, communication, or physical needs. I work closely with teachers, parents, and external specialists to make sure every child receives the right support.

Over the past few weeks, I have visited each school I am responsible for and have started to meet staff, pupils and parents. If you spot me on the school gate during the drop off or pick up times, please do come over to say hello and introduce yourself. As I am familiarising myself with names, classes and key responsibilities this term, I appreciate your patience and understanding.

I firmly believe that teamwork between home and school is very important. If your child already gets special educational support (SEND support), we will continue working hard to help them progress.

If you ever want to talk about your child's needs the class teacher is your first point of contact. They will seek my support when necessary and I can contact you if appropriate. In the meantime, I will be closely monitoring the support plans currently in place and will be working with the Heads of School and class teachers.

Thank you for your warm welcome so far. I look forward to meeting many of you soon.

Best wishes,

Zoe Inkpen

SENCO and Inclusions Lead

Devon Moors Federation

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 your child you need to complete an absence request form and return it to Mrs Lovell. [Filleigh Primary School - Key Documents \(filleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk\)](https://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. If you are requiring new school uniform, please follow our link to our provider <https://price-buckland.co.uk/filleigh-community-primary-school-devon>

STAGS:

Our first few weeks together as a class in Stags have been fantastic! All of the children have adapted well to the new class and dynamics, and to being upstairs in our temporary space. They are all working extremely hard, and we are really proud of all of them. If this level of hard work and focus continues, we should be gearing up for an enjoyable and successful academic year. We have begun to look into some really interesting topics in class, including Earth and Space, and the Mayan Empire.

In week 2, we had lots of our children take part in their bikeability training. The feedback received from the instructors was that the children's behaviour and listening skills were fantastic, and that they were really taking on board the suggestions and feedback given.

Mr Dovell & Mrs Allen

BUZZARDS:

It has been lovely being back in Buzzards class. I am so impressed by everyone's resilience, respect and hard work!

We have been super busy this term. In English we have been creating our own picture book, inspired by the book Chalk. We will then write a story to go with the images. We have been discussing the importance of facial features in picture books. We have also been practising our best facial expressions!

In art, we have been exploring our monochromatic unit. In this unit, we have been looking at drawing faces. So far, we have practised noses, eyes and hair textures. Everyone has shown great focus and creativity during these sessions.

Some of Buzzards have also completed their Bikeability session for the year. This is such a great opportunity for them to build their road safety and their confidence on their bikes. Buzzards showed our Filleigh School value of trust during the session. They also showed our Golden Rule of listening.

Well done!

Miss Powe & Mrs Kent Smith

BUTTERFLIES:

Butterflies Class... what an incredible bunch you are! Our year ones have made the big jump up from EYFS to Key Stage One, with such a sensible attitude and determination to learn. I have been so impressed with the year ones in their phonics sessions and in their ability to recall EYFS facts in their maths.

Year two have excelled themselves by setting a great example for their new year one classmates and have demonstrated routines brilliantly. Thank you, year 2!

Last week, we went on our first school trip of the year, to Tiverton Museum. The children were a credit to Filleigh School and everyone in the museum commented on how quiet and well-behaved they were. When asked about their favourite part of the trip, Butterflies Class talked about the train, the dressing up and the coach ride as being particular highlights!

Back at school, we have continued our learning from the museum by exploring toys from the past. Thank you to those of you at home who were able to support with information about the toys you enjoyed playing with as children.

Mrs Eggleton, Miss Barrable, Mrs Denning & Mrs Palmer

FOXES & FOXCUBS:

What a fantastic start to the year in Foxes. We have been so impressed by their enthusiasm and effort. In Phonics, their reading and writing is coming along really well with everyone showing our school value of resilience. Foxes class has a lovely calm feel to it, with everyone helping each other, listening carefully and learning to tidy up after their play! 😊

In Maths, they have been consolidating their vocabulary, ensuring that they are using it accurately. They have been matching and sorting objects into groups, giving their reasons.

Our Drawing Club sessions are linked to our topic of 'People who help us' - so far, we have used the stories Splat the Cat, Babies Can and Zog and the Flying Doctors. As always, they have wonderful imaginations, sharing some lovely ideas and then having a go at drawing and writing.

We look forward to seeing you all develop over the year. 😊

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