



Newsletter

8th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

For those who I have not met yet, I am Mat Harts, the new Head of School for Pilton Bluecoat CofE Academy. I have been with Team Multi Academy Trust for nearly two years as the Head of School at Beaford Primary School. I grew up in Wales (don't mention the rugby!), lived in Birmingham for many years before making the move with my family to the South West.

Working closely with families is very important to me as I believe in the best way to ensure children get the most out of their educational journeys is by the partnership we form between the school and home. Please do get in touch with your child's class teacher, the office or myself should you need to.

I have been impressed in how the children have returned to school. They arrived happy, motivated and ready to go! As well as this, we have seen children showing impeccable manners, positive attitudes and respect across the school with their peers and staff. We have spoken to them about Building Learning Power and our Christian Values that support them with the skills and understanding to be the best they can and they have been a credit to themselves.

We have begun to launch the OPAL (Outdoor Play And Learning) project at break times and have seen so many children positively engaging with play experiences during their unstructured times. I have attached a link for you to gain a better understanding of this project but as we move forward, we will communicate with you more about this. The key aim is to provide children with high quality play experiences every day. <https://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk>

As we look at Home Learning, a large focus will be on reading. We will provide children with books to match their reading ability and if you can encourage and even read with them, this will have a huge impact on their progression.

We are aware that family circumstances may change or have changed and you may be entitled to Pupil Premium funding. To be eligible for this it comes under 4 areas: Free school meal eligibility (<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>), Service children, Adopted from care, special guardianship order and residence order or a Children in care. I feel it is important to share this with families as it can make a big difference to the provision for your child in school.

Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the sun! I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Mathew Harts
Head of School

Letters issued this week	
Year	Topic
All	Welcome
All	Friday Sports
All	Autumn Term Menu

PE Days
Year 3 – Thursday
Year 4 – Monday
Year 5 – Wednesday
Year 6 – Tuesday
Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit – they will stay in this all day

What's on week commencing 11th September 2023?
<p>Monday</p> <p>Private Piano & Violin lessons Private Guitar Lessons</p>
<p>Tuesday</p> <p>Private Drum Lessons Appletree farm small group</p>
<p>Wednesday</p> <p>Private Piano & Violin lessons Martin Bradshaw Drumming Assembly</p>
<p>Thursday</p> <p>Rocksteady Bands Private Lessons</p>
<p>Friday</p> <p>Lower School Sports</p>

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Pilton Bluecoat Fundraising Group

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Breakfast Club & Afterschool club

Please contact Tia or Jemma on north.devon@primary-sports.co.uk



- If your child is poorly please report their absence to the school office on 01271 345452 by 9.30am.
- All medical appointments are to be advised in advance please to the school office.
- Any other absences must be applied for via an absence request form.
- Please supply your child with a refillable drinks bottle every day.
- Warm coats for outdoor play if it's wet or cold!
- Parking Permits for use in Fairview carpark are available from the school office. Two per family.

Autumn Term Dinner Menu

Meal price is £2.53 per day,
payable on Arbor please

Tomato & Basil Pasta and
Jacket Potatoes with a
choice of toppings are
available every day.

Fresh fruit and salad are
available daily.

	Week 2: 11/9, 2/10, 30/10, 20/11, 11/12
Monday	Burger in a bun V – Veg burger in a bun Crispy potatoes & seasonal vegetables Fruit & yogurt
Tuesday	Beef lasagne V – Macaroni cheese Garlic bread & seasonal veg Fruit mousse
Weds	Roast of the day - Chicken V – Vegetarian roast Roast potatoes & seasonal veg Fruit and ice cream
Thurs	West country sausages V – Vegetarian sausage Mashed potato, seasonal vegetables Fruit crumble and custard
Friday	Fish Fingers V – Cheese wheels Golden fries & seasonal veg Vanilla shortbread

**Reminder our meal price
has increased to £2.53**

FRIDAY SPORTS

Autumn 2023					
Friday's Date	Planning	Swim	Dance	American Football	Football
08-Sep	UPPER	5EC	6MT	5MR	6SE
15-Sep	LOWER	4BC	4AB	3KD	3LB
22-Sep	UPPER	5EC	6MT	5MR	6SE
29-Sep	LOWER	4BC	4AB	3KD	3LB
06-Oct	UPPER	5EC	6MT	5MR	6SE
13-Oct	LOWER	4BC	4AB	3KD	3LB
20-Oct	UPPER	5EC	6MT	5MR	6SE
27-Oct	HALF - TERM				

Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on their relevant Friday.

Swimmers; please ensure that your child brings in a swimming costume or shorts/trunks and a towel. Swimming hats are useful for long hair or it needs to be tied up. Goggles are optional, please no talcum powders.

To cover the cost of the swimming we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £3 per child per lesson please, this can be paid via Arbor under school shop.

Reminder

Please can you log in to Arbor and check we hold the correct contact and other information on your child and please give consents regarding photos and school transport.

At TEAM MAT we feel it is an important for our schools to be part of their local community and would like to be able to have the opportunity of informing you of events that you may wish to attend locally, especially if they are child friendly and free or low cost for children. We need your consent therefore to send you the school's weekly newsletter, which includes vitally important school details and which may include relevant local community information. Unless we have been given consent from next week we will be unable to send you the newsletters as they will start to have community adverts on them.

Thank you.

Afterschool club—if it arises that you need to book your child into afterschool club during the school day please can you let the school office know after you have booked in with Primary sports automated system as Primary sports are unable to pass this information on to us during the school day as they teach at other schools.

School Term Dates Autumn 2023

Autumn Term
Half-term 23rd - 27th October 2023
Last Day 15th December 2023

Dates for your diary, 2023

Date	Event
22nd September	Lower school WWI Dress up day— details to follow
7th November	Tempest Photos Individuals/Siblings
20th November	Flu Vaccinations