

15th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have been back at school for just over a week and they have really settled in well. It has been a pleasure to visit them in class to see how they have applied themselves to their learning and involved themselves within school life. The children nominated their new House Captains this week and we are very proud of those children who stood up and delivered their speeches.

Attendance has just been under 99% this week which is fantastic. It is vitally important that children are in school and should you have any concerns around your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact the office, your class teacher or myself.

We have focussed on kindness in this week's assembly and it has been clear to see how the children have truly looked after one another and shown politeness throughout the school.

We have begun to enhance the playtime provision by providing the children with tyres, tee-pee structures for den building, a mud kitchen and we aim to work with our children to see what they would like and further develop the outdoors. If you happen to have any old curtains, guttering, drainpipes, scaffolding boards or materials you could donate to the school that we could use to create additional play opportunities for our children, we would greatly appreciate it. We certainly see happy children having positive play experiences which is a joy to see.

Our club lists have gone out and we had a huge response and requests for places, you should hear about your child's club allocation by the end of today and they will all start next week. Please do get in touch with the office to if you have any further questions.

Finally, it is extremely important that children are in the correct uniform within school. Please do refer to the uniform policy on the school's website for further information

(<https://www.piltonbluecoat.devon.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=297&type=pdf>)

Every day footwear needs to be all black, either shoes or trainers and for PE, any colour trainer with housegroup coloured t-shirt and black shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms. Should you require any uniform then we have a range of pre-loved uniform available in school.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mathew Harts
Head of School

General Letters issued this week	
Year	Topic
All	Job Vacancy
3 & 4	WWI Dress Up Day
3	Consent Forms reminder
All	After School Clubs
All	Music Lessons
All	FSM & Pupil Premium
4	Age 9 books consent

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 18th September 2023?
Monday Private Piano & Violin lessons Private Guitar Lessons
Tuesday Appletree farm small group CEET project small group
Wednesday Private Piano & Violin lessons Spain Trip Meeting 3.30pm
Thursday Rocksteady Bands Private Lessons Private Drum Lessons
Friday Upper School Sports Lower School WWI Dress Up Day

<p>Find us on;</p> <p>Website: www.piltonbluecoat.devon.sch.uk</p> <p>Facebook: @Pilton Bluecoat Academy</p> <p>Twitter: @teammatceo</p> <p>Email: office@piltonbluecoat.devon.sch.uk</p>
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<p>Pilton Bluecoat Fundraising Group</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/</p>
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<p>Breakfast Club & Afterschool club</p> <p>Please contact Tia or Jemma on</p> <p>north.devon@primary-sports.co.uk</p>

A big well done to Amelia who recently took part and won the Grade 3 10U Devon County Championships which made her County Champion for three consecutive years!

She is next off to compete in a Grade 3 Regional Tennis Tournament in Surrey which would see her progress even further if she does well.

Good luck Amelia!



Upper School Parents!

We have one space available on our trip to Segovia Spain (15th—20th October) please let the school office know if your child would like to go.....

All Clubs start next week, please make sure you remind your child in the morning of their afterschool club.

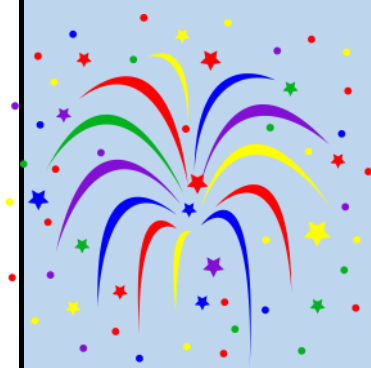
Thank you.

The OPAL (Outdoor Play And Learning) project is underway.....



OPAL (Outdoor Play And Learning) project





Celebration Assembly

Friday 15th September

Handwriting Heroes

Year 3 - Harry W, Year 4 - Saanvi, Year 5 - Alistair, Year 6 - Ellis

Book Tokens

Year 3 - Theodore, Year 5 - Vince, Year 6 - Seth G

Work

Finlay S for his amazing attitude to his learning and being a role model for those around him

Jasper for his kindness and commitment to the classroom and others

Stacey for her fantastic attitude to her learning and a fab week

Albie T-B for a fantastic attitude to learning

Magda for her magic marks

Albern for adapting to Bluecoat so well and his amazing enthusiasm for learning

Lucy M for her fantastic work in her maths learning

Ki for his amazing maths learning

Holly Pa for her brilliant attitude to learning and always trying her best

Contribution

Year 6s for their buddy work

Housepoints

Saturn = 283 Jupiter = 231 Neptune = 210 Mercury = 186



- 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 3:18/9, 9/10, 6/11, 27/11
Mon	Hot dogs V – Vegetarian hot dogs Crispy potatoes & seasonal vegetables Fruit & yogurt
Tues	Spaghetti Bolognaise V – Vegetable bolognaise Garlic bread & seasonal veg Jam tart
Weds	Roast of The Day - Gammon V – Baked homity pie Roast potatoes & seasonal veg Fruit and ice cream
Thurs	Hunters chicken V – Cheese & bean wrap Rice & seasonal vegetables Autumn sponge made with fruit
Fri	Salmon or cod fish cakes V – Vegetarian nuggets Golden fries & seasonal veg Flapjack

FRIDAY SPORTS

Autumn 2023					
Friday's Date	Planning	Swim	Dance	American Football	Football
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.

Thank you.

YEAR 6 – SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES

It is that time of year when our new to Year 6 parents will start thinking about their child's Secondary school place. Applications need to be made via your personal Devon Country Council portal.

We are asked by some schools to advertise their open evenings and days as shown below; but please note that there are other Secondary Schools in the area who will also have their own events, please check out individual websites and schools to make an informed choice.

Pilton Community College
Open Evening 18th September
Website: piltoncollege.org.uk

The Park Community School
Open Evening 21st September
Website: Www.theparkschool.org.uk

West Buckland School
Open Day: 23rd September
Website: www.westbuckland.com

Kingsley School
Open Day 26th September
Website: [Welcome to Kingsley School Devon \(kingsleydevon.com\)](http://Welcome to Kingsley School Devon (kingsleydevon.com))

Chulmleigh College
Open Evening: 28th September
Website www.chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk

Applications are now open and
close on 31st October 2023

FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND PUPIL PREMIUM

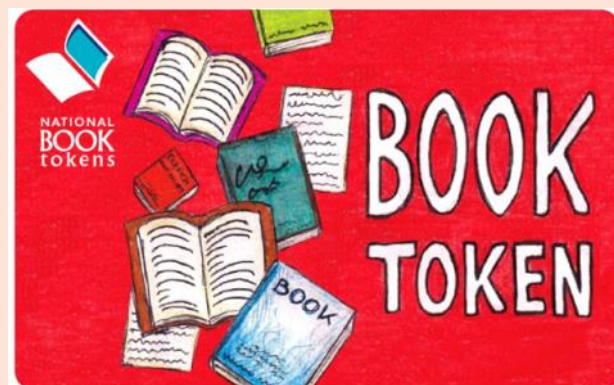
If you think that your child could be entitled to free school meals but haven't made an application then the Free School Meal Team have a platform that enables you to make a quick application online where your eligibility can be assessed and an outcome can be given instantaneously.

To apply for free school meals please visit the <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

It's a quick and easy way to check your availability online

If you have any other queries relating to free school meal entitlement you can email the team at freeschoolmeals@devon.gov.uk.

WE ARE GIVING ANY SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS (BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER 2023) A £10 BOOK TOKEN FOR THEIR CHILD












The children enjoyed a drumming performance this week when our Peripatetic Music Teacher Martin Bradshaw showcased his drumming skills!

Thank you Martin!

Instrument Lessons

- At Pilton Bluecoat Academy we have six peripatetic music teachers who offer private instrument lessons; either one to one or in small groups
- Teachers come into school once a week during term time and lessons are during the school day
- Please contact the teacher directly for the cost of lessons and availability
- If your child is interested in learning but doesn't have an instrument, the teacher may have an instrument that they can borrow or hire – please ask
- If your child receives pupil premium funding, you are entitled to a 50% reduction in the cost of lessons. Please let the instrument teacher know this when you are arranging lessons so that you are charged the correct amount

Guitar <i>Acoustic guitar taught in groups.</i>		Hannah Woollacott hannahwoollacott@hotmail.co.uk	Monday Morning
Keyboard/Piano <i>Lessons will be taught on a keyboard or piano depending on availability.</i>		Rebecca Barrow 07828 601778 rebeccabarrowmusician@gmail.com	Monday or Wednesday
Drums <i>Lessons will be taught on an electric drum kit in school.</i>		Martin Bradshaw 07974 849303 imsnorthdevon@gmail.com	Tuesday Morning
Singing Lessons		<i>To be confirmed</i>	Tuesday Afternoon
Violin		Rebecca Barrow 07828 601778 rebeccabarrowmusician@gmail.com	Wednesday
Rock Band <i>Keyboard, electric guitar, drums, voice. Taught in groups. ALL INSTRUMENTS ARE PROVIDED BY STUART</i>		Stuart Snelling- Rocksteady https://www.rocksteadymusic.school.com/primary/ 0330 113 0330	Thursday Morning
Flute		Susan Northrop 07890 022264 Susan.e.northrop@googlemail.com	Friday Morning
Clarinet		Susan Northrop 07890 022264 Susan.e.northrop@googlemail.com	Friday Morning
Saxophone		Susan Northrop 07890 022264 Susan.e.northrop@googlemail.com	Friday Morning

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
7th November	Tempest Photos Individuals/Siblings
20th November	Flu Vaccinations



Vacancy for a Catering Assistant

Pilton Bluecoat C of E Academy

Job Title: Catering Assistant

Required: 30th October 2023

Hours per week: 18.75 (3.75 per day Monday to Friday worked 9:45am – 1:30pm)

Working weeks: 38 weeks

Status: permanent / part time

Starting Salary: £10.60 (Pending Pay Award increase £11.60)

Grade: A

Closing Date: 12 noon on Monday 25th September 2023

Interviews: Week commencing 25th September 2023

Would you like to join our school team as a Catering Assistant and help to create nutritious and appealing meals for our pupils? The post will be under the direction of the Kitchen Manager.

Full training will be given including a Basic Food Hygiene Certification course.

The appointed person will work as part of a team of 4 to help prepare meals. This role requires the ability to fulfil all spoken aspects of the role with confidence and fluency in English.

This is a fantastic opportunity to join a team where you will be valued, welcomed, and supported within a friendly staff environment. Additional benefits include: Membership of a generous pension scheme (TP/ LGPS). Access to Medigold Occupational Health who provide our employees with a range of free health and wellbeing benefits including access to Thrive; a mental wellbeing app. Free Eye tests and Seasonal Flu Vaccinations, Cycle to work and IT schemes, a Competitive Salary, Wellbeing and Long Service days.

TEAM Multi-Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and expects all its staff and volunteers to share this commitment. A DBS check will be undertaken and references taken up before interview. All shortlisted candidates are subject to a pre-employment online search prior to interview.

An application form should be fully completed; we do not accept CV's.

Full details and application form can be found on our website www.teamacademytrust.com

Applications should be hand delivered, posted or emailed to Sam Stobbs, via vacancies@team-mat.org.uk

Any articles which appear in the school newsletter, that have not been organised by or on behalf of the school, have not been verified by TEAM Multi-Academy Trust as to the suitability for children. The news items are for parent information only.

U10'S

#GOBARUM

JUNIOR RUGBY

BARNSTAPLE RUGBY IS LOOKING FOR BOYS AND GIRLS FROM YEAR 5 TO JOIN IT'S U10's TEAM INTERESTED EMAIL juniors@barnstaplerugby.com



Are you interested in a career supporting children and young people in a school environment?

Our Supporting Teaching and Learning qualifications will put you on the right track!

Our one-year teaching assistant programmes have been designed to support your learning and help you discover and evaluate your natural abilities and skills within the classroom.

Each week, you will undertake between one and three days of school-based placement*, alongside one day of knowledge-based learning at our North Devon campus in Barnstaple.

This blend of theoretical learning and practical placement will allow you to put your new-found knowledge into practice and develop your skills as a future Teaching Assistant.

Whether you're already employed within the sector and are looking to upskill, or would like a change of career - if you have a passion for supporting children's learning, we'll support you every step of the way!

- Level 2 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning
- Level 3 Diploma in Supporting Teaching and Learning

*If you need any support with securing a placement, our assessors will be happy to help.

"This course allows me to gain the knowledge needed to become an enthusiastic and encouraging teaching assistant, through work experience and knowledge-based coursework assignments. It has given me the ambition to progress onto university and pursue my goal of becoming a primary school teacher".

Holly, Level 3 Diploma in Supporting Teaching and Learning

For more information, please visit our website, petroc.ac.uk or contact our Advice & Guidance Centre, 01271 852422.



Barnstaple SC Water Polo

From Sept. '23' Thursdays - main Tarka Pool:

7.30 - 8.30 pm (Juniors/Development 1.4m/1.8m)

7.30 - 9.30 pm (Performance/Seniors 1.8m)

A fun team game that has excellent fitness benefits such as endurance and explosive power!

- All swimmers welcome from 8 years upwards.
(Open to anyone who can tread water for 3 minutes or longer)
- Many of our best players have achieved National Swimming Qualifying Times.
- Successful Surf Life Savers enjoy playing too and are natural players.

If you would like to play, please come along on a Thursday for a FREE taster or contact:

BarnstapleWaterpolo@gmail.com

Back to (old-school)

80s Disco!!

With DJ Tommy

Saturday

23rd September

In Pilton Church Hall

7-11pm

With licensed bar

£5 per person

Limited numbers—tickets via Eventbrite
www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/back-to-the-80s-disco-
 or contact Julie on 07855 660362

Dress Code: 80s of course!

Proceeds to Joe Wells Edinburgh Uni Journey