

13th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a tremendous week we've had, filled with celebration! Our assembly this Monday delved into the theme of 'serving others.' It's been heartwarming to hear so many stories from our students about how they have prioritized the needs of others, be it in class, around the playground, or even in assisting their teachers by organising equipment in the shed. This week's experiences have truly enhanced our school community's spirit.

In our OPAL assembly on Tuesday, we introduced the school's new 'Code of Conduct'. It emphasizes the following core values: Respect, Hard Work and Perseverance, Collaboration, Honesty, and Acceptance. I was deeply moved by the thoughtful reflections from our students on how these values manifest in their daily lives.

Our Upper Key Stage 2 students ventured to Braunton Burrows to explore WW2's history and how the local area played a pivotal role in training soldiers. They returned brimming with knowledge and enthusiasm. These real-world experiences that bring learning to life are invaluable, and observing their keen interest was truly rewarding.

A heartfelt thank you to all the families who participated in the Year 3 and 4 'Homework' sessions this week. We trust it was insightful for you. If you couldn't attend, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher; we're here to help.

Next week promises another exciting adventure as we take a group of students to Segovia, Spain. This trip offers them an opportunity to meet their Spanish friends, exchange experiences, and truly immerse themselves in the Spanish culture.

The tickets for the Wales vs. Barbarians rugby match are selling fast, with only about ten remaining. Year 4 families can now purchase these tickets. Should you be interested, please contact our office team promptly. It promises to be a day of fun, and they might even catch me belting out a few Welsh tunes!

Finally, we are having a number of school clothing items being left around school with no names in. If you can write in or label the items, it will really help us to get them back to the child. We fully understand how much of a cost this is. If you are missing any items, we have some items on the stage in the hall, so please do pop in to see us.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Warm regards,



Mathew Harts, Head of School

General Letters issued this week	
Year	Topic
4	Rugby Trip
Various	Follow up on consents
4BC	Extra PE Session
All	Nasal Flu Vaccination Programme
6	National Childhood Measurement Programme
All	Music sharing assembly
5	Anderson Shelters
5	London Residential 2024

We show letters sent here so that you are aware of the main correspondence sent out that relates to your child so you don't miss anything.

Please contact the school office if you think there's an email you haven't received.

What's on week commencing 16th October 2023?

Monday

Private Piano & Violin lessons
Private Guitar Lessons

Tuesday

Ceet Project—small group

Wednesday

Private Piano & Violin lessons

Thursday

Rocksteady Bands Private Lessons
Private Drum Lessons

Friday

Upper School Sports
Private Woodwind Lessons
End of Half-Term

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

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Website: www.piltonbluecoat.devon.sch.uk

Facebook: [@Pilton Bluecoat Academy](https://www.facebook.com/PiltonBluecoatAcademy)

Twitter: [@teammatceo](https://twitter.com/teammatceo)

Email: office@piltonbluecoat.devon.sch.uk

Pilton Bluecoat Fundraising Group

<https://www.facebook.com/>

Breakfast Club & Afterschool club

Please contact Tia or Jemma on

north.devon@primary-sports.co.uk



We are thrilled to be awarded the highest level of Outstanding for our school garden and a big thank you to our volunteer Simon Hernon who has dedicated so much of his time to transform our garden area, create new raised beds and help the children plant seeds and grow their own produce, some of which has been cooked in our school kitchen.

Flu Vaccinations

The Immunisation Team will visit our school on Monday 20th November 2023. If you want your child to be vaccinated you will need to sign up following this link:

<https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

PLEASE ENSURE YOU ENTER THE FULL UNIQUE SCHOOL REFERENCE CODE: DV138315

The deadline for sign up is midday Friday 17th November 2023 to ensure your child receives their vaccination. If you experience any problems accessing the form please telephone 01392 342678 and the team will be happy to help.



- 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.

**Please can you keep your
child's meal balance and
wraparound care
(if applicable) balance
topped up "in the black"
please.**

	Week 1: 4/9, 25/9, 16/10, 13/11, 4/12
Mon	Cheese & tomato pizza V – Vegetarian sausage roll Hash browns & seasonal veg Fruit & yogurt
Tues	Meatballs with pasta V – Vegetarian meatballs with pasta Seasonal veg Pancakes with fruit coulis
Weds	Roast of the day – Beef V – Quorn fillet Roast potatoes & seasonal veg Fruit and ice cream
Thurs	Chicken in a wrap V – Cheese salad wrap Crispy potatoes & seasonal vegetables Sticky toffee pudding
Fri	Oven baked fish V – Vegetable slice Golden fries & seasonal vegetables Homemade cookie

FRIDAY SPORTS

Autumn 2023						
Friday's Date		Planning	Swim	Dance	American Football	Football
20-Oct		UPPER	5EC	6MT	5MR	6SE
27-Oct		HALF - TERM				
03-Nov		LOWER	4BC	4AB	3KD	3LB
10-Nov		UPPER	5EC	6MT	5MR	6SE
17-Nov		LOWER	4BC	4AB	3KD	3LB
24-Nov	Change	UPPER	6MT	6SE	5EC	5MR
01-Dec		LOWER	4AB	3LB	4BC	3KD
08-Dec		UPPER	6MT	6SE	5EC	5MR
15-Dec		LAST DAY OF TERM - NO FRIDAY SPORTS				

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.

Pilton Bluecoat Parentgroup – Christmas Card Project

The order forms for the Christmas card project will be sent home next week so please keep a look out for them. All the details regarding how to order your child's design and which products are available, will be on the form along with a QR code. All orders are placed online and will be delivered to school.

Please note the deadline of 11.59pm on 25th October (during half term). This is so that we are able to get them sent back in plenty of time for Christmas.

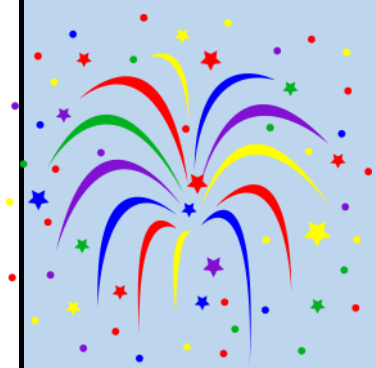
There were lots of wonderful designs and we look forward to seeing them printed on the finished products.



REMINDER FOR YEAR 6 PARENTS

THE CLOSING DATE FOR YOUR CHILD'S YEAR 7
SCHOOL APPLICATION IS

31st OCTOBER 2023



Celebration Assembly

Friday 13th October

Handwriting Heroes

Year 6 Jack

Reading Champions - Book Token!

Year 3 - Emilie, Year 4 - Esther

Work

Tyler for his amazing perseverance whilst completing his Maths work.

Zara for a fantastic effort with her learning

Abigail for beautiful presentation in all of her classwork and always trying her best

Kayla & Gilda for their creativity with their Anderson shelter

Contribution

All of Year 3 for their amazing participation in the Multi-Skills event earlier this week.

Lillye for showing such unwavering kindness and patience

School Term Dates 2023/2024

Autumn Term

Half-term: 23rd - 27th October 2023

Last Day: 15th December 2023

Spring Term

First Day: 3rd January 2024

Half-term: 12th - 16th February 2024

Last Day: 28th March 2024

Summer Term

First Day: 15th April 2024

Bank Holiday: 6th May 2024

Half-term: 27th - 31st May 2024

Non Pupil Day: 3rd June 2024

Last Day: 23rd July 2024

Non pupil days: 2nd January 2024 and 3rd June

Dates for your diary, 2023

Date	Event
15th - 20th October	Spain Residential
23rd—27th October	Half-Term
2nd November	Team—Cross Country Event
4th November	Rugby Trip - Wales v The Barbarians
7th November	Tempest Photos Individuals/Siblings
8th November	Year 2 Open Meetings
8th & 9th November	Teacher & Guardian 1:1 Meetings
10th November	Remembrance
17th November	Children in Need
20th November	Flu Vaccinations



WE NEED YOU.

We are looking for keen and enthusiastic volunteers to join our Local Governing Bodies (LGB) as a school Governor and/or a Trustee.

Governor

The role of a School Governor is key in ensuring the school offers high standards of education for all children.

Each school within TEAM Multi-Academy Trust has its own Local Governing Body. The LGB meet once or twice a term and are encouraged to join in with our school visits and learning walks throughout the school year. This is a voluntary position and training is available for this role.

Trustee

Our Trustees oversee the strategic direction of the Trust schools along with holding the senior school leadership to account and monitoring the trust's finances– amongst many other aspects of school performance.

They can draw on their own expertise from all aspects of business and industry and have specific interests as part of their role such as – Curriculum, Personnel, Admissions, Finance, Safeguarding, Premises or SEND. They meet approximately 6 times a year as a whole group and are active within a range of committees and individual portfolios.

VOLUNTEERING IN THIS WAY BRINGS MANY REWARDS. YOU WILL ENJOY WORKING ALONGSIDE LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE AND GET REAL SATISFACTION AT USING YOUR SKILLS TO CREATE A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR CHILDREN.

If you are interested in volunteering or to find out more about being a local governor at your school or a TEAM trustee, then we would love to hear from you. Please email vacancies@team-mat.org.uk



For more information, please visit our Governance section on our website: www.teamacademytrust.com

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.

Table Top Sale

Saturday 28th October

12-4pm

In Pilton Church Hall

£7 per table

Sellers from 10.30am—please book in advance with

Julie on 07855 660362

With refreshments

Have a clear out or grab a bargain!

Proceeds to Joe Wells Edinburgh Uni Journey



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chat, friendship, support, play, songs,
craft, bible stories, coffee and cake

Thursdays 10.00 - 11.30

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Term time only



October Dates

Tuesday 17th – Lemon Tree Café,
Holland Walk, Barnstaple from 10am

Any questions please contact Janice:
07869436621

Thursday 19th – Online Specialist
Education and EHCP support session.

Any questions and to book a place
contact Tracey: **07921220840**

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