

1st December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you well. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for your participation in the recent 'parental consultations'. These meetings are invaluable, providing us with a chance to welcome families into our school community, discuss your children's progress, and explore how we can best support their educational journey. The feedback from teachers has been overwhelmingly positive, highlighting the benefits of these meetings.

Looking ahead, we're thrilled to announce our Christmas Fayre, set to take place after school on Friday, 8th December. This event is shaping up to be a festive highlight, thanks to the tireless efforts of our Parent group. Their dedication to fundraising has been instrumental in creating enriching opportunities for our students. The Fayre will feature an array of attractions, including a visit from Father Christmas, various games, stalls, mulled wine, delicious food, and much more! Additionally, the raffle prizes are simply amazing, and I'll certainly be trying my luck with a few tickets!

To manage attendance smoothly, we've staggered the start times for different year groups. The schedule is as follows:

Year 3 children and families: 3.00 pm

Year 4: 3.10 pm

Years 5 and 6: 3.20 pm

If your schedule only allows you to join us at 3.20 pm, please don't worry. We welcome your presence whenever you can make it. We do request that all children from Years 3-6 be accompanied by an adult and supervised throughout the event. Our aim is to create a joyous and memorable experience for everyone involved. Your continuous support and involvement in our school community are deeply appreciated. We look forward to celebrating this festive season with you.

Warm regards,



Mathew Harts, Head of School

General Letters issued this week	
Year	Topic
All	Christmas Raffle
Choir	Choir trips
FSM	HAF Programmes
All	Tempest deliveries

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 4th December 2023?

Monday

Private Piano & Violin lessons
Private Guitar Lessons
Go Beyond Leave

Tuesday

Appletree Farm small group
CEET Project at Arlington Court – Small group
Choir to Pilton House

Wednesday

Christingle
Private Piano & Violin lessons
Pilton Infants Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday

Rocksteady Concert 9am
Private Drum Lessons

Friday

Upper School Sports
Private Woodwind Lessons
Go Beyond Return
Christmas Fair

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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



If you can spare some time to help at or set-up for our Christmas Fair, your contribution, no matter how small, would be immensely appreciated.

Please contact the school office and we can put you in touch with our Parentgroup or you can find them on Facebook:

Pilton Bluecoat Fundraising Group

We would also appreciate donations of cakes for our Christmas fair next Friday, these can be shop bought or home-made! Thank you.

Christmas Hampers For Our Community.

For Christmas this year, as previous years we would like to help some families in our community who would appreciate a little extra help at this time of year. We plan to provide them with food hampers and would appreciate donations to help us do this.

If you are able to please can you bring in donations of any of the following items over the next few weeks; pasta, rice, pasta sauces, boxes of cereal, bottles of squash, tea bags, coffee, sugar, hot chocolate powder, instant noodles, tins of soup, tins of beans/spaghetti, part baked rolls, bags of crisps, multipack of biscuits; snack bars, crackers, rice cakes, jams & spreads, ketchups and sauces.

Items can be brought into school and left in the school office, your child's classroom (resource area) or on the stage in the main hall, items will be collected regularly from these areas. We are extremely grateful for your help in helping us provide these hampers.

Thank you

PE T-Shirts

We will no longer be holding stock of these in the school office so they will need to be ordered via Brand It or School Threads. We have a small stock of sizes 7-8 and 9-11 but that's it. They will remain on school shop until they have all sold out.



Lower School Christmas Play

The Magical Christmas Jigsaw

Monday 11th December @2pm

Tuesday 12th December @ 6pm

Tickets are free but must be booked via Arbor. Tickets are available from 6pm tonight. Limit of two per family overall as seats are limited.

Retiring Collection after each performance in aid of Cancer Research if you please.



Tempest Photos

We have now received our Tempest delivery and from today will be giving these orders out to each class. Please can you keep a look out for your ordered item over the next week. If you have any queries please come to the school office.

Afterschool Clubs

With the exception of tennis all our clubs will finish next week. Tennis will finish on Thursday 14th.

Debts on Arbor
Please can you make
sure that all
outstanding dinner
and wraparound
care debts are fully
paid by the end of
term. Thank you.



- 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 note that on Wednesday 6th
November, Pilton Infants will be
having their Christmas Dinner
prepared by our kitchen team,
therefore we will have a reduced
menu for this day only.

	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	Change to usual menu:- Hot dogs or Veggie hot dogs with baked beans Fruit & Ice Cream No tomato pasta or jacket potatoes today
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

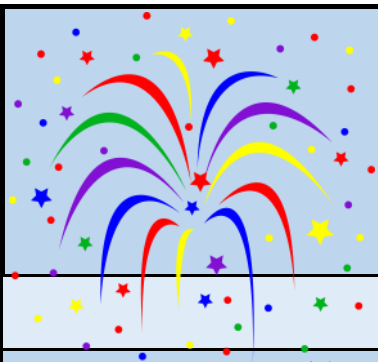


Join us for our
School Carol Service
Friday 15th December
10am
At St Mary's Church, Pilton

The Free School Meal teams will be issuing vouchers worth £45 per child to families in receipt of Free School meals to support families over the Christmas and February half-term periods. Regarding new eligibility, the cut-off date for families to receive support for this scheme will be **Friday 15th December 2023** so if you feel your family is entitled to Free School Meals please make an application today.

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

Friday Sports - Autumn 2023						
Friday's Date		Planning	Swim	Dance	Volleyball	Football
01-Dec		LOWER	4AB	3LB	4BC	3KD
08-Dec		UPPER	6MT	6SE	5EC	5MR
15-Dec	LAST DAY OF TERM - NO FRIDAY SPORTS					



Celebration Assembly

Friday 1st December

Handwriting Heroes

Year 3—Vienna, Year 4—Zayan, Year 5—Lexi,

Reading Champions - Book Token!

Year 3—Jacob, Year 4—Nell, Year 5—Evelin, Year 6—Archie

Work

Isaac M for incredible perseverance and an incredible attitude to school.

Emily S for Amazing progress with column addition!

Nandu for always pushing himself out of his comfort zone and putting 100% into everything he does.

Kingsley for a wonderful painting

Noa for her amazing attitude to her work across the curriculum

Eliza for her commitment to her learning

Beth for her positive attitude to learning and excellent work in Maths

Ellis J for fantastic progress in his fortnightly arithmetic scores

Harry D for his excellent progress in his fraction learning this week.

Contribution

Year 4 for their behaviour and engagement in our recent trip to Bovington

Archie and Mia for their donations of books and clothes.

Ashly, Barnaby and Elliott for showing kindness

Runners who have taken part in the cross country league.

Eliza E for giving up her own time to help with the Christmas raffle. She has been going round to different businesses collecting prizes!

Harry D from George regarding his math learning.

HOUSE POINTS TOTAL

Saturn = 808 Neptune = 690 Mercury = 649 Jupiter = 749

School Term Dates 2023/2024

Autumn Term

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

Dates for your diary, 2023

Date	Event
Fri 1st December	Teachers Rock Concert in Exeter
Weds 6th December	Christingle
Thurs 7th December	Rocksteady Concert 9am
Mon 8th December	School Christmas Fair
Mon 11th December	Nativity Performance 2pm
Tues 12th December	Nativity Performance 6pm
Weds 13th December	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper day
Friday 15th December	Christmas Carol Church Service
6th January 2024	Exeter Chiefs Experience

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FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Sunday Club

Crafts, Games,
Snacks, Faith, Fun!

SUNDAYS 10.30 - 11.45am



MEET IN ST MARY'S CHURCH,
PILTON @10.30AM & THEN WE
WILL GO OVER TO THE HALL

EMAIL PILTONSUNDAYCLUB@GMAIL.COM
FOR MORE INFO



ADULTS BABIES CHILDREN

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

Thursdays 10.00 - 11.30

In
Pilton Church Hall
83 Pilton Street

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Term time only

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Christmas Activity Days

WHEN?
MONDAY 18TH
DECEMBER-
THURSDAY 21ST
DECEMBER

TIMINGS
STANDARD DAY
8.30AM-3.30PM
EXTENDED DAY
8.00AM- 5.30PM

WHERE?
STICKLEPATH
COMMUNITY
PRIMARY SCHOOL

AGES 5-11

HOW TO BOOK:

- VISIT OUR WEBSITE- PRIMARY-SPORTS.CO.UK
- CLICK ON THE TAB 'BOOK NOW'
- SCROLL DOWN TO STICKLEPATH PRIMARY SCHOOL- CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY DAYS

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- GLOW IN THE DARK DODGEBALL
- CHRISTMAS DISCO
- CHRISTMAS ARTS AND CRAFTS
- CHRISTMAS BINGO
- SANTA AND ELF VISIT

Merry Christmas

Christmas holiday Activity days

Location: Pilton Infants School.
Dates: 18th December, 19th December, 20th December.
Time: 8:30am - 3:30pm.
Price: £20 per day.

Information
Days will consist on fun activities including, Football, Tennis, Dodgeball, Christmas Arts & crafts, team games and so much more!

Please ensure your child brings a packed lunch, morning snack, water bottle and is wearing sports kit with trainers.

To book head to:
www.primary-sports.co.uk/events
And click on Pilton Infants Christmas Holiday Activity Days

For any further info please contact
tom.poole@primary-sports.co.uk



CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING



@ ST MARY'S CHURCH, PILTON

Saturday 2nd December 2023



10.30 to 12noon

Please come along and bring
your friends and neighbours



MUSEUM OF THE MOON by LUKE JERRAM

**SAT 16 DECEMBER - SAT 6 JANUARY
BARNSTAPLE PANNIER MARKET
OPEN 10 - 8 DAILY*
FREE ENTRY**

*OPENING TIMES VARY SO PLEASE CHECK BEFORE VISITING.
CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY.



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TICKETS HERE**

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TICKETS SHOULD BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE

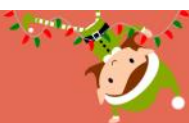


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CIRCUS BERZERCUS

**THURSDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2023
2PM**

Circus Berzercus - The Magical Elves Christmas Show

A perfect family Christmas show packed full of comic
mishaps, great circus skills and lots of audience
participation.

Gerald the senior elf in the circus department, has to train
up Wallace, an apprentice transferred from the magical
department due to "elf cuts", with hilarious results.

Suitable for ages 3-93
£5 per person - booking essential



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CHRISTMAS EVENTS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER: Festive children's clothes swap in the children's library.

Wednesday 6th December: Orchard Vale school choir
11.30am - 12pm in the foyer.
Drop in

Saturday 9th December: Drop-in Christmas crafts
10am - 12pm
Drop in

Tuesday 12th December: Festive story time and hot chocolate under the tree.
4pm - 5pm
Suitable for children 3-8 years old. Drop in

Wednesday 13th December: Festive Fun for grown-ups around the tree followed by hot chocolate.
3.30-4.30pm
Drop in

Saturday 16th December: E-Christmas card making sessions
Morning: 10am - 12pm
Afternoon: 2pm - 4pm
Book at the library

Thursday 21st December: Circus Berzercus - 2pm
£5 per person to look at the library

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Wednesday 6th December

Monday 11th December

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