

12th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. I'm excited to share some recent enriching experiences our students enjoyed, and I also want to address a few important school-related matters.

A Memorable Rugby Experience: Last Saturday was a remarkable day for our pupils who visited the Exeter Chiefs V's Northampton Saints rugby match. Not only did they explore the training facilities, but they also participated in a training session with the players. This hands-on experience culminated in the honour of forming a guard as the teams entered the pitch. The game itself was a spectacular display of professional sport, leaving a lasting impression on many children, some of whom described the day as 'life-changing'. We used insights from this event to deepen our Monday assembly discussion, focusing on our Christian values such as wisdom, hope, perseverance, and justice. The children supported me with the assembly and they truly captured the essence of the day with all the children in school.

The Magic of Theatre: The wonder continued on Thursday when M&M Productions brought the pantomime "Aladdin" to our school. This event was not just entertaining but also educational, showcasing the synergy of lighting, sound, acting, and props in a theatrical production. Such experiences are vital in inspiring and motivating our students.

Home Learning and Reading Progress: This week, we will distribute new Home Learning materials. These resources are carefully designed to reinforce classroom learning. Additionally, I'm pleased to report that the students have shown great enthusiasm in their Accelerated Reader quizzes, and they will soon receive their new books.

Enhancing Our School Play Environment: We're excited about our plans to upgrade our outdoor play area further and we will certainly update you as we move forward. Currently, we're seeking donations of scaffolding boards, planks, cable drums, or piping. Your contributions will significantly aid in this development.

The Importance of Punctuality: Lastly, I wish to highlight the impact of punctuality on student development. Even a few minutes of lateness each day can accumulate significantly over the school year, affecting a child's social, emotional, and academic growth. If you face challenges in this area, please feel free to reach out. We are here to support you and work together for the benefit of our children.

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation

Warm regards



Mathew Harts, Head of School

PUNCTUALITY MATTERS!

Being frequently late for school adds up to lost learning:

- Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 days lost each year.
- Arriving 15 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year.
- Arriving 30 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 19 days a year.

19 days lost a year through being late means 90% attendance.

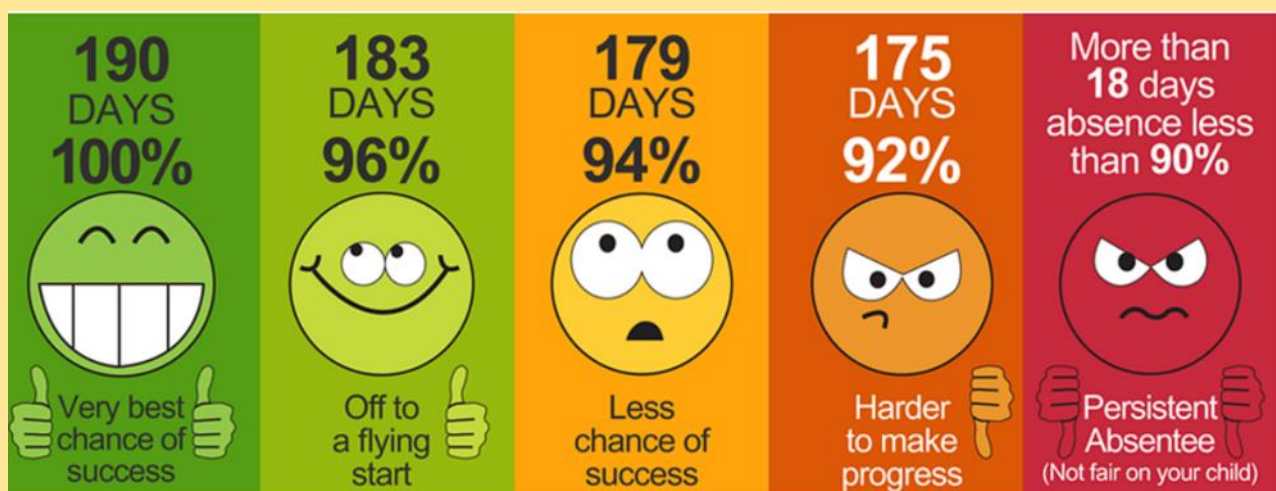


**missed minutes =
missed learning
= missed opportunities!**

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

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Each academic school year is 38 weeks (Sept-July) or 190 days. The following chart shows how missed days affects overall attendance.



General Letters issued this week	
Year	Topic
3	Year 3 Residential Information
4	Year 4 Residential Information
5	Costumes & props
Various	Club spaces and start dates
5	London Residential paperwork
All	Online Safety Newsletter
6	National Measurement Programme

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

What's on week commencing 15th January 2024?
<p><u>Monday</u> Private Piano & Violin lessons Private Guitar Lessons</p> <p><u>Tuesday</u> Private singing lessons Year 4 Residential Meeting 3.35pm</p> <p><u>Wednesday</u> Private Piano & Violin lessons Pilton House small group</p> <p><u>Thursday</u> Rocksteady private lessons Private drum Lessons</p> <p><u>Friday</u> Lower school sports Private woodwind lessons</p>

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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

Afterschool Clubs

All clubs have now been finalised and you should have received confirmation of your child's place, if your child didn't get a space they will be on a waiting list. All clubs start next week with the exception of girls football which starts on 23rd Jan. If you think you are able to volunteer to run an afterschool club yourself please do get in touch with the school office.

PE DAYS

Please note the ongoing change to our PE days,

Years 4 & 5 have swapped

MONDAY - Year 5

TUESDAY - Year 6

WEDNESDAY - Year 4

THURSDAY - Year 3



The final payment for the Year 5 London Residential is
19th January 2024.

The Year 3 Lee Abbey Residential is now open on Arbor and you have until 26th January to book a space.

Please check your emails for more details.

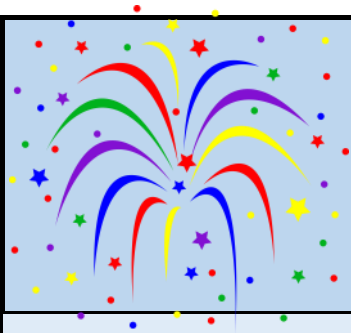
The final date to sign up for the Year 6 Heatree Residential is 31st January.



Reminder

Year 4 Residential Meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th January at 3.35pm in the school hall.

Come along to find out what we have planned and ask any questions.



Celebration Assembly

Friday 12th January

Handwriting Heroes

Year 3 - Ezra, Year 4- Ezra, Year 5 - Gracie, Year 6 - Albie

Reading Champions - Book Token!

Year 3 - Nathalin, Year 5 - Evie

Work

Freddie for showing a fantastic attitude to learning and sharing his ideas with the rest of the class brilliantly

Harrison for a brilliant week at school and an even better time at the farm with Mrs Dewey.

Franklyn for his fantastic attitude to learning, great concentration and effort.

Elliott for working hard in everything (particularly maths), always showing kindness and supporting his peers and being helpful.

Charlie for his fantastic attitude to learning this week and showing great concentration and determination in Maths.

Billy for his increased contributions to class discussions.

Nyla for her progress in maths

Wyatt for his excellent contributions in his maths learning

Harper for her perseverance in PE

Contribution

Alistair for being a superb learning partner, helping and encouraging Charlie with his classwork.

Amelie and Evie for helping a classmate in need

Indoor athletics teams coming 1st and 3rd

PCC cross country medalist from September

HOUSE POINTS TOTAL

Neptune = 326 Jupiter = 312 Mercury = 297 Saturn = 272



- 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.

THIS SCHOOL IS A



Spring 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 change to Thursday menu

	Week 3: 15/1, 5/2, 4/3, 25/3
M o n	BBQ pizza V – Cheese & tomato pizza Potato wedges & seasonal vegetables Pancake Monday with various toppings
T u e s	Meat balls & pasta V – Vegetarian meatballs & pasta Seasonal veg Spiced apple sponge
W e d s	Roast of the Day – beef & Yorkshire pudding V – Vegetarian roast Roast potatoes & seasonal veg Fruit & ice cream
T h u r s	Hot dogs V – Vegetarian hotdogs Potato wedges, sweetcorn or beans Fruit & yogurt
F r i	Fish Fingers V – Cheese & bean wrap Golden fries with seasonal veg Shortbread biscuit

**Just a reminder to NOT let your child bring Energy
drinks into school. Thank you.**

Friday Sports

Spring 2023						
Friday's Date		Planning	Swim	Dance	Volley-ball	Foot-ball
05-Jan		LOWER	4AB	3LB	4BC	3KD
12-Jan		UPPER	6MT	6SE	5EC	5MR
19-Jan		LOWER	4AB	3LB	4BC	3KD
26-Jan		UPPER	6MT	6SE	5EC	5MR
02-Feb		LOWER	4AB	3LB	4BC	3KD
09-Feb		UPPER	6MT	6SE	5EC	5MR
16-Feb		HALF - TERM				
23-Feb	Change	LOWER	3KD	4BC	3LB	4AB
01-Mar		UPPER	5MR	5EC	6SE	6MT
08-Mar		LOWER	3KD	4BC	3LB	4AB

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on these dates as well as their usual PE day. **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.

Following a recent visit from the Environmental Health team our school kitchen continues to have a food hygiene rating of 5!



Year 4 Tennis Festival

Weds 17th January

Details were emailed out earlier this week. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £2.50 per child towards the cost of this event, please can you make payment via Arbor under school trips.

Thank you.



The team have introduced a pre-payment system which means we will no longer be collecting monies via Arbor. Instead payment can be paid at the point of booking. The club has registered for childcare vouchers and have set up a 50% discount for all pupil premium children —please just let them know.

Email: **north.devon@primary-sports.co.uk**

Website: **www.primary-sports.co.uk**

Please note: If you have money left on your breakfast or afterschool club account on Arbor—this will be refunded to you soon.

PARENTGROUP

Our parent group work hard to bring us exciting events and raise valuable money for enrichment activities for the children. If you would like to find out more and get involved please contact the school office.

DO YOU HAVE...?

Year 5s will perform "Hard Knock Life" from the film "Annie" in the upcoming Proms Music Concert. For this, we will need the following to use as props:

- ♦ Tea towels
- ♦ Mop
- ♦ Broom
- ♦ Bedding (sheets, pillow cases, duvet covers)
- ♦ Bucket



If you are able to donate any of these items to school, please can you send them to the school office. Many thanks, Mrs Brayley

School Term Dates 2023/2024

Spring Term

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: 3rd June 2024

Dates for your diary, 2023

Date	Event
6th January 2024	Exeter Chiefs Experience
8th January 2024	Year 3 Residential Parents/Guardians Meeting 3.35pm
11th January	M&M Productions bringing us an Aladdin Panto
17th January	Year 4 Tennis Festival
22nd —26th Jan	Go Beyond Residential
1st February	Child Measurement Programme - Year 6s
2nd February	Rising Stars Day 2
6th—9th February	Year 5 London Residential
12th—16th February	Half-Term
22nd February	TEAM Cross Country event
18th March	Proms Concert

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.

FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Sunday Club

Crafts, Games,
Snacks, Faith, Fun!

SUNDAYS 10.30 - 11.45am
In Term-Time



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

EMAIL PILTONSUNDAYCLUB@GMAIL.COM
FOR MORE INFO

**Preschool
Cookery
Classes**

Starting in
January '24

**TIME TO
COOK**

LITTLE COOKS
BIG ADVENTURES

Monthly classes on
Fridays at 9:45a.m.
The Corn Store
Barnstaple Pannier
Market
Email - Claire@timetocook.uk

Was your child born between
**1st September 2019 and
31st August 2020?**

How to Apply for a Primary School Place in Devon

You can apply online at
www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline
from 15th November 2023 to the 15th January 2024

If you cannot access the school
admissions website you can get
more information by calling our
Education Helpline on
0345 155 1019
or email: admissions@devon.gov.uk



Even if you have already given
details to a primary school, you
must apply for a place through the
Admissions Team. This is the only
way to apply; other forms or lists
held by schools will not count.

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Union Karate Do

Mondays
Juniors: 3.20pm to 4.20pm

Pilton Bluecoat Academy

More than just a club we are a martial arts FAMILY

Confidence, Fitness, Self Defence, Flexibility whatever
your Goal is we are here to help YOU achieve it.

Resilience
Equality
Self-confidence
Perseverance
Excellence
Courage
Teamwork

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