

26th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. This week's assembly was an exploration of 'friendship' and the qualities that embody a good friend. Our children impressed us with their understanding and values, highlighting traits like compassion, kindness, helpfulness, loyalty, and forgiveness. They discussed the importance of supporting friends during challenging times, reinforcing the significance of empathy and co-operation in nurturing our school's community spirit.

We conducted a lockdown drill today, and I'm pleased to report it was executed flawlessly. The children were outstanding in their behavior and understanding of the procedure. As I visited each classroom, it was encouraging to see them all safe and actively engaged in their learning activities.

In today's celebration assembly, we recognised children from every year group who have shown exceptional engagement and achievement in their learning journey. We promote the importance of children not worrying about making mistakes but learning from them and always striving to do their best. This approach has fostered a sense of dedication and motivation among our children, inspiring them to excel in all they do.

Last week, we completed our Pupil Progress meetings. These meetings were instrumental in assessing student outcomes in each class and determining tailored next steps for our pupils. In line with this, we are introducing a new method for reviewing 'Support Plans' for parents/carers whose children have one. At the beginning of the next half term, we will invite you to participate in a collaborative meeting to discuss and refine these plans. This initiative aims to strengthen our partnership in providing the best possible support for your child. Our SENDCO is currently working out the details with our staff, and we will share more information with you soon.

Furthermore, we recently met with the attendance officer from Devon County Council to review student attendance across the school. Following the DCC's guidance, we understand the critical role attendance plays in both mental health and academic achievement. If you're facing any challenges in this regard, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Thank you for your continued support. Wishing you and your families a wonderful weekend.

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

Devon
County Council

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
6	Child Measurement Programme reminder
All	Curriculum Newsletters
All	Guidance on Measles outbreaks
4	UAC Residential letter
Various	Team Cross Country Festival
Various	Non-London Activities

PE Days
Year 3 – Thursday Year 4 – Wednesday Year 5 – Monday 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 29th January 2024?
Monday Private Piano & Violin lessons Private Guitar Lessons Tuesday Private singing lessons Farm small group Pathfield buddies small group Proms auditions Year 3 Wednesday Private Piano & Violin lessons Pilton House small group Our school team Netball Tournament at Park School Thursday Rocksteady private lessons Year 6 Measurement Programme Private drum Lessons Proms auditions Year 5 & 4AB Friday Lower school sports Private woodwind lessons Rising Stars Day 2

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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>

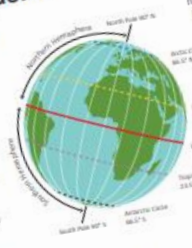
Curriculum Newsletters were sent out this week;

Upper school's topic is "Frozen Kingdom"

Frozen Kingdoms


The polar regions

The Earth has two polar regions: the Arctic Circle in the Northern Hemisphere and the Antarctic Circle in the Southern Hemisphere. Polar regions have long, cold winters and temperatures mostly below freezing. The weather can be very windy with little precipitation.





Arctic region

The Arctic region consists of the Arctic Ocean and the northern parts of Canada, Alaska, Russia, Finland, Sweden, Norway, Greenland and Iceland. Winter temperatures can reach -50°C and summer temperatures can reach 10°C. The Arctic region has a varied landscape including mountains, tundra and boreal forest. It is home to small populations of people and an amazing variety of plants and animals including the polar bear, Arctic fox, Arctic hare and walrus.



Antarctic region

Antarctica is the world's fifth-largest continent and is covered in an ice sheet that is up to 4800m thick. It is the coldest, driest, highest and windiest continent on Earth. Temperatures can drop to -89°C, there is little precipitation, and wind speeds can reach 80km per hour. There are only two native species of flowering plants in Antarctica, but there is a rich sea life, including the emperor penguin, humpback whale and leopard seal. No people live permanently in the Antarctic. However, scientists stay for part of the year to carry out research and tourists visit in the summer months to see the landscape and wildlife.




Polar landscapes

Much of the polar regions is covered with snow and ice all year round. Polar landscape features include glaciers, ice fields and icebergs.


Glacier

Glaciers are slow-moving masses of flowing ice, formed by the compaction of snow. They can vary in depth from 50m to 1500m.




Ice field

Ice fields are large areas of connected glaciers covering flat areas, such as valleys and high plateaus. They are made from compressed and frozen snow.



Iceberg

Icebergs are chunks of ice that calve, or break off, from glaciers and ice sheets and float in the sea. Wind and water erode icebergs into sculptural shapes.



Natural resources in the Arctic

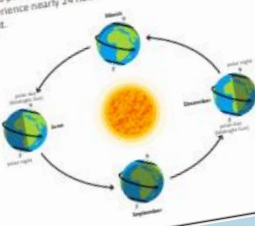
Natural resources in the Arctic include oil, gas, minerals, metals, fish, wood and freshwater. Arctic inhabitants use the natural resources available for fuel, food and to sell to other countries. However, many of the resources have not yet been touched as they are difficult to extract, especially those that are underneath the frozen waters of the Arctic Ocean.

Indigenous peoples of the Arctic

The indigenous peoples of the Arctic have inhabited the area for thousands of years. In the past, they adapted to the cold, harsh conditions by hunting and eating animals native to the area, such as seals, whales and walrus, and using reindeer skins to keep warm. Many lived nomadic lifestyles, following reindeer herds. Today, many indigenous peoples live in permanent settlements and have a modern lifestyle, but some still follow the traditional way of life.

Polar day and night

Due to the tilt of the Earth, the poles experience nearly 24 hours of daylight during the summer months. This is called polar day, or Midnight Sun. In the winter, the poles experience nearly 24 hours of darkness. This is called polar night.



Lower school's topic is "Road trip USA"

Road Trip USA!

Welcome to the USA

The United States of America (US or USA) is a country on the continent of North America and is made up of 50 states. 48 states are joined together on the mainland, Alaska is found to the north-west of Canada and Hawaii is an island state in the Pacific Ocean. The capital city of the USA is Washington DC, and each state has a capital. The USA has a wide range of environments and a diverse population, including Native Americans.

Physical features



Grand Canyon



Old Faithful geyser



Monument Valley



Niagara Falls

Human features



Statue of Liberty



Mount Rushmore



Hoover Dam



Golden Gate Bridge

New York

New York is a state in the north-eastern area of the USA and shares a border with Canada. Its capital is Albany. New York state has a varied landscape that includes three mountain ranges, many rivers, plains and lakes. The climate can experience extremes from -10°C in the winter, to warmer temperatures of 25-30°C in the summer.

New York City

New York City was the former capital of the USA and is in the south-east of New York state. It is made up of the five boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn, the Bronx, Queens and Staten Island. People from around the world visit New York City to experience the rich culture and enjoy its famous landmarks, such as Times Square, Central Park and the Statue of Liberty.



New York City skyline

Native Americans

Native Americans are the indigenous people of the USA. European explorers discovered the USA and created colonies. Many Native Americans lost their lives due to the spread of disease or through wars with Europeans. As the European colonies grew in number, more recently, the US government has done more to protect the rights, culture and traditions of Native Americans.

The Iroquois

The Iroquois are a tribe of Native American people who have inhabited Ontario in Canada and parts of northern New York state for more than 4000 years. The Iroquois people originally lived near lakes and streams that provided water for drinking, fishing and a means of transportation. Today, the Iroquois are often referred to as the Haudenosaunee or Six Nations and are made up of a group that includes the Mohawk, Seneca, Oneida, Onondaga, Tuscarora and Cayuga tribes.



The sign up window for the
Year 3 Lee Abbey
Residential closes TODAY.

The final date to
sign up for the
Year 6 Hea-
tree Resi-



The Year 4
residential to the
Ultimate Adventure
Centre is now open
on Arbor and closes
on 18th February.



Headlice

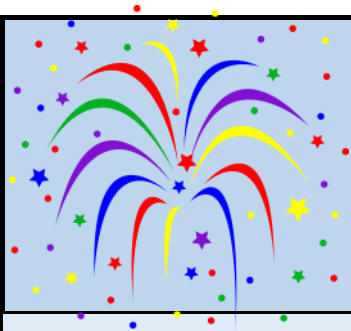
**We now have numerous cases reported in the
school – please check your child's hair and treat
if needed.**



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**



Celebration Assembly

Friday 26th January

Handwriting Heroes

Year 3 - Ava, Year 4 - Robert, Year 6 - Harriet

Reading Champions - Book Token!

Year 3 - Tyler, Year 4 - Noa,

Year 5 - Alistair, Year 6 - Lewis

Work

Riaan for his incredible effort and attitude to learning

Flynn for making huge progress in all aspects of school. His confidence is shining.

Ezra for his excellent ideas for describing the setting of our story.

Mia for her perseverance in maths.

Josh for his efforts in writing

Liam for working hard in maths lessons, challenging himself with Dive Deeper tasks, and developing his explanations.

Kiason for showing resilience and perseverance in his Maths learning.

George for carefully chosen vocabulary and sentence structure in writing

Gilda for her fantastic effort in reading homework

Harry for his excellent effort in all areas of his learning. Well written hot write in his literacy.

Contribution

Luna for being such a kind and caring member of the class and being a brilliant learning partner.

Lidia for looking after a younger child who was hurt

HOUSE POINTS TOTAL

Neptune = 654 Jupiter = 654 Mercury = 608 Saturn = 594



- 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.



	Week 2: 8/1, 29/1, 26/2, 18/3
Mon	Pork Sausages V – Vegetarian sausages Hash browns & seasonal veg Pancake Monday with various toppings
Tues	Spaghetti bolognaise V – Vegetarian bolognaise Garlic bread & seasonal veg Lemon drizzle
Weds	Roast of the Day – chicken V – Homity pie Roast potatoes & seasonal veg Fruit & ice cream
Thurs	Hunters chicken V - Macaroni Cheese Rice and seasonal veg Fruit & yogurt
Fri	Cod or salmon fish cakes V – Cheese wheels Golden fries & seasonal veg Homemade cookie

Friday Sports

Spring 2023						
Friday's Date		Planning	Swim	Dance	Volley-ball	Foot-ball
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.**

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SHOP

We have a variety of pre-loved uniform now available to buy at the school office.



Items include trousers, jumpers, t-shirts etc.

All items are available at a low price of 50p - £1



Come & visit the pre-loved shop!

Life, Love & Learning to the Full

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
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
6th March	Tempest Class Photos
18th March	Proms Concert

PROMS AUDITIONS

Tuesday 30th January: 3LB, 3KD

Thursday 1st February: 5MR, 5EC, 4AB

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

FEBRUARY HALF TERM ACTIVITY DAYS

LOCATION: PILTON INFANTS SCHOOL.
DATES: 12TH FEBRUARY, 13TH FEBRUARY,
14TH FEBRUARY.

TIME: 8:30AM - 3:30PM.

PRICE: £20 PER DAY.

INFORMATION

DAYS WILL CONSIST OF FUN ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING, FOOTBALL, TENNIS,
DODGEBALL, 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
FEBRUARY HALF TERM ACTIVITY DAYS
FOR ANY FURTHER INFO PLEASE
CONTACT
TOM.POOLE@PRIMARY-SPORTS.CO.UK

Mondays
Juniors: 3.20pm to 4.20pm



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SAVE THE DATE

DAY OF ACTION

27th January 2024

Join an organised clean

Keep an eye out for cleans
happening across North Devon

Do your own clean

Get outside, get active and clean
up as you go

Businesses

Organise a clean with or at your
work from 22nd-26th Jan

Schools

Organise a clean with or at your
school from 22nd-26th Jan

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**MATHS FOR EVERYDAY
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Are you anxious about maths? Do you want to improve your maths skills?

This course will demystify maths and help you understand the language of maths. Through our interactive and fun workshops, you will improve your skills and feel confident in using maths in everyday life and at work.

If you are 19+ and do not have a Level 2 maths qualification, the workshops are free to attend.

WHERE: Petroc Liberty Café, North Devon Campus, Old Sticklepath Hill, Barnstaple.
WHEN: Starting Wednesday 31st January, then every Wednesday and Friday, 1.30-3.30pm up until 27 February (excluding half term).

To book your place or for general enquiries, please contact
multiply@petroc.ac.uk



Table Top Sale

Saturday 17th February

10-12pm

In Pilton Church Hall

£7 per table

Sellers from 8.30am—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