

2nd February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am thrilled to begin the newsletter with some positive news from the netball tournament held at Park School last Wednesday, where a group of our upper school students, led by Mrs. Coombe, showcased remarkable team spirit. Their commendable 7th-place finish is a testament to their hard work, mutual support, and exceptional sportsmanship. We are extremely proud of such exemplary behaviour.

This week, I had the privilege of meeting with our 'School Councillors' to focus on the enhancement of our outdoor play environment. Their innovative ideas and the roadmap for gathering wider student input was impressive and they are going to work with children across the school in gathering their views. Their professionalism and dedication to their role is visible to see, and it's clear that our next meeting might warrant a slight increase in our biscuit provisions!

An exciting venture awaits some of our Year 5 students next week with a meticulously planned trip to London, promising them an enriching experience. Also, Mrs. Coombe is orchestrating an 'enrichment week' for those staying back, with activities inspired by London and Germany, ensuring a broad and engaging learning experience for all. This initiative could not have been possible without the unwavering commitment of our entire staff, so, thank you.

I must also address a safety concern regarding post-school pick-up times. It is imperative that we refrain from using the play equipment, tyres, pallets, and other resources after school hours. A recent incident has highlighted the importance of adhering to this guideline to ensure the safety of our children. Your cooperation in ensuring a prompt departure by 3:40pm is greatly appreciated and vital for maintaining a secure environment.

Our current attendance rate stands at an impressive 95%, slightly surpassing the National average, which highlights the enthusiasm our students have for their school experience. Regular attendance is crucial for the academic, wellbeing and social development of our children. We are committed to supporting each family in overcoming any hurdles to consistent attendance, in alignment with Devon County Council's guidelines, to uphold every child's right to an education.

Warmest 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.

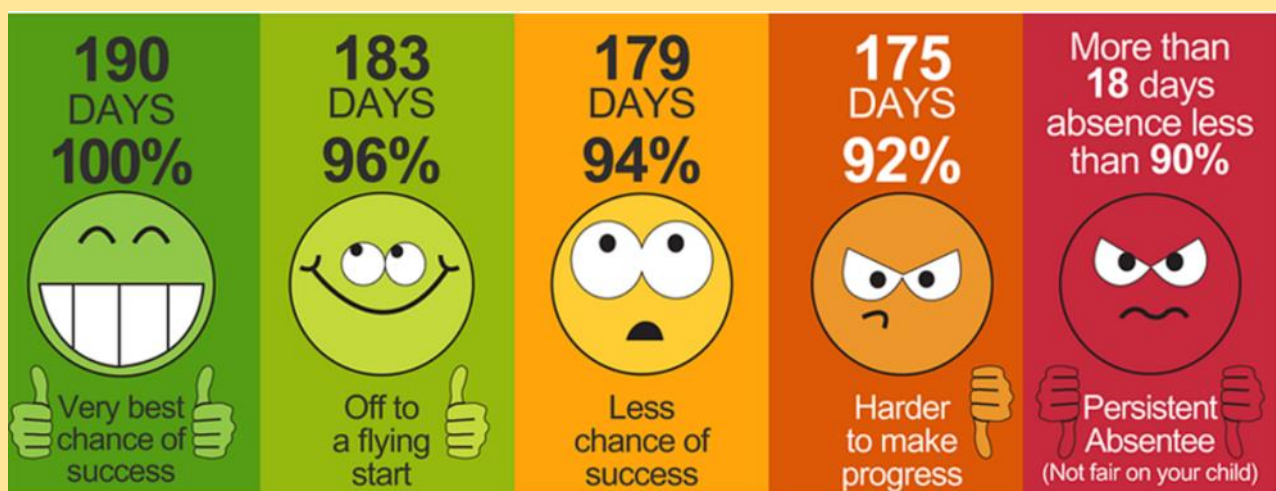


**missed minutes =
missed learning
= missed opportunities!**

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
5	London & Non-London Reminders
5	Dress Performance of "Joseph" at PCC
4	Residential letter
6	Leavers Hoodie first letter
Various	Team Cross Country Event
4 & 6	Change to PE day for next week
All	Homework club cancelled

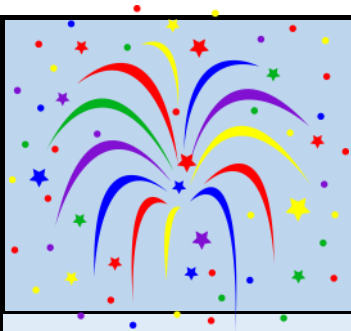
PE Days
Year 3 – Thursday
Year 4 – Wednesday
Year 5 – Monday
Year 6 – Tuesday
Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit – they will stay in this all day

What's on week commencing 5th February 2024?
Monday Private Piano & Violin lessons Private Guitar Lessons Year 5 to PCC for Joseph show
Tuesday London residential departs Private singing lessons Farm small group Pathfield buddies small group
Wednesday Private Piano & Violin lessons Pilton House small group
Thursday Rocksteady private lessons Private drum Lessons
Friday Upper school sports Private woodwind lessons London residential returns Finish for Half-Term

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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> <p>Website: www.primary-sports.co.uk</p>



Celebration Assembly

Friday 2nd February

Handwriting Heroes

Year 3 - Edward, Year 4— Saanvi, Year 5—Samba, Year 6 - Kai

Reading Champions - Book Token!

Year 3 - Molly, Year 4 - Charlie D,

Year 5 - Charlie C, Year 6 - Albern

Work

Bonnie for her amazing participation in phonics

Isaac for great details and taking time over presentation in art and magic marks

Finlay for his effort in his writing

Harper for her beautifully presented Maths book.

Ellie-Mae for responding to feedback in writing lessons and working well with others in group work.

Eliza for writing a great balanced argument and contribution in class

Lucy for unfailing effort in everything she does!

Albie L for a fantastic effort and attitude in all areas of his learning.

Contribution

Alfie for being an exemplary Bluecoat model for our new starter really modelling the school code of conduct

Harry G for not giving up in his Writing. (Celebrated by Oscar)

Year 5 and 6 netballers - for fantastic effort in the Park School Netball tournament

HOUSE POINTS TOTAL

Jupiter = 900 Neptune = 886 Saturn = 822 Mercury = 759

Please can we ask that you check your child has their own school uniform and that all items are clearly labelled with their names. If lost items are named they can easily be returned to the rightful owner.

In particular we have children who are missing their PE hoodies so please can you check these as well and return any thing that isn't your child's.

We appreciate that items of clothing can accidentally get muddled up.

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



For next week only we will be swapping our PE days around, Year 4 will be on Tuesday 6th and Year 6 will be on Wednesday 7th

CHANGE TO FRIDAY SPORTS on 9th FEBRUARY

On Friday 9th February with our Year 5s out of school we will be giving our Year 4s the Friday Sports sessions instead. 4AB will be doing football and 4BC will be doing volleyball. Therefore please send your child in with their PE kit on this day.

Well done to our netballers who came 7th out of 14 teams in a tournament earlier this week! Thank you to Mrs Peyton for your help with umpiring.





- 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.



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 3: 15/1, 5/2, 4/3, 25/3
Mon	BBQ pizza V – Cheese & tomato pizza Potato wedges & seasonal vegetables Pancake Monday with various toppings
Tues	Meat balls & pasta V – Vegetarian meatballs & pasta Seasonal veg Spiced apple sponge
Weds	Roast of the Day – beef & yorkshire pudding V – Vegetarian roast Roast potatoes & seasonal veg Fruit & ice cream
Thurs	Chicken fillet pockets V – Vegetable pockets Crispy potatoes & seasonal veg Fruit & yogurt
Fri	Fish Fingers V – Cheese & bean wrap Golden fries with seasonal veg

Friday Sports

Spring 2023						
Friday's Date		Planning	Swim	Dance	Volley-ball	Foot-ball
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, 2024

Date	Event
6th—9th February	Year 5 London Residential
12th—16th February	Half-Term
22nd February	TEAM Cross Country event
6th March	Tempest Class Photos
15th March	Pilton Sports Mile
18th March	Proms Concert
1st—3rd May	Year 3 Residential
23rd-24th May	Year 4 Residential

PROMS AUDITIONS

Monday 5th February: 6MT, 6SE, 4BC

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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February Half Term Tennis Camps



Develop your child's tennis whilst having fun, making friends & playing games.
Our dedicated, passionate & engaging coaches welcome all ages & abilities in great locations.

Junior Camp

5 - 14 yr olds | 10am - 1pm | £10 per day

Mon 12th Feb	Rock Park
Tues 13th Feb	Braunton
Wed 14th Feb	Rock Park
Thurs 15th Feb	Braunton
Fri 16th Feb	Rock Park

Teens Camp

3 - 16 yr olds | 10am - 1pm | £10 per day

Tues 13th Feb- Braunton
Thurs 15th Feb- Braunton

Locations

Barnstaple	Park Lane Tennis Club, Rock Park, EX32 9AH
Braunton	Braunton Tennis Club, Wrafton Road, EX33 2BP

To book email:

bookings@devonshiretennisacademy.com

www.devonshiretennisacademy.com



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

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Monday 10.00am

**The Venue
Barnstaple**

Tuesday 6.30pm

**Pilton Bluecoat
School**

Friday 10.00am

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*Fun dance workout in a disco
atmosphere with glow sticks.*

Monday 7.00pm

**YMCA
South Molton**

Tuesday 8.00pm

**Pilton Bluecoat
School**

Thursday 7.00pm

**Ilfracombe
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