

1st March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to express my gratitude to each of you who attended your child's "support plan" meeting this week. We have begun a new approach, dedicating time to review plans and discuss next steps together. Collaborating to ensure a clear pathway for supporting our children in reaching their full potential is crucial. It is only through our joint efforts that we can achieve this goal, so I thank you for your time and contributions.

For those who were unable to attend, we will allocate time during your upcoming "parental consultation" to discuss the "support plan."

This week, we initiated some bespoke activities with the Year 2 children, in collaboration with the Infant School. Observing the children engage in joint activities focused on communication and interaction was truly delightful.

We were also joined by several children from Pathfield School for lunchtime play on Thursday. I was incredibly impressed by the warm welcome our students extended, fostering an inclusive play environment. I extend my thanks to our students for integrating the Pathfield School children into our community so seamlessly.

Congratulations to the girls' football team for securing 7th place in the North Devon football qualifiers—an outstanding accomplishment. Special thanks to Curtis, the team's coach, for his dedication and support in developing the team's skills.

Over the past two weeks, we have welcomed Governors who focused on assessing the quality of education and Building Learning Power. Their visits have been immensely supportive, offering valuable guidance to our school. I extend my thanks to all involved.

We bid farewell to Julie Wells, our Kitchen Manager, this week. Julie has played a pivotal role in evolving our kitchen services and will be dearly missed. We wish her the best in her future endeavors. Congratulations to Lauren Nyang, who will be stepping into the role of Kitchen Manager.

Lastly, we have observed an increase in WhatsApp usage among upper school students, raising concerns about appropriate use. The recommended age for WhatsApp usage is 16, and many 10-year-olds lack the necessary life skills for safe navigation. If your child uses WhatsApp, please discuss its use with them. (We have attached a useful guide)

We're all looking forward to celebrating World Book Day next week. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend



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.

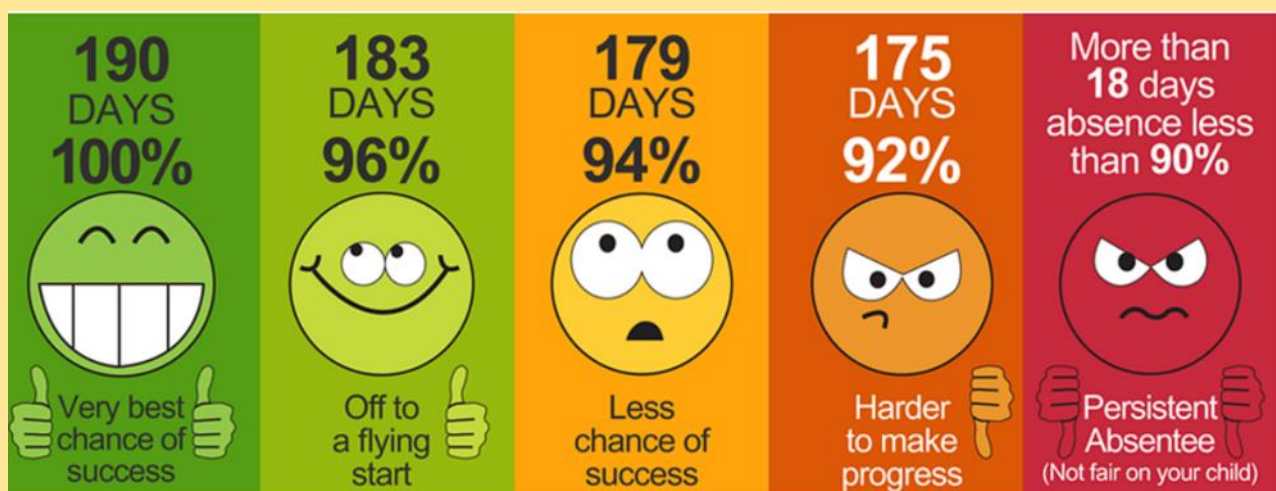


**missed minutes =
missed learning
= missed opportunities!**

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
All	Guardian Consultations
All	House Groups Non-Uniform Days
Various	Reminder for Tempest photo permissions
Various	Proms programme name permissions
All	Proms Concert Tickets
All	Yellow House non-uniform day reminder
4 & 5	Germany trip letter

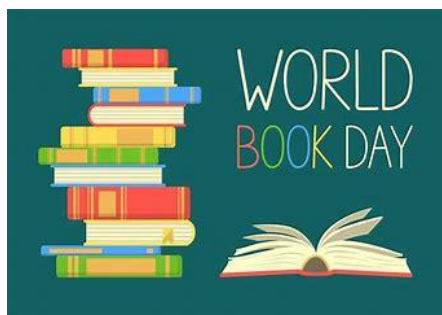
PE Days
Year 3 – Thursday
Year 4 – Wednesday
Year 5 – Monday
Year 6 – Tuesday
Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit – they will stay in this all day

What's on week commencing 4th March 2024?
Monday Private Piano & Violin lessons Private Guitar Lessons
Tuesday Private singing lessons Farm small group Pathfield buddies small group
Wednesday Private Piano & Violin lessons Pilton House small group School Photos
Thursday Rocksteady private lessons Private drum Lessons
Friday Lower school sports Private woodwind lessons Neptune House non-uniform day

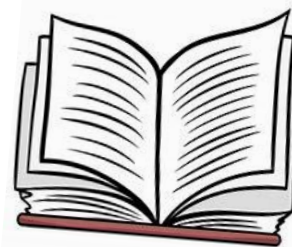
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<p>Breakfast Club & Afterschool club</p> <p>Please contact Tia or Jemma on</p> <p>north.devon@primary-sports.co.uk</p> <p>Website: www.primary-sports.co.uk</p>

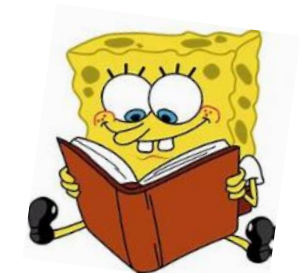


World



Book Day

Thursday 7th March 2024



We intend to celebrate our love for reading in a BIG way by holding a whole week of special reading events. The theme for this year's celebration is 'Read Your Way.'

However on World Book Day itself we are encouraging the children to come dressed as a 'word' on World Book Day itself. The children will need to know the word and what it means. The more interesting the word, the better! This will be a house group competition and prizes will be awarded for the most exciting word costume, please note we do not expect you to go out and buy new costumes for this event.

Alongside this, you are warmly invited to help make the most of our celebration of reading by joining us on Wednesday 6th March between 8:50 – 9:05am or on Monday 4th March, Thursday 7th March between 2:55 and 3:10pm to read with us. (Please enter through the school main entrance).



WORLD BOOK DAY



Friday Sports

Spring 2024						
Friday's Date		Planning	Swim	Dance	Volley-ball	Foot-ball
01-Mar		UPPER	5MR	5EC	6SE	6MT
08-Mar		LOWER	3KD	4BC	3LB	4AB
15-Mar		UPPER	5MR	5EC	6SE	6MT
22-Mar		LOWER	3KD	4BC	3LB	4AB
29-Mar	EASTER HOLIDAYS					
19-Apr		UPPER	5MR	5EC	6SE	6MT
26-Apr		LOWER	3KD	4BC	3LB	4AB
03-May		UPPER	5MR	5EC	6SE	6MT
10-May		LOWER	3KD	4BC	3LB	4AB
17-May		UPPER	5MR	5EC	6SE	6MT
24-May	Change	LOWER	3LB	3KD	4AB	4BC

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.

Please check out the attachment with this newsletter for a useful WhatsApp parent guide.



Parent/Guardian individual 10 minute meetings with your child's class teacher for next week are bookable via Arbor under Guardian Consultations.



- 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 Shortbread biscuit

School Term Dates 2023/2024

Spring Term

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

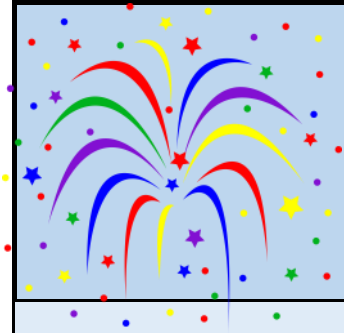
Date	Event
6th March	Tempest Class Photos
7th March	World Book Day
15th March	Pilton Sports Mile
18th March	Proms Concert
26th March	Easter Service at St Mary's Church, Pilton
29th March - 12th April	Easter Holidays
1st—3rd May	Year 3 Residential
23rd-24th May	Year 4 Residential

School Photos



On Wednesday 6th March, Emily from Tempest will be here to take class photos and year 6 leaver photos.

Please remember to give your permission via Arbor.



Celebration Assembly

Friday 1st March

Handwriting Heroes

Year 3 - Molly, Year 4 - Imogen, Year 5—Beth, Year 6 - Kayla

Reading Champions - Book Token!

Year 3 - Ede, Year 4 - Bryn, Year 5—Arlo

Work

Parker for an exceptional attitude to all his learning. Always leads the way!

Kit for his overall dedication to learning.

Esther for her perseverance and learning in maths.

Saanvi for her is always kind, caring and nurturing of those around her. She worked really hard in literacy this week and produced a great example of a rhetorical question.

Oscar and Gracie for persevering when things were challenging and not being worried about making mistakes.

Daniel for creating some wonderful 'scribble monster' artwork, showing lots of care and attention to detail.

Nelson for showing enthusiasm for writing and fantastic ideas for setting description

Aedan for being an excellent role model in all areas of his learning.

Contribution

Lexi and Gracie for kindly bringing in some books for the library

Girl footballers who took part in the football tournament at Kingsley School

HOUSE POINTS TOTAL

Neptune = 473 Jupiter = 429

Saturn = 397 Mercury = 396

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

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Monday 10.00am
The Venue Barnstaple
Tuesday 6.30pm
Pilton Bluecoat School
Friday 10.00am
The Venue Barnstaple

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Monday 7.00pm
YMCA South Molton
Tuesday 8.00pm
Pilton Bluecoat School
Thursday 7.00pm
Ilfracombe Academy