



# FILLEIGH

COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Head of School

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### Message from Head of School

Thank you to you all for working with us and our new drop off arrangements in the mornings. If you are in the car park before 0850am please keep all children with you (and in your car if you have driven). I have been really impressed this week with how well the children discussed remembrance. They made sensitive and sensible comments, exploring the ideas of service and sacrifice (themes shared from the British Legion's information for schools 2020). The children made several links with the work of the NHS keeping us safe during the current climate. One child noted that 'Service always comes with sacrifice big or small' - a super comment.



### Celebration of Achievements



Stars of the week:

Foxes **Archie L** Buzzards **Raphi**  
Stags **Daisy**

### Vocabulary In Our School

As a Teaching Staff, we shall be focusing on developing the children's vocabulary this year. We are aiming to support children to be able to verbally communicate more easily; sharing their thoughts and feelings and asking for help when needed. A focus on vocabulary will also help to improve their reading and writing skills across all subjects and in all year groups.

However, WE NEED YOUR HELP! Vocabulary work is only successful when children hear and use a word over and over again. We are going to have a 'Word of the Week' for each class. This word will be taught through the week, displayed in class and every member of staff will be wearing their word for the children to see. WE NEED YOU to help us by encouraging your child to use that word when they talk at home, spotting it when reading at home, using it yourself and seeing if they can catch you doing so. We will share our words on a Friday ready for the following week on our newsletter and in Home Learning.

For next week our words are:

**Foxes: frightened**

**Buzzards: pitiful**

**Stags: perplexed**

Thank you in advance,  
Miss Skelley and all the Filleigh Staff

### Armistice Day

Every child in the school made a poppy for our wreath. Whilst we could not gather at the war memorial as usual the wreath was taken to the memorial and laid on behalf of the school. The whole school joined together via a virtual assembly to consider the service and sacrifice of armed forces. The whole school observed the two minutes silence at 11 am.



### Diary dates

16<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Dinner  
18<sup>th</sup> December - End of Autumn Term  
6<sup>th</sup> January 2021 - Start of Spring Term

### Message from the Office

Please ensure you complete the data collection forms that were sent home this week. We are in the process of updating all our records and need to make sure the information we hold is up to date. During these difficult times e-mail is a quick and safe way of getting important information out to you so please ensure you add your e-mail address. Thank you.



### Children in Need

The children looked very colourful today. We raised a fantastic £90.70 thank you for supporting this great charity.

The children have had a great time taking part in the Joe Wicks live 24 hour PE challenge this morning in all their spotty and bright coloured clothes!



### Primary & Junior Admissions 2021-2022

Please note that the application process for applying to Primary and Junior Schools will open on **15<sup>th</sup> November 2020** and close on **15<sup>th</sup> January 2021**. Parents are invited to apply between those dates via the online application facility at [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline). Applications cannot be made online after the closing date, hard copy forms can be requested via the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

### Message from the PTA about the Christmas drawer....

**£1 a ticket**

Draw will take place near to end of term. Tickets are available from me or Kayleigh - we will be at school drop off and pickups. Many Thanks – Tess, PTA Chairman.

