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A message from Mrs. Denham

Dear families

Another week completed in this unusual world we find ourselves in.

Thank you so much to all you parent who are working so hard to help your children with learning at home.

Thank you to all the critical workers who are going into work every day coping in so many different roles.

Thank you to the parents who are critical workers and also have some days with their children home learning.

Thank you to the amazing staff at school who are teaching children in school and at home – a very busy place to be.

Thank you to the children working so hard in school.

Thank you to the children trying so hard at home.

Thank you for the lovely emails and messages of support.

We are all trying our very best in whatever situation we find ourselves.

- From next week the Department for Education will once more be opening up a national Free School Meal voucher scheme. This scheme will run in a similar manner to the one that was in force for the majority of the first lockdown period and is administered by Edenred. We will send vouchers to eligible parents on a Friday of each week, the value of the voucher will be £15 per full week of home schooling.
- A reminder we are not allowed to let debt accrue. Please pay in advance for school meals and Afterschool and Breakfast Club.

School News

Admission to primary school 2021 (for children born between 01/09/2016 and 31/08/2017)

The application facility opened on 15th November 2020 and closes at midnight on 15th January 2021. It is important that parents apply before the closing date, even if they are intending to defer their child's admission until later in the academic year, they must secure a place before that decision need be made.

Severe weather conditions and the closure of School

I thought I would take the opportunity to update you on the procedures for the closure of the school in bad weather.

1. We will send out a message on the Bratton Fleming Primary School Facebook page as soon as we know the weather conditions, we will also put a message on the Bratton Fleming Facebook page, Bratton Fleming website page and we will also email you.
2. You can register with Devon County Council school closures, alert me -stay up to date. The email link is: <https://new.devon.gov.uk/schools/closure/> They will then alert you if the school is closed.
3. Listen to Radio Devon.

4. If you are unsure, as a last resort please telephone either Bratton Fleming Primary school on (01598 710337). However, if we cannot get into school to man the phone please try Holywell C of E School on 01271 345908 they may be open to assist you. We will always have staff, if possible, to answer the telephone.

We will always try, wherever possible, to remain open. Alternatively, it may be safer to open school later than normal.

Individual families should assess the risk posed by their journey to school and make their own decision. Many families who live close to the school will have a different level of risk to those who have much more complex travel arrangements. Let's hope that we have a trouble-free winter!

Bratton Fleming School is a NO NUT Zone

Dates for your diary

15 th February to 19 th February 2021	Half Term
03 rd March 2021	Rescheduled date for Bags2School
1 st April 2021	Last Day of Term
19 th April 2021	Summer Term begins
3 rd May 2021	Spring Bank Holiday
28 th May 2021	Non Pupil Day
31 st May to 4 th June 2021	Half Term
23 rd July 2021	Last Day of Term

Community News

Bratton Fleming Pre-School

This week at Pre-School we have been looking at Animals in Winter; making habitats for them, talking about hibernation and creating their Winter scenes. The children have enjoyed lots of different activities from role playing in the kitchen, building with blocks and taking a rest in the book corner. Outside we have enjoyed splashing in the rain, blowing and popping bubbles and exploring the woodlands area! We love being outside in all weathers!