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29th January 2021

A message from Mrs. Denham

Dear parents and carers

We have all managed to get through another week of teaching in school and providing work for home learning.

We are so proud of all children who are working so hard at home. It has been wonderful to see them engaging during the live lessons. I really enjoyed reading a story to class Taw this week. If you can encourage your children to join in any of the live lessons, the meet and greet sessions or catch up sessions that the teachers and support staff are offering, they really do seem to be making a big difference and helping children at home understand what is expected of them during the online learning.

I had a parent contact me this week who said that making a simple daily timetable had been very supportive and was making a big difference to how they were getting on with home learning. If you have any home learning tips like this, please let me know and I will share them with other parents!

I really do appreciate how very difficult it is to juggle so many different aspects of life at the moment. All we can ask of ourselves is try do our very best and be kind and gentle on ourselves. Thank you for everything that you are doing and I wish you all a lovely weekend.

School News

If you are struggling with Teams we have two Microsoft Ambassadors who have offered to support parents who may have queries and questions. Please contact any of the 2 wonderful parents below with your questions:

Tim Baker (our chair of governors) is happy for you to email him any time – tim.baker@ventrus.org.uk

Jemma Beard is happy for you to text her on 07864695583 or email – jemmabloore@hotmail.com before 5pm please.

If after their support and help, you still have issues then please contact your teacher asap.

Severe weather conditions and the closure of School

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.

If you are interested in becoming a teacher, please see information on our website from the North Devon Teaching School Alliance.

Bratton Fleming School is a NO NUT Zone

Dates for your diary

15 th February to 19 th February 2021	Half Term
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

PTA News

Dear Supporters!

The PTA have been working hard to come up with fundraising ideas which are workable in a Covid secure way, and easy for everyone to be able to contribute to. We have decided to continue with the lottery idea (previously in the form of Club 59). This will now be organised through www.yourschoollottery.co.uk and will raise valuable funds through a weekly draw. There is the added bonus of the opportunity to win a jackpot prize, plus the regular weekly cash prize. Please check out the website link and register as a supporter and to purchase your tickets - it's so easy to do and will mean for just £1 per ticket you can support the children and school in an easy no-hassle way. The more tickets we can sell the more funds will be available for our children: so please help us by passing this information on to friends and relatives too - it's open to anybody and starts in a couple of weeks! Good luck!

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/bratton-fleming-primary-school>

Community News

Pre-School

What a fabulous, fun filled Dinosaur week we have had!! We started off our week by exploring in the woodlands where we found a dinosaur egg, we made it a nest and by the end of the week it had hatched!!! We now have our very own Pre-School dinosaur! How exciting!!! We have been cutting and sticking, making dinosaur fossil biscuits and creating dinosaur scenes.

We were very lucky to also enjoy lots of time outside in the snow! Such a fantastic experience for everyone!