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## **A Message from Mrs. Denham**

Dear parents and carers

I would like to thank the North Devon Council, Composting Group and Parish Council, who through the local Bratton Together Group, have purchased six iPads for the school to borrow. The children will use these in school and they will make a huge difference to the delivery of our lessons. We are very grateful to receive this generous donation. Thankyou

Thank you so, so much for your continued support with your children both in school and at home. We are thrilled how many children are joining in with the "live" lessons and everyone seems to be enjoying them. I know the teachers and support staff love to be able to see the children at home. We do miss their smiley faces! We are constantly trying to get the mix of learning at home right and are doing our very best to align home and school learning as closely together as possible.

Thank you for the lovely messages of support and thanks. They are so gratefully received as I promise you this is the hardest of all times for staff. They are really working extremely hard, with such big hearts, for children both at home and at school.

We hope to hold a day called FEEL GOOD FRIDAY next Friday, February 12th 2020. We do appreciate how screen heavy learning is at the moment and how we want to ensure all your family stay well and healthy, especially with everyone's mental health. We will have a small pack of ideas and a few goodies that your child will be able to do on Friday (and over half term if they like) that will hopefully be fun and enjoyable. Most of the normal curriculum assignments won't be given on that Friday. If these can be picked up from the school shelter over Wednesday and Thursday that would be great. We do however, understand some parents may not want to come to the school or they may be unable to pick the pack up, so we will send them home instead and hopefully have them to you by Friday. If you know you will need them posted, could you please email the school asap.

We always want to help our children and families. If you have any issues or concerns, especially with working from home, please call me at school. I would much prefer to know and help sort things out as soon as possible for you. With this in mind, I would also like to offer individual parents a chance to call in via Teams on Tuesday, February 9th from 1 to 2pm to chat through any worries or to share successes/celebrate the work being done at home. I will be on Teams and if you click on this link I will try and see as many people as I can. You will enter into the lobby and I will invite you in when I am free:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3a82e9d56509cf4ba6ab4421ed06b749b8%40thread.skype/1612528278629?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22668515dd-a7fb-4178-8c34-b3c52dd93f70%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22fb221c63-ca6b-4459-bb33-b17af8496954%22%7d>

We are so grateful to the PTA for making an amazing donation which means we are able to purchase 2 Microsoft Surface Gos for the school. We are so grateful for all they are doing to still continue to raise funds for our school during yet another lockdown. Please, please support them if you can. They really do make a difference to the resources and support your child receives in school.

We will be amalgamating the school Facebook page and the PTA Facebook page so you only have to go to one place for all the information. We hope you will find this helpful. Please "like" the page if you haven't already.

If any parent is in the position to display an advert of the school either in your car or window of your home, please let us know. We have places available in all our year groups and we need to direct parents to our school. We would really appreciate your support with this.

## School News

### *We're going on a deer count!*

A Year 5 School Council representative has had this lovely idea. Could we ask all parents/carers to get their child (or children) to place an image of a deer in their windows over half term. We have chosen an image of a deer as this animal represents our school, so it would be great if our school logo could be incorporated in your designs. We will be showing that we are proud to go to Bratton Fleming School.

There are many ways you could create your images. These are just a few:

- Use tissue paper to make a 3D deer
- Trace one from the internet and colour it in
- Draw it from scratch
- Use stuff from your recycling like bottle caps
- Print an image from the internet

Then, once you have done this, when families are out on a walk, they could count all the deer. We hope this will lead to a more exiting walk for everyone!

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](mailto:tim.baker@ventrus.org.uk)  
Jemma Beard is happy for you to text her on 078664695583 or email – [jemmabloore@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

**Bratton Fleming School  
is a NO NUT Zone**

## Dates for your diary

15 <sup>th</sup> February to 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	Half Term
1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021	Last Day of Term
19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Summer Term begins
3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021	Spring Bank Holiday
28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	Non Pupil Day
31 <sup>st</sup> May to 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Half Term
23 <sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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

It's transport week here at Pre-School this week! The children are really into vehicles, we play with them every day, so we thought it would be fun to have a themed transport week. We have discussed all the different modes of transport, made vehicle snacks and tasty traffic lights. The children have enjoyed rolling the vehicles around in the paint; looking at the different marks the wheels make, played lots of traffic light games and have been learning how to safely cross the road. We have also been practising our pen skills using whiteboard pens and tracks to follow, matching colours and numbers by parking vehicles in the correct parking space and exploring the outside area.