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School News

A message from Mrs. Denham

It was lovely to see all our children enjoy their Christmas lunch on Wednesday and also see Father Christmas, who managed to find the time to pop in. A huge thank you to Mrs Tapp and Mrs Thorne for preparing the meal and all the Mealtime Assistants for all their hard work.

Bratton Fleming School virtual school tour

On our school website and facebook page we now have a virtual tour. Please can we ask that you take a look at this and share it with anyone who may be interested in joining the school.

Art Competition

Rev Rosie has judged the PTA art competition; all entries were of a very high standard. Prizes were awarded to the winners and those in second place in our celebration assembly. A very special prize was awarded to a Year 6 pupil from an artist in the village.

Free School Meals over the Christmas Holidays

If you are entitled to free school meals, please look out for a letter or email from DCC on or after the 8th December providing details of how to access your vouchers or an alternative food box. You should receive a unique code per child. Each code can be used once on a website call 'Hawk Select' to redeem your voucher/s to the value of £30.00 per child (£15.00 per week for the two weeks of school holidays) for Sainsbury's, Tesco, Morrison's, Asda, M&S Food and Waitrose.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please visit the Devon County website:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/document/free-school-meals-holiday-voucher-scheme/>

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!

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Secret Santa

To comply with the Covid 72-hour quarantine guidelines, if your child is taking part in this year's secret Santa, please send in your present on Monday. The Present may be placed around the Christmas tree, where it will be left until the last day of term, when the children will be given their present to open and try to guess who sent it.

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.

Privacy Notice

The Trust has updated its Privacy Notice for parents. It is available for you to view on our website

<https://www.ventrus.org.uk/our-people/privacy-notices/>

Certificates

Congratulations to all children who received certificates in assembly today.

Help with Microsoft Teams

We have not been able to check these all the way through, but you may find them useful. Please copy into your browser.

<https://computeam.us20.listmanage.com/track/click?u=6502ccd6ae7fa097838c4488b&id=2a3105a94d&e=715cfa1d2b>

Vodafone Sim Card

Vodafone UK wanted to do their part to help keep children and parents connected and be able to continue learning from home during this difficult time. They have given away for free 250,000 data SIMs with 30GB of data to use for 90 days.

We requested and have been allocated a small number of Vodafone data SIM cards to give out to parents who have problems logging on to the Wi-Fi for their children to access Microsoft Teams from home. As they are limited, they will be given out on a first come first served basis.

- ❖ Vodafone data SIM to use as a Wi-Fi replacement.
- ❖ 30GB data (lasts for 90 days)
- ❖ Need a smart laptop/dongle that has a slot for a sim card or a smart phone that takes a sim card
- ❖ Need good Vodafone signal (you can use the Network Status tracker on www.vodafone.co.uk)

- ❖ If your phone is locked to another network, you just need to contact your network provider's customer service team to request for your phone to be unlocked.
- ❖ You won't be able to use your phone to make calls/texts while using this data SIM.
- ❖ You will be able to enjoy 30GB data for 90 days this will start once you insert the SIM into your phone and start using the data.

PTA News

Tea Towels

Every child in school drew a self-portrait that has been printed onto a tea towel along with staff at Bratton Fleming school. The tea towels have now arrived and we will be sending those ordered home with children.

They really are a lovely keepsake and a wonderful Christmas gift idea. If you would like to buy one or more it's not too late, please arrange payment on ParentPay. The cost is £4 per tea towel.

Christmas Fayre in a Bag

As the bags are made to order can we please ask that Christmas Fayre bags are purchased by Monday 14th December, so that we have time to complete all orders. Please make your payment of £6.00 on ParentPay.

The bag will include a gift from Father Christmas, a Christmas tattoo, a hot chocolate cone, reindeer food, Christmas sweets and a handmade gift your child has made in school. It really is a delightful bag of goodies! Bags will be handed out to children during the last week of term.

Christmas Hamper

Thank you so much to everyone who has managed to sell the raffle tickets that were sent home with your children. Could we ask that all raffle tickets are returned (sold or unsold) by Monday 14th December so that they can be quarantined for 72 hours (in-line with current guidelines) and we can then choose the lucky winners on Thursday 17th December. Finally, can I take this opportunity to thank everyone for the support in raising much needed funds for our wonderful school.

Chantal Shapland

Bratton Fleming School is a NO NUT Zone

Dates for your diary

18 th December 2020	Christmas Jumper Day
18 th December 2020	Last day of Term
5 th January 2021	Spring Term begins
27 th January 2021	Bags2School
4 th December 2020	Flu Immunisation
18 th December 2020	Last day of Term
5 th January 2021	Spring Term begins
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

Community News

Bratton Fleming Pre-School

We are into the full swing of all things Christmas here at Pre-School!! This week our Actors and Actresses have completed their Christmas Performance filming and sung their hearts out with Christmas songs. We have continued with our Christmas craft, whilst some have been role playing making mince pies for their friends, creating a huge train track and building igloos with the building blocks. Outside we have been riding in our magical Christmas sleigh delivering presents to all of the children in the world before getting out and exploring in the woodlands. We were very lucky to have a visit from Father Christmas on Tuesday, the children were really excited to see him, they met him and had their photo taken and he even gave them a present! On Wednesday we all enjoyed a yummy Christmas Dinner together from Mrs Tapp and Mrs Thorne and finished our afternoon with party games! We've had a very busy week and look forward to lots more fun next week! We now take children from 0-5yrs we have a lovely designated 'Bunnies' area for our under 2s, we currently have spaces for all ages.