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School News

A message from Mrs. Denham

We thank so many of our families for working so hard and persevering getting onto Teams. We appreciate that it can take some time and can have a few issues –but as this is the way forward to home learning and homework we need to ensure all children have access as soon as possible. Please keep trying if you are having issues and let us know so we can try and help.

I know it's still a few weeks away but we thought we would let you know our plans for the next few weeks leading up to Christmas. Due to the current circumstances, we especially want to make Christmas a special time for all the children. So please note the following dates and things we would like to achieve:

1. We would like to support "Save the Children **Christmas Jumper** Fundraise" every Friday on Nov 27th, Dec 4th, Dec 11th and Dec 18th
2. **Christmas cards** – we are afraid we can't allow several hundreds of Christmas cards coming into school due to COVID. Therefore, we are going to have to say that no cards can come into school from home. However, instead, in school every child will design and make and then receive one lovely personal card from someone else in the class.
3. **Christmas lunch** – this will be on Wednesday December 9th in class bubbles, over two sittings. Children will be able to wear Christmas jumpers and hats on this day too and children will make a special **laminated placemat** to take into the hall for their lunch. Before lunch, at 11.40pm all classes to be on a Teams meeting. A special visitor may make a surprise entrance on Teams and then wave and welcome children to their Christmas lunch – all socially distanced of course.
4. **Christmas swap shop** – Monday Dec 14th at 9.30am. Parents may send in any small donations of presents. Due to COVID restrictions, donations will ONLY be accepted on Thursday 10th & Friday 11th December. A tray will be left on the doorstep of the main entrance for donations and they will be put in the back of the hall over the weekend to be isolated for 72hrs. On swap shop day, we will ensure the children will hand sanitise before and after the swap shop. They will only touch the item they choose as their present. They will put it in a **decorated white paper bag** and then take it home the same day. Parents can then isolate the item for 72 hours, in line with all present guidance.
5. **Class Secret Santa** – an email has been sent out explaining this process.
6. Each child to create **one "quality" gift** to be sent home in the "PTA's Christmas Fayre in a bag". Please see PTA news below.
7. **Carols and Christingle service** – via Teams, we will hold a short carol service and Christingle in each class at 2.30pm on Tuesday 15th December. Rev Rosie will join us via Teams.
8. We will organise a **socially distanced Christmas party/film afternoon** in class bubbles on the last day of term, Friday December 18th.
9. Each class will take part in a simple **play/song/dance** instead of our normal Christmas Extravaganza. We aren't sure if we can share this with families yet but we hope to be able to and will let you know.

School News

Certificates

Congratulations to all children who received certificates in assembly today.

Bratton Fleming School is a NO NUT Zone

Dates for your diary

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

PTA News

Christmas Hamper

A huge thank you to everyone who has already handed in their donation for the Christmas Hamper. Could we ask that all items are brought into school by Friday 27th November please. There is a blue tray outside of the school office where items can be left. Raffle tickets for the hamper will be sent home soon. If we could kindly ask for you to try and sell the tickets and return to school in the sealable/wipeable bags into the lockable postbox inside the porch by the school reception where Mrs Lake can collect.

Christmas Fayre in a Bag

We are delighted to offer children the chance to have 'Christmas Fayre in a Bag'!!

As we are unable to have a Christmas fayre we didn't want children to miss out on some of the Christmas goodies!! 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. All for the cost of only £6, a total bargain!!! Christmas Fayre in a Bag has been set up on parent pay. Bags will need to be paid for in advance and they will be handed out to children during the last week of term.

School Tea Towels

We are offering a lovely keepsake and/or wonderful Christmas gift idea.

Your child has been busy drawing a self- portrait that has been printed onto a tea towel along with all the other children and staff at Bratton Fleming school.

If you would like to buy one or more, please pay by parent pay (T Towels PTA Fundraiser). The cost is £4 per tea towel.

Once again thank you so, so, much for all your support in raising much needed funds for our children at Bratton Fleming Primary School.

Community News

BRATTON FLEMING PRE-SCHOOL

We've had such a busy Space themed week at Pre-School! Everyone has got stuck in and really enjoyed all of the activities around space; making huge rockets, throwing asteroids at spaceships, drawing and sticking, making our own space books, exploring new words and meanings such as 'Solar System' and learnt all the names of the planets. We have made space playdough and had some yummy rockets at snack time! Our bunnies' children (Under 2s) have also embraced the space theme and loved exploring the foil blankets! Outside we haven't let the rain stop us at all, we put on our waterproofs and wellies and off we went into the woodlands area to explore, where the rain had left us a great big muddy puddle which was lots of fun to jump in! Some children have enjoyed racing each other on the tarmac and playing a unicorn game together this week too.

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.