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## School News

### A message from Mrs. Denham

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We would like to thank our amazing PTA for all their support and their constant efforts to involve all children and parents with fun activities and in the process raising much needed funds for the school. They have provided wonderful support all through the difficult last few years.

They have given each class £100 for the teachers to spend on resources for the children which has been so very appreciated. They have also paid for a visit from Exmoor Zoo and the Theatre Group, 'Boo to a Goose' and also subsidised the Gymnastics sessions which all children will participate in during this academic year. As part of the school community every parent is a member of the PTA, but if you would like to become more active and help the committee members with organising some of these events please contact Secretary, Linzi Langdon.

Thank you to all parents who met with their child's class teacher during parent conferences this week. Teachers always enjoy these meetings and I am very grateful to them and to you for taking the time out of busy lives to meet.

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### **Bratton Fleming Cross Country**

Well done to all the children who took part in the Cross Country at Bratton Fleming on Wednesday. The children did amazingly in their age groups and showed real resilience and sportsmanship. Many thanks to Mr Day for organising the whole event for the 8 schools and the Sports leaders from Pilton for supporting the event.

### **Admission to Primary School September 2022**

Admission to primary school 2022 (for children born between 01/09/2017 and 31/08/2018. The application facility opens on 15th November 2021 and closes at midnight on 15th January 2022. 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.

The Step by Step Guide and poster is now available for download from our website,  
[http://www.primaryschoolsnorthdevon.co.uk/website/school\\_information/263196](http://www.primaryschoolsnorthdevon.co.uk/website/school_information/263196)

The Education Helpline Advisers are on hand to manage queries and will help parents navigate the system if necessary, telephone 0345 155 1019.

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/DCCSchoolAdmissions> and twitter [www.twitter.com/DevonAdmissions](http://www.twitter.com/DevonAdmissions)

### **Jumper Days**

Every Friday starting on November 26<sup>th</sup> then 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> December, children and staff are invited to wear a Christmas jumper. As this is for the Save the Children charity, we ask each child to make a one off payment to donate £2.00 via ParentPay which we will send to the charity.

### **Nasal Flu Vaccination**

This has now been rescheduled to take place on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

### **Admissions Policy consultation 2023-2024**

Below you will see a link to our proposed admissions policy for 2023-24

<http://www.primaryschoolsnorthdevon.co.uk/website> and found on the Homepage under 'Links and Downloads'

We are consulting on this between 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 and 8<sup>th</sup> January 2022 and invite any parent or other person with an interest in our admission arrangements to read the policy and make any comments you wish.

### **Privacy Notice**

For your information, please find below a link to the **Main Privacy Notice** webpage and a link to the **Pupil Privacy Notice**

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

<https://ventrus.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Pupil-Privacy-Notice-2021-Final.pdf>

### **Free School Meals**

If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals please go to the [Citizen Portal](#) which is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in an instant decision.

### **ParentPay**

These trips are now available for payments to be made on ParentPay:

Gymnastics for Taw Class

Year 5/6 residential

Christmas Jumper Day

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

### **Dates for your diary**

**30<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

**Class Bray - Production from Boo to a Goose Theatre**

**3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021**

**Wear a Christmas Jumper to school**

**7<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

**Christmas Fayre**

**8<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

**Christmas lunch**

**10<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

**Carol Service and Nativity**

**17<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

**Wear a Christmas Jumper to school**

**20<sup>th</sup> December to 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2022**

**Wear a Christmas Jumper to school**

**4<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

**Last day of Autumn Term**

**10<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

**Christmas Holidays**

**21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**Children return to school**

**8<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

**Nasal Flu Vaccine**

**11<sup>th</sup> April to 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022**

**Half Term**

**25<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

**Last Day of Spring Term**

**2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022**

**Easter Holidays**

**30<sup>th</sup> May to 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022**

**Children return to school**

**22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022**

**Bank Holiday**

**Half Term**

**Last day of Summer Term**

## PTA News

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The Christmas Fair (yes, we said it, Christmas!) is being held in the school hall on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 14:30 – 16:30. We are now collecting donations for the event. We are on the lookout for mince pies, sweets in wrappers and raffle prizes, so if you can help provide any of these, it would be very much appreciated. These items can be handed into the school office or in the box on the front step.

Thank you.



### ↑ Preloved uniform

Has your child outgrown their uniform? Is it still in good condition? If so, please donate it to our school PTA. If you have any Bratton Fleming logo uniform, you feel you are able to donate please bring it to our school office. Preloved uniform is available to buy from Chantal Shapland (PTA chairperson) from £2 per item and helps to raise money for our school. Please don't hesitate to contact her for any items the PTA may have available.

[https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/cause-data/046ca73f-e6b2-472e-aadc-c69aa4bdced8/leaflets/f45d5656-d12d-439b-8859-efafbf6f3f7b3/ysl\\_back\\_to\\_school\\_sept2021%20-%20digital.pdf?updated=637612624401200000](https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/cause-data/046ca73f-e6b2-472e-aadc-c69aa4bdced8/leaflets/f45d5656-d12d-439b-8859-efafbf6f3f7b3/ysl_back_to_school_sept2021%20-%20digital.pdf?updated=637612624401200000)

Many thanks for your support.

## Community News

### Pre-School

In the Bunnies area we have been exploring the topic Remembrance. We have had a range of activities out throughout the week, in our tuff tray we have had red rice, black Pom-poms and we also added spoons to scoop and pour the rice which encourages the children to practice their whole hand grasp. We used apples and red paint to make a poppy picture and the children have also enjoyed singing a range of songs at group time such as, incy wincy spider, head shoulders knees and toes and row, row, row your boat.

In Deers, we have been thinking about Night time. The children were very excited to talk about the fireworks they had seen at the weekend, so we made some colourful firework pictures in the art area. We have talked about the difference between day and night, and about the animals that come out whilst we are asleep and we had a go at making some animal dens in the woodlands! We have looked at the moon and stars, made delicious Moon Rock Cakes, and the children have particularly enjoyed exploring the lightbox by using their fingers and paintbrushes to make shapes in the salt and glitter. On Thursday we talked a little bit about Remembrance Day and watched a video called Bunnies at 11am. We made some beautiful poppy pictures, took part in an obstacle course, and practiced marching with the musical instruments.

### Bratton Fleming Market

To be held in Bratton Fleming Village Hall on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November and 18<sup>th</sup> December, from 9:00am to 12 noon.

**Christmas Village North Devon** is a new event in Barnstaple this Christmas. We will be hosting a real-ice rink, Santa's grotto and Christmas shopping village from 19th November until 2nd January 2022.