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School News

A message from Mrs. Denham

Well, we've finally made it to the end of half term. Thank you so much to you as parents and carers for your support and kindness during such unusual times. Thank you for your suggestions of ways to improve and for your patience with us trying to get things right as we can.

Your children have definitely enjoyed being back in school and we are all trying to make school as fun and enjoyable as we can under the circumstances. Teachers and support staff are working tirelessly and incredibly hard to support your children to "catch up" on their missed learning.

Thank you for your support and understanding with the school during this transition time from home learning from Seesaw onto Teams (for Y1 to Y6; reception are using a different platform called Tapestry). In school, we are working hard to find the best ways to use Teams with your children, both in school and at home and we appreciate how difficult it can be moving to something new, but we really believe it will be worth it. Our training day tomorrow will be mainly learning about Teams.

If over half term you can support your child to get onto Teams and explore it a little that would be fantastic. Staff have only put a little on there at the moment as we all get used to the system.

The week of Monday November 9th is going to be parent conference week. This year we have had to find a way to hold them as we can't have face to face meetings and we can't do them through a normal phone call as we only have one line into the school. We have decided to try to hold them through Teams – it will be like a phone call that you are invited to through Teams. You will be able to book your slots through Arbor, our Management Information System (MIS). You will receive an e mail with the booking dates and times on it for a 10minute conference. Once you have booked your day and time slot, you will then be invited into a Teams call at your allocated time. You will be asked to wait in the "lobby" until your child's teacher invites you in.

We know all this is new and strange and we thank you for your support and understanding. If any parent/carers has problems with the Teams conference call, please let us know and we will, of course, find a time to make a normal telephone call with you.

Thank you to Chantal Shapland and our wonderful PTA. Last night we held a very successful Zoom meeting. Thankfully, we still have an amazing PTA to take us through these strange times. They have lots of wonderful ideas and activities for the children and their families coming up. I want to say a huge thank you to Louise Thorne (secretary) and Jo Lailey (treasurer) for all they have done in their respective roles over the last few years as they have now stood down from their roles. They have worked so hard for the PTA and we are so grateful for their time, support and dedication. We are thrilled to welcome Linzi Langdon and Chris Vanstone into the Team. Thank you both so much for volunteering into the roles. Here's to a great PTA. THANK YOU ALL. ☺★☺★☺★☺

School News

School Council

Mrs. Benham would like to say a huge thank you to all the children who nominated themselves for School Council and thank you to all those who voted. Everyone wrote great manifestos and the vote was very close. Congratulations to our new School Council representatives.

Year 6 - Urgent

A reminder that if you have not already applied for your child's secondary education you need to do so before the 31st October. The easiest way to apply is online by visiting www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline. If you don't wish to or can't apply online, please contact the customer service centre on 0345 155 1019 or the school office where we can provide you with a copy of the application form.

Tempest Photographer

The photographer will be in school on 9th November. Unfortunately, this year only individual photos will be taken.

Flu Immunisation

Your child is eligible for a Free Nasal Childhood Flu vaccination. If you have not already booked your child's vaccination, please do so using this link. <https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2020/devon>

Bratton Fleming School is a NO NUT Zone

Dates for your diary

23 rd October 2020	Non Pupil Day
26 th October to 30 th October 2020	Half Term
9 th November 2020	Tempest Photographer individual photos only no siblings
27 th November 2020	First Christmas Jumper Day also then on 4 th , 11 th and 18 th December
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

This week at Pre-School we have been looking at the story 'Room on the Broom!' The children have really enjoyed lots of activities including making their own bats, magic fruit wands and lots of different pumpkin activities. The children spent a lot of time taking it in turns to make some magic potions in our green, sparkly and bubbly water too! Outside we have been looking up at the sky trying to spot planes and helicopters whilst some of us enjoyed kicking the ball to each other. It has been a really fun filled first Half Term back and the children have all adjusted really well to our new environment! We hope everyone has a lovely Half Term and look forward to seeing everyone again soon!

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.