## Newsletter





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## A message from Mrs. Denham

## We are sending this newsletter today as the school will be closed tomorrow

I am sure you are aware from media reports that Storm Eunice is anticipated to hit Devon, unfortunately, the storm is due to hit our area. This storm has a "red weather warning" which is noted as a danger to life. Therefore, our school will be closed tomorrow. We will not be delivering remote lessons, as many of our staff will also have their own children at home, due to the school closures. If you feel you would like to access some online learning please visit Oak Academy <a href="https://www.bhc.com/education">https://www.bhc.com/education</a>. Look for your child's year group and the appropriate work for that age group.

We obviously encourage all children to read at home too – having a love of reading really is the gateway to the world. It makes such a difference when a child is heard regularly at home.

It was wonderful for me to be able to meet our chair of governors Mr Tim Baker last week. As the covid restrictions are lifted our lovely members of the governing body will begin to visit the school in person. We are so grateful to have such a supportive and dedicated body of governors who willingly volunteer in this very important role.

We wish you all a very happy half term and hope you all stay safe and well.

### School News

#### Parent Conferences

These will be taking place between  $7^{th}$  and  $11^{th}$  March, appointments will be available for you to book online via teams, within the next few days.

#### World Book Day Book Token

All children in the school have been given a World Book Day £1 Book Token. These are valid from February 17th-March 2022. This book token allows each child to receive a free World Book Day book from places that stock them. You can find a list of the available books on this website: <u>2021s-1-books (worldbookday.com)</u>.

#### World Book Day Meal

To celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, we will be serving a special meal. Please see the flyer attached. Please complete the form using this link to advise us whether or not your child would like a school meal. <a href="https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=3RWFZvuneEGMNLPFLdk\_cM79\_WVekrBNl-VYoH8OwIZURUcwQVdYTka3QkhBOTFJOE1OWIZJWDJXUC4u">https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=3RWFZvuneEGMNLPFLdk\_cM79\_WVekrBNl-VYoH8OwIZURUcwQVdYTka3QkhBOTFJOE1OWIZJWDJXUC4u</a>

#### Romar Sports

All children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 have been given a letter providing you with information about an after school football club. We have noticed that Romar Sports have sent an incorrect link, please use this link <a href="mailto:info@romarsports.com">info@romarsports.com</a> to book your child's place.

#### **WOW DAY - Reminder**

Class Bray and Lyn's WOW will now be on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Children will be taking part in lots of fun activities throughout the day, including a Bush Tucker Trial and aboriginal art. The Bush Tucker Trial activity will

involve food tasting. Foods include - Vegemite, Tim Tams, Anzac biscuits, Scampi fries. If you have any concerns over any of the foods, please contact Mrs Day or Mrs Gosling.

Children can come into school wearing anything to do with Australia being part of the Commonwealth (e.g. The Queen) or anything to do with Australia (e.g. a kangaroo/animal native to Australia).

**"Free science kits** for children self-isolating due to Covid. The kits, called Busy Bag Science, intend to keep youngsters busy and engaged in science whilst they are at home. Kits contain the resources & instructions for 4 experiments plus 3 colouring pages. They can be ordered from the Sciencedipity's website below and are posted 1st class to your home address:

https://sciencedipity.co.uk/free-busy-bag-science-kits-for-torridge-north-devon/

The project runs for 4 weeks to mid-March, and kits can be ordered for free any time during this period while stocks last."

**Gymnastics Year R and Year 1** – If you haven't yet paid for this activity could you please do so as soon as possible. If you have any issues making this payment, please can you contact the school office.

#### **Privacy Notice**

For your information, please find below a link to the **Main Privacy Notice** webpage <u>and</u> 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 Bray Class Skern Lodge – Residential Year 3&4

#### **Ventrus Job Vacancies**

https://ventrus.current-vacancies.com/v?id=VENTRUSMUL&t=Ventrus-Careers

# Bratton Fleming School is a NO NUT Zone

## Dates for your diary Half Term

21st to 25th February 2022
28th February 2022
1st March 2022
7th to 11th March 2022
8th March 2022
9th March 2022
15th March 2022
22nd March 2022
22nd March 2022
30th March to 1st April 2022
7th April 2022
8th April 2022
11th April to 22nd April 2022
25th April 2022

 $27^{th}$  May to  $3^{rd}$  June 2022

2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022

22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

Class Bray and Lyn Wow Day
Gymnastics Class Bray
Parent Conference Week
Gymnastics Class Bray
Tempest Class Photos
Gymnastics Class Bray
Gymnastics Class Bray
Skern Lodge Residential for Yr. 3 & 4 Pupils
Easter Service 11:00am in St Peters Church
Last Day of Spring Term
Easter Holidays
Children return to school
Bank Holiday
Half Term
Last day of Summer Term

#### **PTA News**

We have arranged a Bags 2 school collection for Wednesday  $9^{th}$  March so if you're having a wardrobe clear out, please bag it up (any bag can be used) They accept clothes, shoes, handbags, cuddly toys.

The more we can collect the more it weighs and the more money it raises.

Filled bags can be brought into school and left inside the shelter in the front playground area on the morning of Wednesday 9th March (before 9am please).

Our school lottery has been a great success but ideally we need more supporters so we can hit our 65 ticket sales. There's a guaranteed winner every week. You have to be in it to win it! Please click on the link below and join us in this great fundraiser.

https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/cause-data/046ca73f-e6b2-472e-aadc-c69aa4bdced8/leaflets/f45d5656-d12d-439b-8859-efafb6f3f7b3/ysl back to school sept2021%20-%20digital.pdf?updated=637612624401200000

#### 🕆 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.

Many thanks for your support.

## **Community News**

#### The Thursday Café

Every Thursday afternoon from 2-4.30pm the Village Hall will open as a Café, serving hot drinks, cakes, biscuits and other bakes. If you wish to host one or more of our Thursday Cafés, either as a fundraising opportunity for a Charity of your choice or to promote your business, please get in touch with Frances Mortlock on 07751 454906 or visit <a href="https://www.BFVH.uk">www.BFVH.uk</a> for more details.

