

8th April 2022

A message from Mrs. Denham

We have made it to the end of another extraordinary term. We have survived so many staff and pupils being off with COVID – more so than at any other time in the whole pandemic and now hope we are returning to some normality. I cannot praise and thank the staff enough for being so flexible and adaptable. They really do deserve a very well earned break and rest. I do hope the sun shines for us all.

Today, we have had to say a very sad farewell to Mr. Anderson, who is retiring as caretaker from both Bratton Fleming and Holywell Schools this week. It is the end of 13 years at Holywell and 10 years at Bratton Fleming. He has not only been a wonderful caretaker, but he is willing to turn his hand to most things including driving the school minibus and attending residentials, which he really loved. Mike will be missed by all the pupils and staff and we all wish him a happy retirement. We aren't saying goodbye completely though – just "au revoir". We welcome Mr. Steve Coles as our new caretaker.



I would like to say thank you to:

- Rev Rosie, Rev Sue and all the parents who attended our Easter Service in St. Peter's Church on Tuesday. We hope you enjoyed the service as much as we did
- Our amazing PTA for all their fundraising and support they give to our school. We hope everyone who attended the coffee and cake session in the Village Hall yesterday enjoyed themselves.
- All those parents who have emailed in and thanked us for the wonderful time that their children had on our recent residential to Skern Lodge. It was so nice to hear such positive news.
- Our year 6 children took part on a Bikeability course this week. Well done to all those who took part and did so well to meet the standard required.
- Class Taw staff and children for the wonderful play they put on for their parents this week. We were so proud of them all and especially loved their singing. A big thank you to Mrs Baker for her wonderful support with the singing at Bratton.
- Our Governing Body for their support and guidance that they so willingly offer.

And finally I hope you all have an enjoyable and peaceful Easter break. I look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 25th April 2022.

School News

Sportsperson of the Week

Well done to Otto Stevens & Ethan Kingdon for receiving this week's Sportsperson of the Week Awards. Every week Mr Day will pick a child from both KS1 & KS2 who has particularly stood out during PE lessons. If your child receives the award, please could you ensure it is returned by Wednesday the following week. Thank you.

Class Lyn Gymnastics

Your child should have taken home a letter this week regarding gymnastics next term. This has also been emailed out to parents. These sessions will take place on Tuesday afternoons at Falcons Gymnastics Academy starting on Tuesday 26th April.

Year 6 - Pilton Transition Dates

Pilton will be holding transition days on the following dates:

Wednesday 29th June

Thursday 30th June

Monday 4th July

Tuesday 5th July

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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

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Bratton Fleming School is a NO NUT Zone

Dates for your diary

11th April to 22nd April 2022

22nd April 2022

25th April 2022

26th April 2022

2nd May 2022

3rd May 2022

4th May 2022

10th May 2022

17th May 2022

18th May 2022

24th May 2022

25th May 2022

27th May to 3rd June 2022

29th June 2022

30th June 2022

4th July 2022

5th July 2022

22nd July 2022

Easter Holidays

PTA Meeting via Zoom at 8.30pm

Children return to school

Gymnastics Class Lyn

Bank Holiday

Gymnastics Class Lyn

Yr. 2 Tennis Festival

Gymnastics Class Lyn

Gymnastics Class Lyn

Wilcombe Wobbler Sports Event

Gymnastics Class Lyn

Yr. 1 Multi Skills Festival

Half Term

Yr 6 Pilton Transition Day

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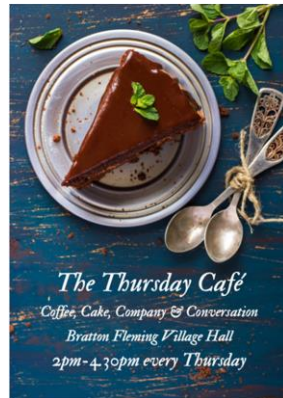
Yr 6 Pilton Transition Day

Last day of Summer Term

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 www.BFVH.uk for more details.



An Easter Egg Hunt will take place at the Baptist Church on Saturday 9th April from 4-6pm. This is a free event for primary aged children and toddlers. For more information, please contact 01598 710316.

Pre-School

This week at preschool we have been talking all about Easter and still learning about springtime. We have had a variety of Easter themed activities such as balancing plastic eggs onto tubes, and we even had magnets in eggs to see if we could find the magnetic ones using our magnets. On the carpet we've had a great time working together building with the wooden blocks, creating castles and ramps for the cars. We have been potato printing Easter egg patterns and creating egg shaped sun catchers and we have been exploring our Easter themed tuff tray with bird seeds, shredded paper, eggs, lambs and bunnies - this created opportunity for lots of imaginative play. Outside we have been practicing our gross motor skills, doing lots of balancing and climbing using crates and planks of wood. This really helped build the children's confidence as they had to work together to build an obstacle course and practice their balancing skills, some of the children kindly helped one another as they were trying to balance along the course.