



**PRIDE IN ALL WE DO**

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### Certificates

In our assembly this week certificates were awarded to:

Riley Kift, Archie Smith, Luke Webber, Teddy Bowles, Korey Thompson, Henry Bowles, Thomas Wilkinson, Sebastian Bowles, Fenn Foster, Jacob Leonard and William Potter

Well done to you all we are very proud of you.

### Happy Birthday!

Archie Smith

### Notices

Our **Harvest Festival** will be on Wednesday 9th October at St Peter's Church at 11.15 am. We will be collecting food items for the Freedom Centre – if you could donate toiletries, packages and tins we would be grateful. (please no tea, bar soap) If you can join us for the Service we would love to see you.

**Tempest Photographer** - please note change of date. We have had to rearrange to Monday 18th November from Wednesday 25th September, due to Pilton Community College holding their open morning.

**Class Torridge** are in need of newspapers for their class activity. If you have any please bring them into school.

**Drinking bottles** -please can we remind you to send your child into school with a non breakable drinking bottle. Many children are not coming to school with a bottle.

13th September 2019

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### A Message from Mrs Denham

#### Why reading to your child is so important

Many parents have asked for help to support their child with reading. We will send out ideas in the newsletter

Learning to read is important, we all know that. Research shows that people without good literacy skills do worse in education and are more likely to be unemployed or even suffer from health and relationship problems. But there's evidence to suggest that the benefits of being read to frequently as a child go way beyond just literacy skills.

#### The stories we hear as children shape our view of the world.

Most small children live their lives in quite a limited environment. Reading stories to children can show them far-flung places, extraordinary people and eye-opening situations to expand and enrich their world.

It can also be a great way of helping them deal with real life situations that they need help to deal with. Researchers have found that the brain activity that occurs when we read fiction is very similar to experiencing that situation in real life, so reading about a situation helps children work out how to solve it in reality.

#### Making children into nicer people?

It gets even more surprising when you look at the effects of reading fiction to children on their social behaviour.

Scientists have found that children who have fiction read to them regularly find it easier to understand other people – they show more empathy and have better developed theory of mind (the ability to understand that other people have different thoughts and feelings to us, which is essential for understanding and predicting other people's thoughts and behaviour).

#### Why we need to ask questions

The benefits children get from having stories read to them are hugely increased when parents talk and ask questions about the story as well.

Simply asking them if they can remember what happened in the story or checking if they know what some of the more complicated words mean can really extend their understanding and vocabulary. More complex 'inference' questions like, 'why do you think this character did that?' helps children to think about and understand other people's motivations.

**Thank you to our wonderful PTA** who have kindly donated towards our interactive whiteboards and the coaches for Saunton Sands.



### **A reminder to all parents**

Please if you need to take your child out of school for any reason we must have the appropriate paper work in place. A form S2 must be completed at least three school weeks before the intended absence.

### **SOE3 Permission Forms**

Today all children in Year 1 to Year 6 have been given this year's SOE3 forms. Please complete and return to the office as soon as possible.

If possible, please can you provide the school with three emergency contacts for your child. This will help us in an emergency to locate someone, should your child become ill etc. If you are unsure of your contacts please check in the office. In addition please advise us if there are any medical conditions that need updating.

If your child has been prescribed an inhaler, please can you now arrange for the school to have two spares to be kept in school. The necessary paperwork will need to be completed, please contact the school office for more information.

### **Apply for your child's secondary school place**

All parents of Year 6 children can now apply for their child's secondary school place online now! The application process opened on Sunday 1st September and closes Thursday 31 October 2019. <https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place>

**Swimming /gymnastic** lessons will start on Tuesday for Class Caen. Please ensure that your child's permission slip has been returned to school.

**Free School Meals** If you are eligible to claim for free school meals please, please do so. Not only does your child benefit from receiving a meal, the school receives much needed additional funding for your child. This is in addition to the Universal Free School Meal Scheme. Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 & 2 we ask you please to still apply. <https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals> this link will take you to the Devon County Council website which will provide you with eligibility and how to claim information. Please pop into school and chat to us about it if you are unsure.


### **Lost**

**Isla** has lost her school jumper named Fontoura Ellison. Please can you check that your child has not taken it home by mistake

### **Fizz Pop Science**

All children in Year 1 to Year 6 have been given the information about the 5 week work shop, commencing on 17th September. If you would like to enrol your child please sign up on their website [www.fizzpopscience.co.uk](http://www.fizzpopscience.co.uk) flyers are on display in the outside school notice board and are available in the school office.

**Crisp Packets** We are still supporting the Freedom Centre and collecting empty crisp packets. Please save and bring into school.



## Dates for your diary

17th September 2019	Class Caen start swimming/gym lessons
20th September 2019	Jeans for Genes fundraiser
1st to 4th October	London Residential for Year 5&6
8th October 2019	Class Bray Parent Workshop
9th October 2019	Harvest Festival 11.15am in St. Peter's Church
	<b>18th October 2019 Non Pupil Day</b>
21st - 25th October 2019	Half Term
13th November 2019	Cross Country at BF Sports Club
18th November 2019	Tempest Photographer for individual and family photos
4th December 2019	Flu Immunisation
5th December 2019	School choir to sing at Thursday Club Christmas Party
11th December 2019	School Christmas Lunch
13th December 2019	Christmas Extravaganza for Yr 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 dress rehearsal
13th December 2019	Nativity performed by R & Yr 1, all pupils taking part in Carol Service at 2pm in St Peter's Church
16th December 2019	Christmas Extravaganza performance for Yr 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 1.30 to 3/15pm
17th December 2019	Christmas Extravaganza performance for Yr 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 6.00 to 7.30pm
20th December 2019	Last day of term
<b>7th January 2020</b>	<b>Spring Term begins</b>
	<b>17th - 21st February 2020 Half Term</b>
27th March 2020	Last day of term
<b>14th April 2020</b>	<b>Summer Term begins</b>
<b>FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MAY 2020</b>	<b>Spring Bank Holiday</b>
	<b>25th to 29th May 2020 Half Term</b>
17th July 2020	Last Day of term





### **PRE-SCHOOL**

We have continued our 'All About Me' theme this week; talking about our families and favourite things, singing our favourite songs and looking at ourselves in the mirror, discussing our features. We have enjoyed welcoming new friends to Pre-School and have spent a long time playing in the sand or with the Peppa Pig toys. Outside we have been racing on the bikes and practising our kicking skills. Pre-School is open between 8am and 5pm, Monday to Friday. We accept Early Years Funding where 3/4yr olds can access 15 hours of childcare a week. We also offer the 30 hour free childcare entitlement where you can access an additional 15 hours funding a week. We are an approved setting to accept 2 year old funding for 2 year olds. If you would like to arrange a visit or require further information, please contact us on 01598 710019. We look forward to welcoming you and your family.

### **BABY AND TODDLER GROUP**

Busy morning this week. The train tracks were definitely favourite with the boys and play dough and then paint dabbers kept the little ones busy on the craft table. We meet in the Village Hall between 9.30am and 11.30am every Wednesday and welcome babies and toddlers from birth to 5 years. Children can enjoy free play, story time, craft activities and sing-along. For further information, please contact Bratton Fleming Pre-School on [01598 710019](tel:01598710019)

### **BRATTON FLEMING SPORTS CLUB**

Bar meals available every Friday 5pm-9pm eat in or takeaway, also Happy Hour from 5-7pm!

SUNDAY LUNCHESES return on Sunday 22nd September, 13th October, 17th November and 15th December. Adults £8 Children £4 Pudding of the Day £3.50 Ice Cream £2.50 **BOOKING ADVISABLE** phone Annie 07855878166 Bar open from 11am and Sunday lunch served between 12pm-2pm **EVERYONE WELCOME**

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

Tuesday 17th September - YOGA £8 per person for 60-70mins of yoga with extra time afterwards for Q&A. With instructor Anne Lewis. Specifically with horse riders in mind, but beneficial to all. So non-riders welcome too. Bring a mat and a small blanket to cover up with in the relaxation at end of the session. Mats can be provided if required. Bookings being taken for 6-week courses in September.

Saturday 14th September - Kingsley Wizards v Otterton 1st round Devon Cup 2.15pm KO Bar open 12pm prior to KO, half time then full time.  
Also showing Liverpool v Newcastle 12.30pm KO We also have Taw Park v Park Rangers playing away 2.30pm KO

Sunday 15th September - Bratton Fleming v Basford Mill (touring side) cricket match 1pm start Bar open from midday

Sunday 22nd September - Bratton Fleming v Barnsley Beeches (touring side) cricket match 1pm start Bar open from midday

Friday 27th September - Macmillan Coffee afternoon here at the Sports Club 2-6pm (see attached poster)

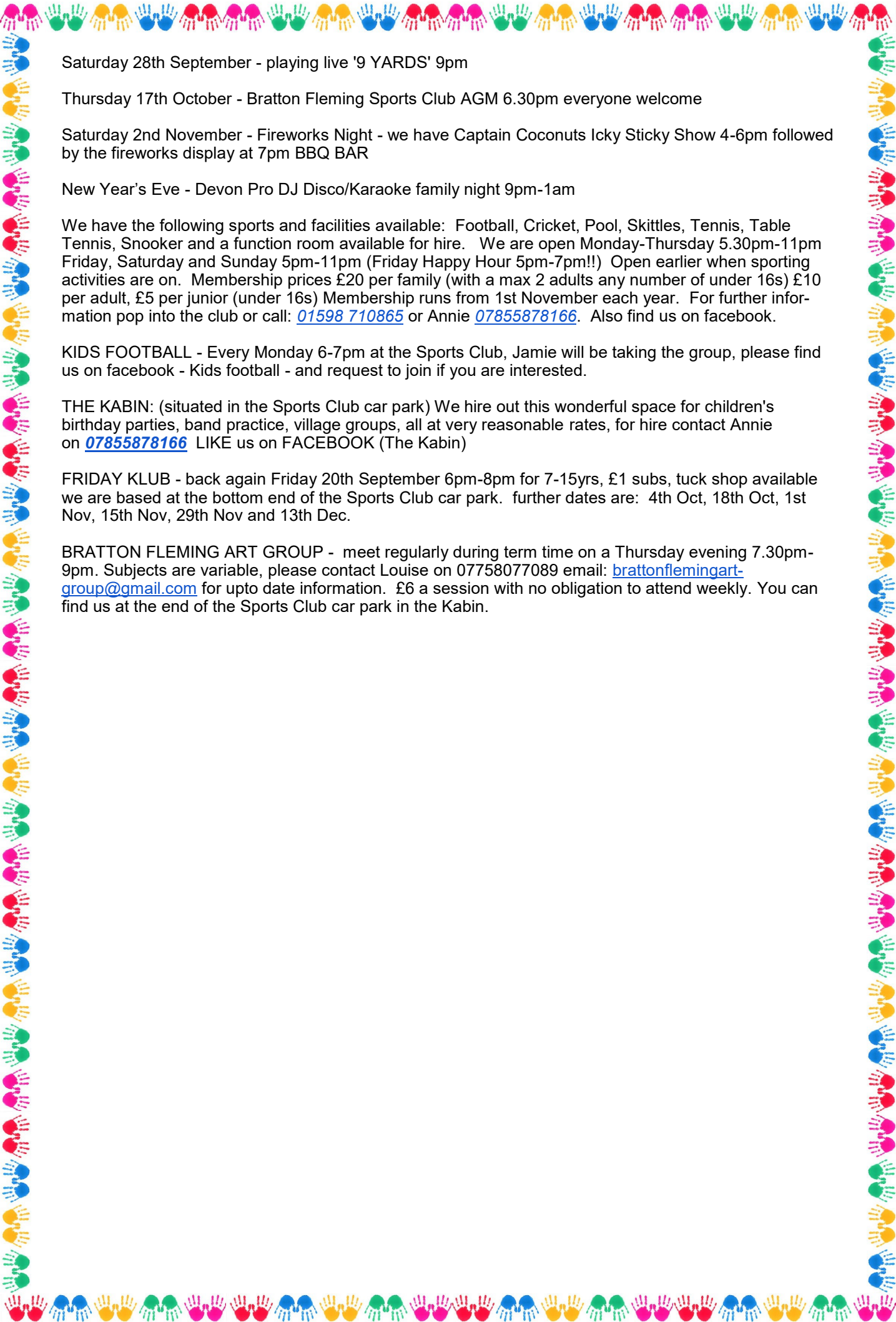
**RUGBY WORLD CUP** - we are showing all the games:

Sunday 22nd Sept, Bar open from 10am roast dinner available from midday till 2pm (booking advisable)

Thursday 26th Sept, Bar open from 10.30am lunches available from midday till 2pm

Saturday 5th Oct, cooked breakfast available 9am-11am Bar open 10am

Saturday 12th Oct, cooked breakfast available 9am-11am Bar open 10am



Saturday 28th September - playing live '9 YARDS' 9pm

Thursday 17th October - Bratton Fleming Sports Club AGM 6.30pm everyone welcome

Saturday 2nd November - Fireworks Night - we have Captain Coconuts Icky Sticky Show 4-6pm followed by the fireworks display at 7pm BBQ BAR

New Year's Eve - Devon Pro DJ Disco/Karaoke family night 9pm-1am

We have the following sports and facilities available: Football, Cricket, Pool, Skittles, Tennis, Table Tennis, Snooker and a function room available for hire. We are open Monday-Thursday 5.30pm-11pm Friday, Saturday and Sunday 5pm-11pm (Friday Happy Hour 5pm-7pm!!) Open earlier when sporting activities are on. Membership prices £20 per family (with a max 2 adults any number of under 16s) £10 per adult, £5 per junior (under 16s) Membership runs from 1st November each year. For further information pop into the club or call: [01598 710865](tel:01598710865) or Annie [07855878166](tel:07855878166). Also find us on facebook.

KIDS FOOTBALL - Every Monday 6-7pm at the Sports Club, Jamie will be taking the group, please find us on facebook - Kids football - and request to join if you are interested.

THE KABIN: (situated in the Sports Club car park) We hire out this wonderful space for children's birthday parties, band practice, village groups, all at very reasonable rates, for hire contact Annie on [07855878166](tel:07855878166) LIKE us on FACEBOOK (The Kabin)

FRIDAY KLUB - back again Friday 20th September 6pm-8pm for 7-15yrs, £1 subs, tuck shop available we are based at the bottom end of the Sports Club car park. further dates are: 4th Oct, 18th Oct, 1st Nov, 15th Nov, 29th Nov and 13th Dec.

BRATTON FLEMING ART GROUP - meet regularly during term time on a Thursday evening 7.30pm-9pm. Subjects are variable, please contact Louise on 07758077089 email: [brattonflemingart-group@gmail.com](mailto:brattonflemingart-group@gmail.com) for upto date information. £6 a session with no obligation to attend weekly. You can find us at the end of the Sports Club car park in the Kabin.