

20th December 2019

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## A Message from Mrs Denham

Our Christmas Extravaganza was another huge success, with the children singing acting and dancing so well. They really did us and themselves proud. We raised an amazing £223.00 from donations on the door so thank you for all your support. We hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did. Thank you to Jenny Baker for organising the music for the songs and Zara Spears for writing Class Torridge's play and helping to source and make most of their props.

I want to say a huge thank you to all our staff for their hard work and support in arranging all the Christmas activities. To our wonderful PTA – they have been amazing again, this term and raised so much money. I thank every one of them for all their hard work, support and energy.

Yesterday the children went home with a small succulent plant as their Christmas decoration this year, from me. I was thrilled with how excited many children were to receive their own plant to look after, many even giving their succulent a name! I have told the children the plant is their responsibility to look after. It needs good light, a window sill is ideal and a small amount of water once a week!

The children in every class asked me so many questions. How big will it grow? Did it come from a seed? What 'mud' does it grow in? How did you grow so many? And so on. They were very excited to know that their succulent could have babies.

I hope I have inspired one or two 'green fingers' to love plants.

We wish you all a very happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year – have a very special time and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on January 7<sup>th</sup> 2020!

#### Notices

**Wow Day Spring Term** - for our next whole school 'Wow Day' we will need bottle tops, flat plastics, tin foil, food packets e.g. crisp packets. Please collect for us over the Christmas holidays and send into school at the start of term.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Christmas Jumper Appeal. We raised £126.00 for Save the Children fund.

A reminder that fees for Breakfast and Afterschool Club will rise by 50p per session with effect from 7th January. Please can you check Parent Pay to ensure that you have no debt outstanding on any of your accounts. If you are unsure, please contact the school office where we can check for you.

## Dates for your Diary

**7th January 2020** 8th January 2020 14th January 2020

20th January 2020

22nd January 2020 29th January 2020 6th February 2020

27th February 2020 10th March 2020 16th March 2020 18th to 20th March 2020 27th March 2020 14th April 2020 FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MAY 2020

17th July 2020

**Spring Term begins** Year 5/6 Indoor Athletics Gym sessions commence for Class Bray & Swimming Class Lyn Public Health Devon -Weighing & Measuring Programme for Yr. R & 6 Yr. 4 Tennis Festival Devon Fire & Rescue Talk to Yr. 1,2,3 & 5,6 Tempest to take Class Photos 17th - 21st February 2020 Half Term 'Chance to Shine' cricket coaching sessions commence NSPCC visit for KS1 & 2, Yr. 5&6 Workshop Nick Butter to visit Year 3&4 Residential to Skern Lodge Last day of term Summer Term begins Spring Bank Holiday 25th to 29th May 2020 Half Term

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Last Day of term

# Our P.T.A

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#### CHRISTMAS HAMPER

Thank you to everyone who donated items and purchased raffle tickets for the Christmas Hamper. Thank you to Sian Kemp for collecting and assembling all of the items. We raised £273 for school funds, which is fantastic.

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The raffle was drawn at Wednesday night's extravaganza performance and the lucky winner was Tim Baker - congratulations!

#### CLUB 59

Well done to Lindsey Legg, our latest Club 59 winner.

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The PTA wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



#### PRE-SCHOOL

What a festive week at Pre-School! We have been finishing our Christmas crafts and baked some yummy gingerbread shapes! The children have been busy practising their singing for the sing along performance this week and have made up some fabulous dance moves.

We've been busy building with the blocks and using tools to make some toys for the good girls and boys and have really enjoyed festive stories.

The weather hasn't been very nice this week but we've managed to get out and splash in some puddles and tried to catch raindrops on our tongues.

We hope our families have a lovely Christmas and look forward to seeing everyone again in January! 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

What a feast the children had with our bring and share snacks which we topped off with singing happy birthday to two children whose birthday are tomorrow. Everyone did a wonderful job of decorating the paper plate Christmas trees - good job on the pipe cleaner stars \*

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

#### **BRATTON FLEMING SPORTS CLUB**

Bar meals available every Friday 5pm-9pm eat in or takeaway, also Happy Hour from 5-7pm **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**:

New Year's Eve - Devon Pro DJ Disco/Karaoke Fancy Dress optional (free shot for those in full fancy dress) 9pm till late \* finger buffet \* All families welcome

Saturday 1st February - JOSH CURNOW Playing Live from 9pm

Saturday 28th March - The Garden Club Playing Live from 9pm

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: <u>01598 710865</u> or Annie <u>07855878166</u>. Also find us on facebook.

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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 LIKE us on FACEBOOK (The Kabin)

FRIDAY KLUB - **Returns 10th January** 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: 24th Jan, 7th Feb

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BRATTON FLEMING ART GROUP - we return in February 2020! meet regularly during term time on a Thursday evening 7.30pm-9pm. Subjects are variable, please contact Louise on 07758077089 email: <u>brattonflemingartgroup@gmail.com</u> for up to date information. £7 a session with no obligation to attend weekly. You can find us at the end of the Sports Club car park in the Kabin.