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A message from Mrs. Denham

Well we've all made it to the end of another rather unusual term. We thank you so much for all your support, understanding, kind words and help. I really do believe the Bratton Fleming community and family is a very special one. Even through these very difficult times the school team has ensured your children have been able to share as many of Christmas traditions as possible such as Christmas jumper days, Christmas lunch, meeting Father Christmas, swap shop, carols and treat times.

We have so many people to thank this term who have helped make the school such a wonderful place to work and a fabulous place for your children to learn, grow and thrive. These include:

- Our Governors who help support and run the school and have managed this so well even in these difficult times. Special thanks to Tim Baker the chair of governors whom has been a great support.
- Ventrus MAT who support the school behind the scenes, with areas such as School Improvement, HR, H&S and training.
- Reverend Rosie and the Church team for all their love, support and kindness.
- The amazing PTA who even through a pandemic, have organised the Christmas raffle, Christmas plates and Father Christmas presents! They have been just amazing. These activities will have helped to raise much needed funds for our school.
- Jenny Baker who has supported the children with a much loved specialist music programme.
- You as parents for supporting the school and helping us follow the COVID risk assessments and guidance as best as possible. Thank you also to everyone who sent in gifts for the Swap Shop. The children REALLY enjoyed choosing something to bring home to you – their faces were a picture and we hope you enjoy receiving your gift on Christmas morning!
- And lastly the most wonderful school team who despite anything and everything that has been thrown at them this year, have accepted it and just got on with a huge smile on their faces and a massive loving heart. They are an extraordinary team and I am so grateful to each and every one of them for their support and absolute dedication.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a happy, safe, peaceful and healthy Christmas and New Year. Enjoy being together as a family and spending precious time with each other. We look forward to seeing you back in school on Tuesday, January 4th 2022.

With very best wishes
Sue Denham

School News

ATTENTION CLASS BRAY PARENTS

Class Bray children will be attending Falcons Gymnastics in the Spring term starting on Tuesday 18th January. The total cost for 9 sessions will be £47.00. A letter will be sent out at the beginning of next term with further details.

Lost

A child in Year 6 has lost his named fleece. Please can you check that your child has not taken it home by mistake.

Nasal Flu Vaccine

As you are aware the vaccine will be administered on 10th January 2022. If you have not yet registered, please do so via the link below. The links will remain open until midnight on Sunday 19th December 2021. Any responses previously received will remain valid, and do not need to be repeated.

<https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2021/devon>

Admissions Policy consultation 2023-2024

The consultation period for the 2023 – 2024 – Bratton Fleming C of E Primary School admissions policy began on the 1st November 2021 The consultation period ends on 8th January 2022.

Below you will see a link to our proposed admissions policy for 2023-24

<http://www.primaryschoolsnorthdevon.co.uk/website> and found on the Homepage under 'Links and Downloads' We are consulting on this between 1st November 2021 and 8th January 2022 and invite any parent or other person with an interest in our admission arrangements to read the policy and make any comments you wish.

Privacy Notice

For your information, please find below a link to the **Main Privacy Notice** webpage and 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.

Bratton Fleming School is a NO NUT Zone

Dates for your diary

20th December to 3rd January 2022

4th January 2022

10th January 2022

21st to 25th February 2022

8th April 2022

11th April to 22nd April 2022

25th April 2022

2nd May 2022

30th May to 3rd June 2022

22nd July 2022

Christmas Holidays

Children return to school

Nasal Flu Vaccine

Half Term

Last Day of Spring Term

Easter Holidays

Children return to school

Bank Holiday

Half Term

Last day of Summer Term

Community News

Pre-School

Christmas celebrations have continued throughout this week and it has been lots of fun. We have done some festive painting using Christmas themed stamps and paints, we have been practicing our cutting skills and we have also been talking lots about Santa and what we would like for Christmas. The children have also enjoyed writing Christmas cards for Santa and posting them into the post box in the role play area. On Tuesday we had a Christmas party, we played musical statues, musical bumps and many other games. We had a special visitor, Father Christmas came with his Reindeer and gave us a little present.

In the Bunnies area we have had a Christmas themed tuff tray that had green rice, baubles, glitter and tinsel in, it was lots of fun touching and pouring the rice. The children have also enjoyed playing with the Christmas themed train track and making music using the musical instruments.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

Bratton Fleming Market

To be held in Bratton Fleming Village Hall on 18th December, from 9:00am to 12 noon.

Christmas Village North Devon is a new event in Barnstaple this Christmas. We will be hosting a real-ice rink, Santa's grotto and Christmas shopping village from 19th November until 2nd January 2022.