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## School News

### A message from Mrs. Denham

We have enjoyed another lovely week with 3 classes going on their first proper school trip since March 2020! The children enjoyed a fabulous afternoon at the Barnstaple Museum and Library. Please see below for more details of their wonderful visit.

We wish Mr Day and our Chair of Governors, Mr Baker all the very best on Sunday when they are running in the London Marathon. They are both amazing and we wish them GOOD LUCK.

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### **Change - School Meals**

For next week only, we will be changing the menu, we will be serving Wednesday's choice of:  
Main: Roast Chicken, Veg: Cheese Cauliflower and broccoli bake, D: Fruit Smoothie  
on Thursday and Thursday's menu will be served on Wednesday.

### **Breakfast and Afterschool Club**

Please can we remind parents to book your child into the Breakfast and Afterschool in advance, by either emailing the school or phoning each Friday, stating your requirements for the forthcoming week. If you need to book in at short notice, e.g. on the day, please can you phone the school rather than email.

### **St George's House Residential Parents Meeting**

On Wednesday 6th October, at 3.30pm, in Class Torridge, there will be a meeting to provide further information about the forthcoming trip and to provide an opportunity for parents to ask any questions. If you cannot attend, please do not worry, all information will be sent out electronically.

### **Museum and Library Visit**

Yesterday, classes Lyn, Taw and Torridge had a wonderful visit to Barnstaple Museum and Library. They took part in an Evacuation workshop learning all about the children who were evacuated from cities to Bideford on the train. We heard stories about evacuees that lived in Clovelly, Westward Ho! and Ilfracombe. We also wrote our own Evacuee label which would have been tied onto our coats and learnt about what parents needed to pack for boys and girls. For our last task, we were given World War 2 artefacts to handle and we had to try and work out what they were used for. Next, we had a tour around the museum looking at all the wonderful displays from different periods in time. The children thoroughly enjoyed these exhibits and it is well worth another visit if you get the chance! Finally, we walked to the library to learn about the Dewey system for non-fiction books and how fiction books are located by the writer's surname. All the children were given a leaflet about the wonderful activities and events that happen there, many of which are free of charge. All the adults thought the behaviour and attitude of the children was excellent. Many thanks for collecting your child/children at the end of the day.

**'Teach Your Monster to Read - Reading for Fun'**

Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 should all have log in details for the Teach Your Monster to Read app. Now, for a limited time only, you can get your FREE copy of the brand new game from the makers of Teach Your Monster to Read.

This new game gets children reading for fun and inspires a lifelong love of reading. 'Teach Your Monster: Reading for Fun' gives kids the chance to collect over 70 books for their monster's bookshelf! It's the perfect follow-up to Teach Your Monster to Read.

Once downloaded there's nothing to pay to continue playing on your device, even after the free promotion ends! No subscriptions, no in-app purchases and definitely no ads. It's also free to play on the web and an Android version is coming soon.

<https://apple.co/3m27oLi>

### **Pilton Community College**

Please see flyer attached providing information of their forthcoming open evening and open mornings.

### **London Mini Marathon**

We have signed up for the London Mini Marathon. At 2.30pm on Wednesday 6th October, the whole school will walk, jog or run around a circuit of the top playground. The children would receive an official certificate and London Marathon pin badge for taking part. Please ensure your child comes into school in their PE kit.

### **Advice for parents of school-age children from the Director of Public Health**

Please see attached link from Steve Brown, the Director of Public Health Devon.

[Director of Public Health sets out clear advice for parents of school-age children - News \(devon.gov.uk\)](#)

### **Healthy Start**

Pregnant or have children under 4, and receiving benefits? You might be eligible for [Healthy Start](#), where you can get free vitamins and money towards fruit, vegetables and milk. For inspiration on how to use Healthy Start, go to [devon.cc/getahealthystart](http://devon.cc/getahealthystart) and order a free box of fruit and vegetables directly to your door, along with the recipes to prepare them.

### **ParentPay**

These trips are now available for payments to be made on ParentPay:

Gymnastics for Taw Class

Year 5/6 residential

**Bratton Fleming School is  
a NO NUT Zone**

## Dates for your diary

4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021

5<sup>th</sup> October 2021

6<sup>th</sup> October 2021

8<sup>th</sup> October 2021

11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

14<sup>th</sup> October 2021

15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

20<sup>th</sup> October 2021

22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021

9<sup>th</sup> November 2021

30<sup>th</sup> November 2021

8<sup>th</sup> December 2021

10<sup>th</sup> December 2021

17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

20<sup>th</sup> December to 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2022

4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022

8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

11<sup>th</sup> April to 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022

25<sup>th</sup> April 2022

2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022

30<sup>th</sup> May to 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022

22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

Y5 6 open morning Pilton Community College (by appointment only please follow the link on their website [piltoncollege.org.uk](http://piltoncollege.org.uk) to book a place)

Year 3, 4, 5, 6, Pilton Cross Country

London Mini Marathon all children taking part in school

Appledore Book Festival - Author J. Townsend visiting school

Residential St George's House Year 5&6

PTA AGM

Torrington Cross Country

Harvest Festival

Non Pupil Day

Half Term

Tempest Photographer

Class Bray - Production from Boo to a Goose Theatre

Christmas lunch

Carol Service and Nativity

Last day of Autumn Term

Christmas Holidays

Children return to school

Half Term

Last Day of Spring Term

Easter Holidays

Children return to school

Bank Holiday

Half Term

Last day of Summer Term

## PTA News

### PTA AGM

Please join us for our annual AGM meeting on Thursday 14th October at 8pm. This will be a zoom meeting; the details to follow. Please join us, even if this will be the first time. We welcome new members.

Christmas is around the corner; with some great fun fundraisers to organise for our wonderful school.

### 👉 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.

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

Many thanks for your support.

## Community News

### Bratton Fleming Market

To be held in Bratton Fleming Village Hall on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 27<sup>th</sup> November and 18<sup>th</sup> December, from 9:00am to 12 noon. Please see flyer attached.

### Barnstaple Library

Are delighted to announce a new date for the previously postponed event with award-winning author Michael Morpurgo.

The event will now take place on Saturday 13th November at 2pm at The Stanbury Hall, Petroc. Tickets are £6.50 per person and can be booked via the Eventbrite link below.

[Michael Morpurgo Tickets, Sat, Nov 13, 2021 at 2:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

**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.