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## School News

### A message from Mrs. Denham

We would like to inform all parents and carers that Linda Watt has resigned from her role as Chairperson of our Governing Body. Linda has been involved as a Governor for many years first with Bratton Fleming and then with Holywell and has been a very determined, organised and dedicated chair for the last 7 years. We cannot thank her enough for all she has done. We wish her well as her and her family move onto pastures new.

We are thrilled to be able to welcome Mr Tim Baker to the role as our new chair of governors. Tim is a parent governor having two sons at Bratton Fleming. He is an instrumental part of the Governing Body and we are very grateful to him for stepping into the role of chairperson. We all look forward to working closely with Tim.

Our PTA is working very hard to think of ways to help fundraise this term. Their usual events can't be held due to COVID 19 restrictions so if any parent has any ideas please let the members of the PTA know. The PTA want to fundraise to help us have more ipads and laptops in schools – we are desperate. The PTA do an amazing job raising vital funds for the school. Without them, your children would have far fewer resources to use on a daily basis. I really do thank each and every member and know they are always very grateful to any parents who want to help and support them. If you can find any time to help, we would be thrilled.

The PTA is holding its AGM on Wednesday October 21<sup>st</sup> at 8.30pm via Zoom. They need a new secretary and treasurer. If you feel you could help with these crucial roles or be part of the team, please contact school via email.

We want to say a huge thank you for all of your support over the past few months with our online learning provision. As you are aware, last term we introduced SeeSaw across the school as a means of communication during lockdown and it was fantastic to see the wonderful work that was completed at home. You were all superb at getting on board with it so quickly and efficiently and we really enjoyed communicating with your child in this way.

Now the Government have advised all schools to have a secure contingency plan to ensure they are ready for all eventualities during the pandemic. Therefore, in order to further improve our home learning and provide more opportunities within class, we will be implementing Microsoft Teams across the school. This will be rolled out at different stages across the school and you will be contacted by your class teacher when they are ready to go. Microsoft Teams provides a

wealth of opportunities to develop our home learning and in-school provision. This form of blended learning will be implemented gradually across the school, in place of SeeSaw.

Today we held our first virtual celebration assembly on Microsoft Teams where we celebrated all the super things children had been doing in school and in their learning. It was so wonderful to see all the children together – even if it was on a screen! We have all really missed seeing them altogether in the hall. Well done to the two children in each class who were awarded a certificate, we hope you enjoyed sharing this with your family – we are very proud of you.

### **Year 6 - Urgent**

A reminder that if you have not already applied for your child's secondary education you need to do so before the 31<sup>st</sup> October. The easiest way to apply is online by visiting [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline) If you don't wish to or can't apply online, please contact the customer service centre on 0345 155 1019 or the school office where we can provide you with a copy of the application form.

**Year 1 homework** - Please find this week's homework in the Wider Curriculum homework folder on your child's Microsoft Teams account. Thank you.

### **PE**

Due to the weather conditions at this time of year, your child may bring in a change of footwear (including socks), & clothes on days they have PE. Please ensure that they have a waterproof coat in school suitable for PE lessons.

To reduce the risk of transmission of COVID 19, lessons will more than likely take place outside, either on the field or playground.

### **Tempest Photographer**

The photographer will be in school on 9<sup>th</sup> November. Unfortunately, this year only individual photos will be taken.

### **Flu Immunisation**

Your child is eligible for a Free Nasal Childhood Flu vaccination. If you have not already booked your child's vaccination, please do so using this link.

<https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2020/devon>

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

## Dates for your diary

23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2020	Non Pupil Day
26 <sup>th</sup> October to 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	Half Term
9 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	Tempest Photographer individual photos only no siblings
4 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Flu Immunisation
18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Last day of Term
5 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Spring Term begins
15 <sup>th</sup> February to 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	Half Term
1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021	Last Day of Term
19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Summer Term begins
3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021	Spring Bank Holiday
28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	Non Pupil Day
31 <sup>st</sup> May to 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Half Term
23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2021	Last Day of Term

## PTA News

Please find attached details of the forthcoming PTA AGM. To enable you to attend this meeting via Zoom please email the school office and provide your email address.

## Community News

### **BRATTON FLEMING PRE-SCHOOL**

What a busy week at Pre-School!

This week has been all about Autumn! The children have discussed the changes we see in our environment during Autumn, made some muddy puddles in the Woodlands area and tried to catch the rain outside. Inside we have been making Autumn wreaths, shakers and healthy apple doughnuts. The children have settled really well into the new Pre-School life and have some really great friendships in the making!

We now take children from 0-5yrs we have a lovely designated 'Bunnies' area for our under 2s, we currently have spaces for all ages.

Please see attached our advert, we are looking for a Company Secretary/CIC Director to support the Chair and Directors of our flourishing Pre-School.