

1st July 2022

Message from Mrs Denham

Dear Parents,

We have had a very busy week with the new children starting school in September visiting Class Bray for their first morning, Y6 having transition visits to secondary school, swim and gym lessons at the new leisure centre and cricket matches at Pilton too. We look forward to our Sports Day on Thursday afternoon on the school field.

Mr Pryke, the new teacher starting with us in September has written this blog for you to read:

I have the honour and privilege of joining Bratton Fleming Community Primary School this September as the new Year 3/4 Class Teacher.

This really is an exciting opportunity for me, and I can't wait to get started. I presently work as a Year 6 teacher at a prep school in London but will shortly be moving to Lower Loxhore with my wife and Aussie Shepherd dog. I have previously taught at an international school in Geneva, Switzerland (which is where my own children went to school) and have also spent many years living and working in France.

My wife and I are really looking forward to relocating to Devon and being near family again. My wife, a nurse, will be working at Barnstaple Hospital.

I will be visiting the school and my new class during July so will have a chance to spend some time with the children before September. However, if I don't get a chance to meet you all before the end of term, may I wish you a wonderful summer break and look forward to meeting everyone at the start of the autumn term.

Kind regards,
Antony Pryke

Please find below a link to a parent/carer survey. We appreciate your views and would be grateful if you could take the time to respond. This survey is anonymous and is open until Friday 8th July.

<https://forms.office.com/r/Cns9DXn99s>

Saunton Sands Change of date

Since organising our annual trip to Saunton Sands, it has become necessary to change the date, as the original date corresponded with the intake day at one of our local secondary schools. As a result, we have rearranged our trip to now take place on Monday 11th July. A letter about the trip has been sent out this week.

School News

Class Torridge - Gymnastics



The Year 6s had a great Falcon's Gym again this week. They put their cartwheeling skills to the test, reached for the stars on the vaults, and showed their strength on the



time at week. They to the test, vaults, and apparatus.



Well done to all of the Year 5 children who represented Bratton at the Barnstaple Schools Cricket Festival. ⚡
Although the weather began a bit unsettled ☁, the skies cleared up and they all had a great day batting & fielding.
Well done to the Bratton Vipers ⚾ who finished 2nd in their group after winning 3 & losing 2 games.
Also, well done to the Bratton Cobras ⚾ who finished joint 2nd after winning 4 & losing 1 game. 🤝

Year 6 Leaver's Assembly

All parents and carers of our Year 6 pupils are invited to attend the 'Leaver's Assembly' which will be held in school, on Thursday 21st July, at 2:00pm.

Sports Day

Sports Day will be held on Thursday 7th July on the school field. Friends & families are invited to join us from 12.45pm for a 1pm prompt start.

Children will need to come into school in their PE kit & their coloured PE top. If your child doesn't have one, a t shirt in the colour of their house group is fine. They will also need a drinks bottle & hat/ sun cream if the weather is sunny.

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<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.

ParentPay

All items, including school meals, breakfast club and after-school club should be paid for in advance. None of these accounts should have a debt balance. As we are approaching the end of our Financial Year it is important that all debts are cleared. If this applies to you can we please ask that you clear these debts as soon as possible and keep further payments up to date.

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

Gymnastics for Lyn & Torridge

Swimming for Class Torridge

Year 2 Tennis Festival

Year 6 Athletics

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Saunton Sands

Ventrus Job Vacancies

<https://ventrus.current-vacancies.com/v?id=VENTRUSMUL&t=Ventrus-Careers>

Bratton Fleming School is a NO NUT Zone

Dates for your diary

5th July 2022
7th July 2022
8th July 2022
11th July 2022
12th July 2022
19th July 2022
20th July 2022
21st July 2022
22nd July 2022

Class Torridge Gymnastics/Swimming
Sports Day
Yr 6 Athletics at PCC
Saunton Sands trip
Class Torridge Gymnastics/Swimming
Class Torridge Gymnastics/Swimming
N.D. Football Finals
Year 6 Leaver's Assembly, 2:00pm
Last day of Summer Term

PTA

For the first time in a few years parents are able to watch the children participate in sports day this year hooray! The PTA will be serving refreshments on the day which will include, fruit pavlova's tea, coffee, juice and ice creams to cool the children down after all their running around. We have all the meringues we need being donated but will need some berries and double cream to top them with. If anyone can kindly donate either of these we would be so grateful. Please bring to the office by Wednesday 6th July. We hope to see you there.

The PTA are also putting together a summer hamper for a lucky person to win. Thank you to those parents who have offered to donate items. Please could they be handed in by 15th July at the latest, to the school office. The tickets were sent home today in an envelope we would be grateful if you could buy/sell these tickets and have the money and named tickets returned to the school before the 15th July. The draw will take place the following week.

Community News

Ryepark Farm Fundraiser

Please see attached a flyer providing information about the Ryepark Farm Fundraiser for Devon Air Ambulance. If you would like further information, please contact James Pitkeathly on 07812474030.

Barnstaple Library

Attached to this newsletter is a poster and some information regarding Summer events with the Barnstaple Library. Also, below is a link to the Reading Agency Summer Reading Challenge website.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/gadgeteers-intro>

SEND training for parents and carers

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/eys/send-training-for-parents-and-carers>

The Thursday Café

Every Thursday afternoon from 2-4.30pm the Village Hall will open as a Café, serving hot drinks, cakes, biscuits and other bakes. If you wish to host one or more of our Thursday Cafés, either as a fundraising opportunity for a Charity of your choice or to promote your business, please get in touch with Frances Mortlock on 07751 454906 or visit www.BFVH.uk for more details.

