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**Certificates**

In our assembly this week certificates were awarded to:

Poppy Stevenson, Riley Kift, Tristan Eve, Jacob Bowler -Druce, Molly Brown, Lexie Wilson, Lily Pierce, Josh Brown and Class Caen.

Well done to you all we are very proud of you.

**Happy Birthday!**

Callum Drew, Corey Reed, Alexander Bolland, Lily & Noah Gibson, Logan Shapland, Darcy Bruton and Elowen Richardson-Reynolds

Friday 9th March 2018

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**A Message from Mrs Denham**

We are still desperately asking if any parents would be willing to be Chair or vice Chair of the school PTA. The PTA do an amazing job and help the school buy much needed resources so we would be gutted to see it fold. Please, please, please chat to friends and see if you can find a way to become involved with the PTA committee. **YOUR CHILDREN'S SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!**

We want to say a huge thank you to the Bratton Fleming Parish Council who very generously donated £3,000 to the school to help us buy resources. Governors and I went to the recent Parish Council meeting and explained what a terrible deficit school's budgets are in and the Council very kindly supported the school with this wonderful cheque. We are so grateful to the Committee. The money will make a big difference.

Thank you for your understanding about the school closing due to bad snowy weather last week. It's always a difficult decision and we apologise for any inconvenience. Thank you to the parents who put pictures of their children enjoying the snow and reading books on the Parents of Bratton Fleming School Facebook page. They were lovely.

About 20 families will be receiving letters today outlining that their child has an absence percentage below 95% due to going on holiday or due to going on holiday and then the child also being ill. This year we haven't sent letters out to parents whose child has an absence below 95% due to **ONLY** illness as we do appreciate that nothing can be done about your child becoming ill.

As many parents have got behind the Devon Fair Funding campaign, we would like to inform you of a parents event at Petroc on Tuesday March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm. If you are interested I have put the details on the school Facebook page. It would be wonderful if some parents could attend.

**Sports Relief**

On Friday, the 23rd March, we will be celebrating Sports Relief by having a Creative House Group Day. After the success of Sports Relief in previous years, the children will be taking part in a range of physical activities including the Sport Relief Mile around the field. Also, children may come into school dressed as a famous sportsman/woman if they wish along with a £1. **YOUR CHILD WILL NEED TO BE IN SUITABLE CLOTHES FOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY and WILL NEED PLENTY TO DRINK!** Sports Relief soft balls will be on sale for £1 from Monday 19th March. The School Council will also be selling these on the day.

## NOTICES

### **World Book Day 2018 - Monday 12th March**

We ask if children can dress up as one of their favourite book characters and must bring the book of their character to complete activities of their chosen character. This year the world book day theme is 'share a story'. We invite parents into classes from 2:45pm to share stories written by the children. We look forward to sharing our stories with you!

### **Year 3/4 Residential to Skern Lodge**

There will be a meeting for parents on **Monday 12th March** at **3.30pm** to provide information about the forthcoming residential to Skern Lodge.

### **Inter house Cross Country**

On Friday, the 16th March, all children will be taking part in the annual Inter house Cross Country competition on the field to earn tokens for their house group. **YOUR CHILD WILL NEED THEIR PE KIT IN ON THIS DAY!**

### **KS1 parents and carers**

We would like to invite you to join us for lunch on Wednesday 28th March at 12.15pm. Please see attached Menu for details.

**Class photographs** are now in reception for you to view.

### **Bake Sale**

Class Lyn will be holding a bake sale on Thursday 15th March to raise funds for Prostate Cancer. The bake sale will take place in the hall and will start at 3:15pm.



### **Club59**

Congratulations to Chantal Shapland who won the rollover on 23/2/18 with number 7.

There was no winner last week so it is a rollover this Saturday. If you would like a number please see Vikki Waller.

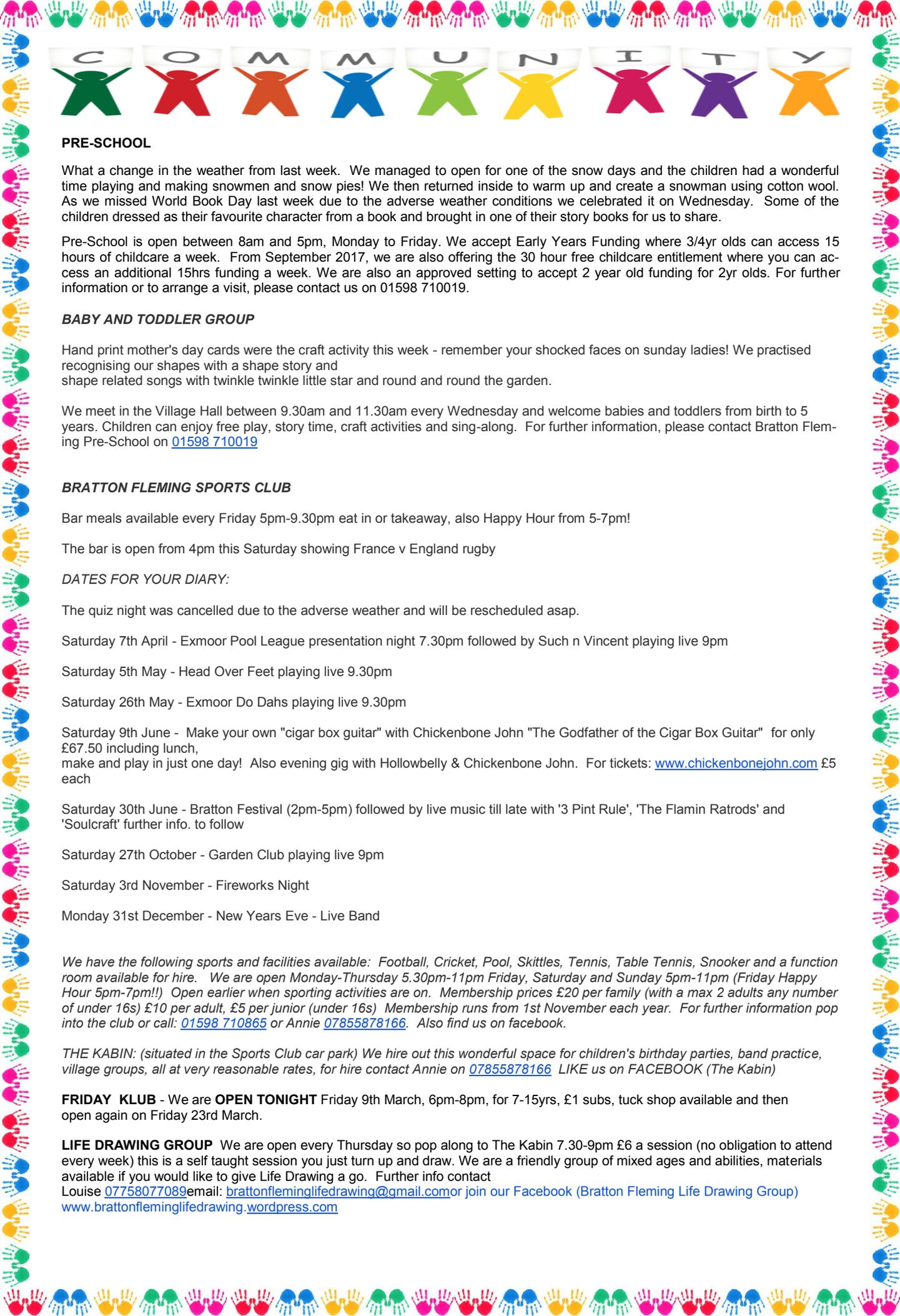
### **Chair and Vice-Chair**

The PTA team needs a new chair and vice chair. Please please please consider these positions and let the office, Mrs Denham or Melissa know if you can help.

The PTA do amazing work and the school couldn't function without their support

### **PTA Meeting**

Wednesday 14th March, 6.00pm  
Bratton Fleming Sports Club  
All Welcome



# COMMUNITY

## PRE-SCHOOL

What a change in the weather from last week. We managed to open for one of the snow days and the children had a wonderful time playing and making snowmen and snow pies! We then returned inside to warm up and create a snowman using cotton wool. As we missed World Book Day last week due to the adverse weather conditions we celebrated it on Wednesday. Some of the children dressed as their favourite character from a book and brought in one of their story books for us to share.

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. From September 2017, we are also offering the 30 hour free childcare entitlement where you can access an additional 15hrs funding a week. We are also an approved setting to accept 2 year old funding for 2yr olds. For further information or to arrange a visit, please contact us on 01598 710019.

## BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Hand print mother's day cards were the craft activity this week - remember your shocked faces on Sunday ladies! We practised recognising our shapes with a shape story and shape related songs with Twinkle Twinkle Little Star and Round and Round the Garden.

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](tel:01598710019)

## BRATTON FLEMING SPORTS CLUB

Bar meals available every Friday 5pm-9.30pm eat in or takeaway, also Happy Hour from 5-7pm!

The bar is open from 4pm this Saturday showing France v England rugby

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

The quiz night was cancelled due to the adverse weather and will be rescheduled asap.

Saturday 7th April - Exmoor Pool League presentation night 7.30pm followed by Such n Vincent playing live 9pm

Saturday 5th May - Head Over Feet playing live 9.30pm

Saturday 26th May - Exmoor Do Dahs playing live 9.30pm

Saturday 9th June - Make your own "cigar box guitar" with Chickenbone John "The Godfather of the Cigar Box Guitar" for only £67.50 including lunch, make and play in just one day! Also evening gig with Hollowbelly & Chickenbone John. For tickets: [www.chickenbonejohn.com](http://www.chickenbonejohn.com) £5 each

Saturday 30th June - Bratton Festival (2pm-5pm) followed by live music till late with '3 Pint Rule', 'The Flamin Ratrods' and 'Soulcraft' further info. to follow

Saturday 27th October - Garden Club playing live 9pm

Saturday 3rd November - Fireworks Night

Monday 31st December - New Years Eve - Live Band

*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: [01598 710865](tel:01598710865) or Annie [07855878166](tel:07855878166). Also find us on facebook.*

*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](tel:07855878166) LIKE us on FACEBOOK (The Kabin)*

**FRIDAY KLUB** - We are **OPEN TONIGHT** Friday 9th March, 6pm-8pm, for 7-15yrs, £1 subs, tuck shop available and then open again on Friday 23rd March.

**LIFE DRAWING GROUP** We are open every Thursday so pop along to The Kabin 7.30-9pm £6 a session (no obligation to attend every week) this is a self taught session you just turn up and draw. We are a friendly group of mixed ages and abilities, materials available if you would like to give Life Drawing a go. Further info contact Louise [07758077089](tel:07758077089) email: [brattonfleminglifedrawing@gmail.com](mailto:brattonfleminglifedrawing@gmail.com) or join our Facebook (Bratton Fleming Life Drawing Group) [www.brattonfleminglifedrawing.wordpress.com](http://www.brattonfleminglifedrawing.wordpress.com)