

Message from the Headteacher

Good Afternoon,

It's been another busy week in school with lots of learning and lots of fun!

Our very youngest children had a visit from the tooth brushing scheme today as they have been participating in a programme at school to support them to develop good oral health habits from a young age. Keep up the good brushing Bray Class!



In assembly this week, we continued our theme of Peace by looking at anger, the opposite of peace. I spoke to the children about strong feelings and how we can learn to manage them, especially if we feel overwhelmed by them at times. At school, we want to support children to build self-regulation (understanding and managing their feelings) so that they know they can manage strong feelings and not be overwhelmed by them. We want the children to know that they can control themselves and no matter how strong the feelings, keep control of themselves and their actions. If you have time over the weekend, why not chat to your child / ren about how they calm themselves when they do feel angry? It is good for children to have some strategies they can use.

Enjoy the weekend!

School Messages

Uniform – thank you

Thank you to all the parents and carers who are ensuring that children are wearing correct uniform. The children are looking really smart! Please do not send children into school wearing trainers except when they are dressed for PE day.

Christmas Jumper Days

A reminder that children may wear their Christmas Jumpers on the following dates: 6th, 13th, 18th and 20th December. This year you can make your donation on Arbour under 'School Shop' and we recommend a donation of £2.00 per child for the four dates. We are collecting money for Save the Children Christmas Jumper Appeal. **This will be available from Monday 2nd of December.**

Arbor Portal

As advised on Tuesday, Bratton Fleming is now using the Parent Portal and Parent App and has set up an account for you.

To finish creating your account you just need to set a password. Your username is the email address we've sent this email to.

Go to <https://login.arbor.sc> and click **Forgot your password?** to finish setting up your account.

The Parent App can be downloaded from either the Playstore on android phones or the Apple Store on iPhones.

By logging into the Parent Portal, you can now make payments and top up accounts for Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs, swimming for Class Torridge and the Calvert Trust Residential, also for school meals. Please book and pay for your child's afterschool and breakfast club in advance. Please note if we receive no payment when booking is made your child will not be able to attend the clubs. For those parents who pay using childcare vouchers, please book your required days and the payment will be added to your account in the normal manner.

We recommend that you do not make any more payments on the Parent Pay Portal. Any existing debit or credit balances from Parent Pay will be transferred over.

Admissions to Reception Year for September 2025

The school admissions process for the 2025 primary admissions round has been updated to streamline communication and application procedures. An online Microsoft form is now available for parents and carers to express their interest in applying for a school place. Application window opens on 15th November 2024. Read more: <https://www.devon.gov.uk/eycs/school-admissions-process-update/>

School Celebration!

*Here are our super learners for this week!
The teachers have selected pupils who have been resilient and hardworking – well done to all the children who received certificates today.*



PTA News

Thank you!

The PTA would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all who supported our Thursday café yesterday and we had many wonderful volunteers who baked for us, bought from us, donated to us, and tidied up with us. We are immensely grateful for the support you have shown to our school, and we raised an astonishing amount of **£442.60!** So once again - Thank you!

Christmas Fayre

The PTA are organising a Christmas Fayre which guarantees to be a fun afternoon for you and your family to enjoy, and we can't wait to welcome you! This will be held on **Friday 13th December**. With everyone feeling the pinch, we will be running things a little different this year, and will be offering '**stamp card passes**' to bundle buy a bunch of activities to help save the pennies!

This will entitle your child to :-

- 🎄 All games in our prize winning game zone
- 🎄 Entry to the craft corner (and keep their creations!)
- 🎄 Glitter tattoos at the tattoo station

The cost of these cards are £5 each and can be purchased in advance as of next week (see a PTA member in the playground) or on the day of the fayre. You can also 'Pay as you go'. Please note this is a CASH ONLY event.

Alongside this activity afternoon there will also be opportunities to win prizes on guessing games, and a draw for our very kindly donated hamper and raffle! Delicious home baked refreshments, along with a visit from a very special guest 🧑🏻🎅

Children must be accompanied by an adult during this event.

Your child will also be coming home with enveloped raffle tickets if you would like to buy your raffle tickets in advance (details on the slips).

We look forward to sharing the magic with you all!

The PTA 🎄

Community News

With effect from Monday, the Post Office has been relocated to the Village Hall. The opening hours remain the same 2:00 to 4:00pm.

Ventrus Job Vacancies

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

Please remember: **Bratton Fleming School is a NO NUT Zone**

Dates for your diary

11 th December	Christingle in St Peter's Church 2.15pm
13 th December	Christmas Fayre
6 th , 13 th , 18 th & 20 th December	Christmas Jumper Fundraiser
18 th December	School Christmas Lunch
19 th December	Carol Service & Nativity in St Peter's Church 2.15pm
20 th December	Last day of term
6 th January	Non-Pupil Day
7 th January	Children return to school
17 th – 21 st February	Half Term
26 th to 28 th February	Residential Yr 3&4 to Calvert Trust