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School News

A message from Mrs. Denham

I wrote last week thanking you for all of your support over the past few months with our online learning provision, Seesaw and how we will now be starting to give the children access to Microsoft Teams over the next few weeks. Teachers are starting to look into this process with their children.

We do appreciate that it can be hard to change from one platform to the other, especially when it took a long time to get used to Seesaw in the first place. Some parents have asked why we have to change. The Government have funded training for schools in either Microsoft Teams or Google Classrooms and are preferring us to use either of these platforms rather than the ones schools may have used during lockdown. It does make sense to have a uniform way of working so children get used to one of these platforms. They will be used in most schools across the country and in secondary schools.

At school, we are all very busy receiving online training on how to use Teams and the teachers and staff have been amazing at trying to get to grips with this new system. We do understand however how frustrating this may feel for you at home. We are constantly trying to find ways to make this work for both school and home. Our aims are to plan lessons on Teams, send out homework, have lessons and work on it for children who may need to self-isolate and have it as a platform for home/school learning if we ever had to go into complete lockdown again. This form of blended learning is being implemented gradually across the school. The children seem to enjoy it and cope with all the changes well.

Of course, we know that a few families may have IT and internet difficulties with Microsoft Teams and we ask you to email the school and let us know so we can see if we can help in any way.

Thank you for your continued support. We really appreciate your understanding.

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 will be holding its AGM on Wednesday October 21st 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.

School News

Certificates

Congratulations to the two children in Reception Class who have completed 'Teach Your Monster to Read: First Steps' and all children who received certificates in assembly today.

Annual update

All children except those in Reception, have been given the parental consent forms that we require updating on an annual basis. If you have not already done so, please return your completed form on Monday. A blue tray will be left on the front door step of the main entrance to school for you to place your forms in.

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 31st October. The easiest way to apply is online by visiting 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.

Tempest Photographer

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

PTA News

Please find attached details of the forthcoming PTA AGM next Wednesday 21st October. 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

It's Pumpkin Week!! This week at Pre-School we have taken part in so many different types of pumpkin activities! We have discussed and found out about the inside of a pumpkin, created pumpkin shapes and counted some pumpkin seeds. We have visited our Pumpkin Patch, picked our own pumpkins and bought them in to decorate using paint and glitter. We used hammers to bash golf tees into the big pumpkins and then scooped out a pumpkin and cooked the middle to eat at snack time, yummy!

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.

The Time to Cook Club are running their first Family Challenge! Designed to keep kids busy and to get the whole family cooking. The challenge is completely free but also raising money for a charity close to our heart, Macmillan Cancer Care.

It's going to start on Monday the 19th October and the tasks will be announced over three days! You'll have until Sunday 25th October at 6.00pm to complete all 3 tasks and the winners will be announced on Monday 26th October during a celebratory live event!

The first prize is a children's digital camera, but there are loads of other amazing prizes to announce too! You can sign up to the Challenge using the link below! We cannot wait to get started!!

<https://www.subscribepage.com/family-challenge>