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## School News

### A message from Mrs. Denham

We wish you all a very happy Easter and hope you are able to enjoy the sunshine, lots of chocolate and special days together.

We would like to thank you and your amazing children for coming back together again in school so wonderfully well. The children have been just amazing and have had four lovely weeks back together. We are all looking forward to the summer term, where we hope we can get back to some normality. We will still be teaching in bubbles and the children will still be having playtime and lunchtime in those bubbles. But we do hope we can start to do some trips towards the end of June and we hope events like sports day can go ahead.

We also want to say a huge thank you to our Governors who support the school so well and our amazing PTA who have raised money for the school and brought a smile to our faces even through these difficult times.

I wish the wonderful Bratton team a peaceful, restful and enjoyable break too. They have been tremendous this term.

## School News

We have received some information regarding a campaign group called TOTS (Turn on the Subtitles) that has been set up by two fathers. They suggest that the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic has meant that some children have actually taken a step backwards in literacy, due to watching more TV. The average child watches about 12 hours of TV a week but reads few books. TOTS suggests that children should watch TV with the subtitles on, as it dramatically improves their reading. We thought it sounded a great idea!

Please find attached to this newsletter information from National Online Safety, which provides information on how to help safeguard your child when they use smart devices and apps e.g. WhatsApp, tiktok, snapchat, Instagram. Their website [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) can also provide you with useful information.

### **Menu**

Please find attached to this newsletter the menu for week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> April only.

## **Gov.Uk Department of Education**

### **Testing at home throughout the Easter holidays for schools and colleges**

Following the success of the asymptomatic testing programme on the return to school and college, it is vital to keep testing at home throughout the Easter holidays and into the summer term.

Test twice a week at home from now on (all those who are able to) report results [online](#) as positive, negative or void. This information is critical in helping to understand the prevalence of the virus across the country, continue to test twice weekly over the Easter holidays. Test before returning to school or college for the summer term, either the night before, or morning of, the first day back, to find and isolate any positive cases. Families and households can also access [home test kits for adults](#)

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

## **Dates for your diary**

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
1 <sup>st</sup> July 2021	Sports Day
23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2021	Last Day of Term

## **PTA News**

### **Bags4Schools**

Thank you so much to everyone who donated bags of clothes last Friday. We have raised a fantastic amount of £147, so thank you again. We will certainly be doing this fundraiser again.

### **Easter hamper**

Another huge thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets for the Easter Hamper; an amazing £247 was raised for our school. The winner was Rowena, with 2<sup>nd</sup> prize going to Frances. Congratulations!

Thank you again for all your support this past term.

Happy Easter.

Your PTA Team.

## **Community News**

### **Bratton Fleming Pre-School**

What a beautiful, sunny week we've been able to enjoy at Pre-School!

The children have spent most of the week playing outside; splashing in the water, exploring the woodlands and finding a cosy, calm area to read stories in! We've been drawing, playing with the cogs and dolls house.

As it is nearly Easter, each day, we have been busy on Easter Egg hunts, sometimes having to complete challenges to find the next egg! It's been a fabulous half term and we would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter and hope everyone enjoys a nice rest!