

# Newsletter

**Friday 31st January, 2025**



## Message from the Headteacher

*Good Afternoon Parents and Carers,*

*We have continued exploring our school value of Truthfulness and Honesty in our whole school assembly this week, with a focus on making good decisions. We discussed what a decision was and thought about the many decisions that we make during the day and what a good or positive decision was. We also thought about things that we don't make decisions about and how worrying about things we can't change is unhelpful.*

*The children have also been completing assessments this week and practicing their resilience and independence. The teachers are very proud of your efforts!*

## School News

### Parents Evening

We have arranged for parents evening to take place on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February from 3:30 to 5.50pm and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February from 3:30 to 5:40pm. Please sign up through the Arbor portal. Arbor has been set up to receive bookings until 10<sup>th</sup> February at 9:00am.



Swimming lessons for Class Bray will take place on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 4<sup>th</sup> March, 11<sup>th</sup> March 18<sup>th</sup> March, 25<sup>th</sup> March. A letter has been sent home providing you with more information.

# School News



## **Arbor Parent Portal**

We are sorry that parents have been unable to make payment on the Arbor payment portal, this issue has now been solved and you will now be able to continue to make payments. If you encounter any problems please contact Mrs Lake.

## **Breakfast and After School Club Bookings**

A reminder to all parents: 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.

## **Calvert Trust Residential**

Thank you to those parents who attended the meeting yesterday, regarding our forthcoming residential. If you were unable to attend a letter has been given to your child today, providing you with information relating to the trip. A reminder that the final payment is due today, Friday 31st January.

# Ventrus Vacancies

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

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

# Curriculum News



## Visit from the Open the Book Team

We love having the Open the Book team in school and the children love to see the Bible stories told through drama. This week the Team had made a mountain in order to tell the story of about Moses and his twelve spies. The message from this story was that sometimes in life we must face things that may be scary or seem too big to handle. But with help we can succeed!



## Science learning this week



In Torridge class this week in science, we recapped on our previous knowledge to fully understand magnets and how they either attract or repel themselves or other materials.



We used a range of magnets to check items around our school. We then wrote up our findings into our science books.



In Taw class this week we have been looking at why humans need to have an understanding of the different food groups and why hygiene and exercise is important.

Mr Ashton



# Curriculum News



Over the past two weeks, Class Bray have been learning about the celebration Chinese New Year. The children have enjoyed learning lots of new facts and were especially

excited to draw comparisons to festivals they have celebrated. We took part in lots of activities such as creating a dragon dance, decorating the reading corner and creating lanterns.



In our outdoor learning, the children have been considering the wildlife in the local area and decided to make fat balls to look after the birds that visit the woodland area. We are excited to see if we will have any visitors!

Mrs Sluman



# Diary Dates



3 <sup>rd</sup> February	YR 3, 4, 5 & 6 interschool football at Orchard Vale 3.45 to 4.45
5 <sup>th</sup> February	Netball Competition at Park School
10 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' Evening
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' Evening  Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6 interschool football at Orchard Vale 3.45 to 4.45
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Tempest photographers to take class photos  PTA Disco
17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> February	<b>Half Term</b>
24 <sup>th</sup> February	Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6 interschool football at Orchard Vale 3.45 to 4.45
26 <sup>th</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Residential Yr 3&4 to Calvert Trust
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6 interschool football at Orchard Vale 3.45 to 4.45
7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6 interschool football at Orchard Vale 3.45 to 4.45
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6 interschool football at Orchard Vale 3.45 to 4.45
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Taw and Torridge Class visit Royal Albert memorial Museum & Art Gallery, Exeter
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6 interschool football at Orchard Vale 3.45 to 4.45
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6 interschool football at Orchard Vale 3.45 to 4.45
7 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> April	<b>Easter holidays</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	<b>Non-Pupil Day</b>
24 <sup>th</sup> April	Science Fayre in school hall
12 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs assessments (Year 6)
5 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Wilcombe Wobbler sporting event
26 <sup>th</sup> May – 30 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Half Term</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics Screening window for assessment (Year 1 pupils)
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Multiplication Screening window for



8 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day
16 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 performance for invited community members and grandparents
17 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 performance for parents/carers afternoon performance and at 5.30pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 leaver's assembly for parents/carers of Yr 6 children only
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>Last day of term</b>

# PTA News



The PTA are running a school disco on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February.

Cost: £4 per child to include a hot dog and drink

Reception, Year 1 and 2     3:30pm – 4:30pm

Year 3, 4, 5, 6                4:45pm – 5:45pm



Tickets will be available to purchase from a PTA member on the playground the week before the disco.

The Thursday cafe have kindly offered to stay open until 4.30pm on the day of the disco. Parents and siblings are invited to wait there in the warm, with tea and cake whilst the children are at the disco if they would like to do so.