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## School News

### A message from Mrs. Denham

Thank you to Mr Day who has organised the Barnstaple Schools' Cross Country Festival, which will be held on Wednesday at the Sports Club. All children in Year 3 to 6 inclusive will be taking part. An email was sent to parents yesterday providing you with the event details.

As we are now into the half term building up to Christmas, I thought I would email you about Christmas arrangements - some will be the same as in previous years and some will differ:

- Christmas jumper days - every Friday starting November 26<sup>th</sup>, then December 3<sup>rd</sup>, December 10<sup>th</sup> and December 17<sup>th</sup> children and staff are invited to wear a Christmas jumper. As this is for the Save the Children charity, we ask each child to donate a one off payment of £2. Please make your donation on Parent Pay account 'Christmas Jumper 2021 - Save the Children.'
- The amazing PTA are holding their Christmas Fayre on Tuesday December 7<sup>th</sup> from 2.30 to 4.30pm. Please come along and enjoy this special occasion.
- During our Carol Service and Christingle in St Peter's Church at 2.15pm on Friday Dec 10<sup>th</sup>, Class Bray (Reception and Y1 pupils) will be performing a short nativity play. All parents and carers are welcome to join us.

Finally, unlike previous years, year 2 to year 6 pupils will not be holding a Christmas Extravaganza in the school hall. We have decided that instead classes will have their own plays at different times of the year e.g. Y6 will perform a play as part of their leaver's service.

Whilst we do appreciate that this may be disappointing, we promise that the children will be taking part in a class performance during the year that parents will be invited to. This will mean that each class will end up with more performance time and larger roles in their play.

We put a great deal of thought into this decision:

- We are very concerned about the effects of staff and pupil absences within the organisation and delivery of a whole school Christmas performance. We have had many children and staff absent in the last few weeks with COVID, self-isolating, the awful flu bug and sickness and D&V. We have just about been able to keep classes and the school open but this has only been achieved by the staff really helping out and taking on jobs and roles they wouldn't normally do. They have been just amazing. We are obviously very worried that if we had planned to put on a Christmas performance, the stress and worry over absences would be putting a huge strain on staff.
- We have also had several parents say they would not be happy to sit in the hall watching their children performing for over an hour with such big COVID numbers around at the moment.
- Before we finally made this decision, we spoke to the older children and they all seemed very happy with this idea.

Many thanks for your understanding over this matter and we look forward to celebrating the performance of each class over the next year.

## School News

### **School photographs**

Tempest Photographers will be visiting the school on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November** to take individual and family photos, if you have pre-school children and would like their photograph taken please come into school at **8.30am**.

### **Admissions Policy consultation 2023-2024**

Below you will see a link to our proposed admissions policy for 2023-24

<http://www.primaryschoolsnorthdevon.co.uk/website> and found on the Homepage under 'Links and Downloads'

We are consulting on this between 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 and 8<sup>th</sup> January 2022 and invite any parent or other person with an interest in our admission arrangements to read the policy and make any comments you wish.

### **Nasal Flu Vaccination**

This has now been rescheduled to take place on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

### **Privacy Notice**

For your information, please find below a link to the **Main Privacy Notice** webpage and a link to the **Pupil Privacy Notice**

<https://ventrus.org.uk/our-people/privacy-notices/>

<https://ventrus.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Pupil-Privacy-Notice-2021-Final.pdf>

### **Free School Meals**

If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals please go to the [Citizen Portal](#) which is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in an instant decision.

### **ParentPay**

These trips are now available for payments to be made on ParentPay:

Gymnastics for Taw Class

Year 5/6 residential

Barnstaple Museum

Christmas Jumper 2021 - Save the Children

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

## **Dates for your diary**

9<sup>th</sup> November 2021

10<sup>th</sup> November 2021

26<sup>th</sup> November 2021

30<sup>th</sup> November 2021

3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021

7<sup>th</sup> December 2021

8<sup>th</sup> December 2021

10<sup>th</sup> December 2021

17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

20<sup>th</sup> December to 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2022

4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

10<sup>th</sup> January 2022

21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022

8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

11<sup>th</sup> April to 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022

25<sup>th</sup> April 2022

2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022

30<sup>th</sup> May to 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022

22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

Tempest Photographer

Barnstaple Schools' Cross Country Festival

Wear a Christmas Jumper to school

Class Bray - Production from Boo to a Goose Theatre

Wear a Christmas Jumper to school

Christmas Fayre

Christmas lunch

Carol Service and Nativity

Wear a Christmas Jumper to school

Wear a Christmas Jumper to school

Last day of Autumn Term

Christmas Holidays

Children return to school

Nasal Flu Vaccine

Half Term

Last Day of Spring Term

Easter Holidays

Children return to school

Bank Holiday

Half Term

Last day of Summer Term

### PTA AGM

#### 👤 Preloved uniform 👤

Has your child outgrown their uniform? Is it still in good condition? If so, please donate it to our school PTA. If you have any Bratton Fleming logo uniform, you feel you are able to donate please bring it to our school office. Preloved uniform is available to buy from Chantal Shapland (PTA chairperson) from £2 per item and helps to raise money for our school. Please don't hesitate to contact her for any items the PTA may have available.

#### School Lottery Link

[https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/cause-data/046ca73f-e6b2-472e-aadc-c69aa4bdced8/leaflets/f45d5656-d12d-439b-8859-efafb6f3f7b3/ysl\\_back\\_to\\_school\\_sept2021%20-%20digital.pdf?updated=637612624401200000](https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/cause-data/046ca73f-e6b2-472e-aadc-c69aa4bdced8/leaflets/f45d5656-d12d-439b-8859-efafb6f3f7b3/ysl_back_to_school_sept2021%20-%20digital.pdf?updated=637612624401200000)

Many thanks for your support.

## Community News

### Bratton Fleming Market

To be held in Bratton Fleming Village Hall on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November and 18<sup>th</sup> December, from 9:00am to 12 noon.

### Barnstaple Library

Are delighted to announce a new date for the previously postponed event with award-winning author Michael Morpurgo.

The event will now take place on Saturday 13th November at 2pm at The Stanbury Hall, Petroc. Tickets are £6.50 per person and can be booked via the Eventbrite link below.

[Michael Morpurgo Tickets, Sat, Nov 13, 2021 at 2:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

**Christmas Village North Devon** is a new event in Barnstaple this Christmas. We will be hosting a real-ice rink, Santa's grotto and Christmas shopping village from 19th November until 2nd January 2022.

### Pre-School

This week we have been looking at colours and fireworks. We have been creating our own firework rockets using card, glitter, glue and tissue paper, this encourages us to use our fine motor skills. In our Bunnies area we have had out a range of different coloured objects, we had our rainbow coloured ribbons out and also our light up cubes. The children have also enjoyed scooping and mixing colours into the shaving foam.

In Deers, we have been exploring colours too! We noticed a rainbow outside the window at the beginning of the week, and this sparked lots of discussion about colours. We have been reading 'Wow Said the Owl' and the children have spent the week collecting lots of different coloured resources from inside the setting. We have been thinking about fireworks, looking at their different shapes, colours and sounds. We are very excited for bonfire night! We have also learned about the celebration of Diwali, by listening to the story behind the festival and making our own Rangoli designs and diyas (tea light holders). What a busy week!