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## Message from the Headteacher

*Dear Parents and Carers,  
Hello! If I haven't had the chance to meet you yet, I am Mrs Fernyhough and it has been a great pleasure to get to know children and staff this week in school and to meet and greet parents at the school gate. I am looking forward to working with all staff, children and parents for the remainder of the academic year.*

*Our school value this month is **Peace** and we will be exploring this in our Values assembly which is held every Monday. It is a very appropriate value for this time of year and on Monday I spoke to the children about needing peace in the classroom so that everybody can do their best work. Respect for others' learning means each person needs to work to manage themselves and their emotions, making good choices and respecting others. I have seen lots of hard work in classrooms this week with children making excellent choices – great to see.*

*At this dark time of year, it is always good to have a celebration of light in darkness and we have two such celebrations coming up in December. Our Christingle service is on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 2:15pm. This will be a short service that the children participate to help their understanding of the Christian meaning of Christmas. We also have our Nativity service on 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2:15pm where the Year R and Year 1 children will be playing parts in a Nativity performance. Our older children will be singing as part of this performance.*

*Both of these events will be at St Peter's Church. It is lovely to hear the echo of Christmas songs in the corridor as children begin to practice for these special services. Parents and carers are welcome to attend both events and more details will follow a little nearer the time.*



## **School News**

A reminder that the NHS Vision Screening team will be visiting on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November to screen children in reception.

As advised earlier this week we are changing our online payment system from Parent Pay to Arbor.

We are really looking forward to getting started with Arbor and invite all our parents to familiarise themselves using the link below.

[Getting started - Log into the Parent Portal and the Parent App](#)

We will send further communication on the parental app and how to register next week. Please look out for this information and register your child when prompted.

Any outstanding debits/credits will be transferred across from ParentPay. If you would prefer to take any credit from your ParentPay account to credit the Arbor account manually then please do so before the transfer is carried out by our Finance Team by the end of the month.

We hope you are looking forward to using this new feature as much as we are!

If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

## **Uniform reminder**

A gentle reminder to all parents and carers that all children should have correct uniform in school, including school shoes. Trainers are only part of PE kit and should not be worn with school uniform. Thank you for your support in this matter.

## **School Celebrations!**

Well done to our Stars who received certificates today for their effort and attainment in class!

We are very proud of you!



## PTA

This coming Thursday café will be hosted by Bratton Fleming Primary school PTA.

There will be a selection of delicious homemade cakes kindly baked and donated by parents, friends and family in the village, also a raffle.

We really hope to welcome as many parents, carers and members of the community as possible.

Please note this event will be cash only

## Ventrus Job Vacancies

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

# Bratton Fleming School is a NO NUT Zone

## Dates for your diary

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

## 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/>