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Message from Mrs Denham

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Lyn Brimson will be new headteacher at Bratton from September 2022. She will be visiting school during the next few weeks to meet the children and the staff. Presently, she works at Wilcombe School and I know she will be a real asset to the school.

I asked Lyn to write a bit for the newsletter and this is what she wrote:

Dear all,

Thank you very much for the warm welcome you gave me when I visited the school this week. I really enjoyed meeting the children and the whole school team, as well as looking at the lovely displays and the learning that is taking place in each of the classrooms. The artwork around the school contributes to the lovely calm atmosphere that you have created together, and the school grounds are amazing with a view over Exmoor and a glimpse of the sea!

Having worked in Tiverton and Barnstaple for the last 16 years, I am looking forward to returning to work in North Devon. I am passionate about teaching and learning and truly enjoy exploring ways in which we can all access an exciting curriculum, which provides children with different experiences and opportunities to grow and be proud of all they achieve. I believe in creating a safe, warm and positive classroom environment, that is accessible to all, yet provides challenge and innovation so children can learn in different ways. I am passionate about children having ownership of their learning and having the opportunity to practise the key skills of learning using a variety of approaches.

Working in different primary schools and living in a village myself, has taught me the importance of growing a community together. I am looking forward to being part of the Bratton Fleming community and hope to say hello to you all soon!

Kind regards,

Lyn Brimson

This is the next part of the Bratton journey and it will be a very exciting and positive time. I am thrilled to know I am passing the school into Lyn's very safe and capable hands.

I am also delighted to welcome two new teachers who will be starting in September to the Bratton teaching team. Mr Harry Bayliss will be joining Class Lyn and Mr Antony Pryke will be teaching in Class Taw. They will be coming in to school to meet the children and the staff in the next few weeks.

Please find below a link to a parent/carer survey. We appreciate your views and would be grateful if you could take the time to respond. This survey is anonymous and is open until Friday 8th July.

<https://forms.office.com/r/Cns9DXn99s>

Saunton Sands Change of date

Since organising our annual trip to Saunton Sands, it has become necessary to change the date, as the original date corresponded with the intake day at one of our local secondary schools. As a result, we have rearranged our trip to now take place on Monday 11th July. A letter about the trip has been sent out this week.

School News

New Intake for September 2022

Mrs Denham will be holding a parent's induction meeting in the school next Wednesday 29th June. All parents of children who will be starting school in September have been invited. This will then be followed by the children having the opportunity to visit on Tuesday 5th July from 9am until 1.30pm and then on Thursday 14th July from 9am until 3pm.

Gymnastics

The Year 6 children are thoroughly enjoying their gymnastic sessions which they will be attending until 19th July (inclusive). If you have not already paid for these sessions please do so on ParentPay.



Year 5

Pilton Community college have a fun activity on offer for all Year 5 pupils following on from the success of the Year 5 Roadshows which took place earlier in the year. This time, the event is at Pilton. it's on Thursday 7th July, 3:30pm-5:30pm and it's free! All the information is in the booklet attached and there is a link to the online booking form. This will be based on a first come first served basis and each activity has a limit on the number per group.

Year 6 Leaver's Assembly

All parents and carers of our Year 6 pupils are invited to attend the 'Leaver's Assembly' which will be held in school, on Thursday 21st July at 2:00pm.

Year 6 - Pilton Transition Dates

A reminder that Pilton Community College will be holding their transition days on the following dates: Wednesday 29th June will be school based at the College and Thursday 30th June, the pupils will be transported from the college for a day at the beach. Both of these sessions start at 9.00am and finish at 2.30pm.

Sports Day

Everyone is welcome to attend our sports day which will be held on the school field on Thursday 7th July. Please arrive at 12.45 for a 1pm start.

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<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

All items, including school meals, breakfast club and after-school club should be paid for in advance. None of these accounts should have a debt balance. As we are approaching the end of our Financial Year it is important that all debts are cleared. If this applies to you can we please ask that you clear these debts as soon as possible and keep further payments up to date.

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

Gymnastics for Lyn & Torridge

Swimming for Class Torridge

Year 2 Tennis Festival

Wilcombe Wobbler

London Residential 2022

Bratton Fleming School is a NO NUT Zone

Dates for your diary

28 th June 2022	Class Torridge Gymnastics/Swimming
29 th June 2022	Yr 6 Pilton Transition Day
29 th June 2022	Yr 5 Cricket Festival at Barnstaple Cricket Club
30 th June 2022	Yr 6 Pilton Transition Day
1 st July 2022	Yr 3, 4, 5, 6, Torrington Aquathlon
5 th July 2022	Class Torridge Gymnastics/Swimming
7 th July 2022	Sports Day
8 th July 2022	Yr 6 Athletics at PCC
11 th July 2022	Saunton Sands trip
12 th July 2022	Class Torridge Gymnastics/Swimming
19 th July 2022	Class Torridge Gymnastics/Swimming
20 th July 2022	N.D. Football Finals
21 st July 2022	Year 6 Leaver's Assembly 2:00pm
22 nd July 2022	Last day of Summer Term

PTA

For the first time in a few years parents are able to watch the children participate in sports day this year hooray! so on the day the PTA will be putting on refreshments. We will be serving fruit pavlova's tea, coffee, juice and ice creams to cool the children down after all their running around. We have all the meringues we need being donated, but will need some berries and double cream to top them with. If anyone can kindly donate either of these we would be so grateful. Please bring to the office by Wednesday 6th July. We hope to see you there.

The PTA are also putting together a summer hamper for a lucky person to win, there is a list on face book and one being circulated around the playground after school. If you would like to donate something to go in the hamper. Tickets will be sent home in an envelope to purchase and the draw will take place during the last week of term.

Thank you for all your support all the money raised by the PTA goes towards the school for your children.

Community News

Ryepark Farm Fundraiser

Please see attached a flyer providing information about the Ryepark Farm Fundraiser for Devon Air Ambulance. If you would like further information, please contact James Pitkeathly on 07812474030.

Barnstaple Library

Attached to this newsletter is a poster and some information regarding Summer events with the Barnstaple Library. Also, below is a link to the Reading Agency Summer Reading Challenge website.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/gadgeteers-intro>

SEND training for parents and carers

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/eys/send-training-for-parents-and-carers>

The Thursday Café

Every Thursday afternoon from 2-4.30pm the Village Hall will open as a Café, serving hot drinks, cakes, biscuits and other bakes. If you wish to host one or more of our Thursday Cafés, either as a fundraising opportunity for a Charity of your choice or to promote your business, please get in touch with Frances Mortlock on 07751 454906 or visit www.BFVH.uk for more details.

