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School News

A message from Mrs. Denham

Happy new year and welcome back to the Spring term. We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and let's hope the new year brings us all some happier and healthy times. Unfortunately, my new year didn't start as planned as on New Year's Eve I started with a bit of a sore throat and was constantly sneezing – both symptoms of OMICROM, I have since found out. A positive lateral flow followed by a positive PCR means I have been self-isolating all this week. I enjoyed seeing all the staff and pupils via Teams for an assembly this week and I look forward to returning to school on Monday.

I would like to say a huge thank you, from myself and all the staff for the lovey cards and gifts sent in before we broke up. They were very much appreciated.

We would also like to thank the amazing PTA for all they did to support the children and school last term. They are just wonderful.

We teach phonics throughout the school but especially in KS1. Over the last year, we have bought into a fabulous phonics programme called Read, Write Inc. This programme is a method of teaching reading, which is centred around learning the sounds of the letters (phonics) and then blending them together. Following this, children then have the opportunity to learn to break down the words into individual sounds in order to write them. The link below is a series of videos which support parents to support their children with their phonics learning at home. We hope you find them very useful.

<https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/parents-copy-2/>

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PE - Spring Term

Please could your child come into school in their PE kit on the following days:

Class Torridge: Wednesdays & Thursdays

Class Taw: Wednesdays & Thursdays

Class Lyn: Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Class Bray Tuesdays (Gymnastics beginning 18th Jan) & Wednesdays

Bray Class

This term, Year 1 & Reception children will be attending Falcons Gymnastics starting on Tuesday 18th January. The total cost for 9 sessions will be £47.00, payable on Parent Pay. A letter was sent out today providing you with details.

Cricket Lessons

Every Tuesday from 10:30 to 11:30, until half term, Class Lyn will be having cricket lessons. Please ensure that your child wear their PE kit to school.

Term Dates

Please find attached to this newsletter the term dates for academic year 2021-22 and 2022-23. There has been a slight change to the May half term holiday, we now break up on Thursday 26th May, this is due to the extra bank holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, which is accounted for during the half term.

Goal Getters

Places are still available on the next session of Goal Getters for children in Reception, Year 1 and 2. Session times are from 3.15 to 4.15pm on 10th, 17th, 24th 31st January and 7th and 14th February 2022. An application form was given to your child yesterday.

Nasal Flu Vaccine

A reminder that Virgin Care Immunisation Team will be in school on Monday 10th January to administer the vaccine to those children whose parents have consented on line.

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

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

Admission to Primary School September 2022

Admission to primary school 2022 (for children born between 01/09/2017 and 31/08/2018) The application facility opened on 15th November 2021 and closes at midnight on 15th January 2022. It is important that parents apply before the closing date, even if they are intending to defer their child's admission until later in the academic year, they must secure a place before that decision need be made.

The Step by Step Guide and poster is now available for download from our website, http://www.primaryschoolsbarstaple.co.uk/website/joining_our_school/261003

The Education Helpline Advisers are on hand to manage queries and will help parents navigate the system if necessary, telephone 0345 155 1019.

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/DCCSchoolAdmissions> and twitter www.twitter.com/DevonAdmissions

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 Bray Class

Skern Lodge – Residential Year 3&4

Ventrus Job Vacancies

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

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Dates for your diary

10 th January 2022	Nasal Flu Vaccine
16 th January 2022	Year 6 SATS Meeting via teams at 4.30pm
18 th January 2022	Gymnastics Class Bray
25 th January 2022	Gymnastics Class Bray
1 st February 2022	Gymnastics Class Bray
8 th February 2022	Gymnastics Class Bray
15 th February 2022	Gymnastics Class Bray
21 st to 25 th February 2022	Half Term
1 st March 2022	Gymnastics Class Bray
8 th March 2022	Gymnastics Class Bray
15 th March 2022	Gymnastics Class Bray
22 nd March 2022	Gymnastics Class Bray
30 th March to 1 st April 2022	Skern Lodge Residential for Yr. 3 & 4 Pupils
8 th April 2022	Last Day of Spring Term
11 th April to 22 nd April 2022	Easter Holidays
25 th April 2022	Children return to school
2 nd May 2022	Bank Holiday
27 th May to 3 rd June 2022	Half Term
22 nd July 2022	Last day of Summer Term

PTA News

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.

[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%20back%20to%20school%20sept2021%20-%20digital.pdf?updated=637612624401200000)

Many thanks for your support.